

# Medicine Career Snapshot



## Graduate Opportunities

Medicine graduates typically work as doctors in public or private hospitals. There are also opportunities to practice medicine or related work in the **defence force, overseas aid agencies, rural, regional and remote communities, academia and education**. Some specialisms include:

- General Practitioner
- Anaesthetist
- Dermatologist
- Obstetrician
- Paediatrician
- Psychiatrist
- Surgeon
- Pathologist
- Emergency Medicine

**Look at:** [Explore Medicine Specialities](#)

## Intern Year & Registration

On completing your medical degree, you receive provisional registration and enter the workforce as an intern or postgraduate year 1 (PGY1) doctor. This part of your training lasts for 12 months and is usually undertaken in a public hospital, although interns will increasingly spend part of their training in general practice, community-based settings and private hospitals.

To successfully complete your intern year, you will be required to complete all mandatory core rotations (a medical, surgical & emergency medicine rotation) and normally two non-core rotations. You will also need to pass all your rotations in your intern year satisfactorily. Once you have completed your intern year you will receive general registration, which will be essential in progressing your career in all clinical and non-clinical medical pathways. To learn more about becoming an intern, please log in as an AMA Member and visit '[Pathways in Medicine](#)'.

## Professional Associations

Membership in AMA, the Medical professional association, is a clear signal to employers about your commitment to the profession and professional development as well as a great way to expand your professional network. Consider joining:

- [JCU Student Association Clubs](#) e.g. Medical Students Association, ASHA, RHINO, JCUEDA, and/or Biomed Society.
- [Australian Medical Students Association](#)
- [Australian Medical Association](#)
- [Rural Doctors Association of QLD](#)

## Job Opportunities

You may find internship, trainee and job opportunities in some of the following settings:

- [Mater Health Services](#)
- [Australian Army](#)
- [Doctors without Borders](#)
- [Heart of Australia](#)
- [Queensland Health](#)
- [NSW Health](#)
- [Northern Territory Dept. of Health](#)
- [WA Department of Health](#)
- [Tasmania Department of Health](#)
- [Victoria Department of Health](#)

## Recommended Skills

**Written and Verbal Communication;** Observation; **Critical Appraisal;** Logical Reasoning; **Attention to Detail;** Conflict Resolution and Negotiation; **Research;** Time Management; **Teamwork;** Organising and Planning

## JCU Careers Support

The JCU Careers and Employability Team are here to support you during your studies and after you graduate:

- [JCU Careers Website](#)
- [CareerHub \(Book Careers Appointments Here\)](#)