

DOCTOR OF MEDICINE

Rural Training Stream

Deakin is excited to introduce a new **Rural Training Stream (RTS)** to our **Doctor of Medicine** from 2022. The RTS aims to redress the shortfall of doctors in rural areas by recruiting students living in a rural area and who are committed to undertaking their clinical training in a rural area.

Up to 30 existing Doctor of Medicine places will be allocated to the RTS for applicants with a rural background. Students who accept a position in the Doctor of Medicine through the RTS make a commitment to undertake rural clinical school training in years three and four of their course.



How it works

The course structure of the RTS is similar to the general entry stream of the Doctor of Medicine. Years 1 and 2 will be undertaken at Deakin's Geelong Warrn Ponds Campus. RTS students then undertake training at one of Deakin's rural clinical school for years 3 and 4 of their course.

Deakin has three rural **clinical schools** across Victoria: Warrnambool Clinical School, Ballarat Clinical School and the Rural Community Clinical School (RCCS). The RCCS provides the opportunity for third year clinical studies to be based in rural communities in Victoria's Southwest, Grampians and Wimmera regions. RTS students will be allocated to clinical schools through a preferencing process during the pre-clinical years.

Detailed information on the applications process can be found in Deakin's **2022 Medicine study area guide**.

Who is eligible

The **minimum entry requirements** for the RTS align with those for the general stream of the Doctor of Medicine, with the addition of a written application and a **tiered priority entry system** aligned with specific rural geographical locations.

Detailed information about the Doctor of Medicine's Rural Training Stream, including the tiered rural eligibility criteria can be found on the **RTS website**.

How to apply

The application process for the Rural Training Stream also aligns with the Doctor of Medicine general stream, occurring via **GEMSAS** with the inclusion of the required written application.

Useful links

- ▶ **Doctor of Medicine course page**
- ▶ **GEMSAS**
- ▶ **GAMSAT**

Virtual Open Day

Register to attend Deakin's Virtual Open Day on Sunday 15 August from 9am–4pm to find out more about the Doctor of Medicine and the RTS.



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