



Curtin University

# 2023 *International Admissions Guide*

Bachelor of Medicine,  
Bachelor of Surgery



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# Medicine at Curtin

Curtin Medical School offers the only direct-entry Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) in Western Australia.



## What Curtin has to offer

Curtin recognises the complex issues facing the Western Australian health system, its workforce and the need for more doctors to be “generalists” in their orientation. This means we are committed to producing graduates who are better equipped to meet community needs, with primary care expertise, strong leadership skills and the ability to operate effectively in interprofessional care teams.

The overall aim of the Curtin Medical School (Medicine) is to graduate doctors who are competent and ready to practise safely and effectively, with care and compassion for patients and their families. As a Curtin Medical School MBBS graduate, you will develop an understanding of medical and scientific knowledge; communication and clinical skills; skills as a health advocate; an awareness of ethical and professional responsibilities to patients; and strategies to cope with the challenges of medicine.

Graduates will be well prepared to begin an internship and pursue further medical training in specialty fields.

The MBBS degree has an integrated curriculum requiring self-directed learning and draws on many disciplines to provide learning in a clinical context. From the first year of the program, Curtin Medical School (Medicine) will offer clinical scenarios that provide the context for learning about the scientific foundations of medicine.

Curtin Medical School (Medicine) delivers:

- A medical curriculum that emphasises primary care and prepares graduates to meet healthcare needs in Western Australia.
- Learning with other healthcare professionals and preparing for working in interprofessional teams.
- A concentration of clinical placements in the underserved southeast metropolitan corridor and regional Western Australia.
- The development of competencies in patient safety, quality of care and leadership.
- Learning about the translation of evidence into clinical practice and health improvement.
- Engagement with research teams in the Faculty of Health Sciences.

## Course accreditation

This course is accredited in Australia by the Australian Medical Council (AMC). Completion of this course may not qualify students to practice/register in their home country. Students will have to contact the relevant accreditation bodies in their home country for further information.

## Curtin Medical School (Medicine) Mission

With a strong emphasis on primary care, the mission of the Curtin Medical School (Medicine) is to position graduates well for rural and remote practice, as well as outer metropolitan locations, where there is a shortage of doctors.



## Medical registration

All Curtin University medical students will obtain student registration with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) which will be organised by the Faculty of Health Sciences for the duration of the course.

Upon completion of the medical degree, graduates are required to apply for graduate registration with AHPRA. Graduate registration is required to undertake a 12 month internship which provides supervised clinical experience in an approved hospital.

Internships are separate from the medical degree and Curtin University does not determine internship placements. As an international student, you are not guaranteed an intern position in Australia following completion of the course. Completion of the internship is necessary for general registration with AHPRA. For further information regarding internships please refer to the Postgraduate Medical Council of Western Australia's website: [pmcwa.org.au](http://pmcwa.org.au).

## Course structure overview

In the first year of the course, you will undertake interprofessional units that promote collaborative practice and learning opportunities with other health sciences students. You will be introduced to problem-based learning in discipline-specific units in medicine and participate in structured activities that take you into the community with a variety of health professionals.

The second and third years include intensive study of the structure and function of the human body in health and disease, using a problem-based learning approach. You will continue to have opportunities to experience a range of healthcare settings.

In the fourth year there is a transition from learning on the University campus to learning in the clinical setting. You will be offered a variety of clinical experiences including placements in outer metropolitan, rural and regional locations, in both community and hospital settings.

In the fifth and final year of study, you will work in clinical settings as a member of a healthcare team. Training in the clinical settings will be in a range of different environments to prepare you for your internship.

The course is underpinned by four inter-related themes, integrated across the five years:

### Theme 1: Scientific foundations of medicine

Knowledge of the biological, clinical, epidemiological, social and behavioural sciences underpinning medicine and clinical practice, and evidence-based practice.

### Theme 2: Patient and doctor – clinical practice

The clinical, procedural and communication skills essential for clinical practice.

### Theme 3: Health and illness in society

Knowledge of health systems and the cultural, socio-economic and physical environmental factors that contribute to health and illness, disease and treatment at the population level.

### Theme 4: Professional and personal development

Commitment to professional values and high-quality clinical practice, including ethics, law and working as a member of an interprofessional healthcare team; and understanding the importance of maintaining personal wellbeing.

## Clinical placements

You will have the opportunity to undertake clinical placements at:

- Fiona Stanley Hospital
- Joondalup Health Campus
- King Edward Memorial Hospital
- Peel Health Campus
- Perth Children's Hospital
- Rockingham General Hospital
- Royal Perth Hospital
- Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital
- St John of God Midland Public Hospital.

You will also undertake clinical placements in general practice clinics and rural medical settings across the state. There are several mandatory essential requirements you must meet before you undertake clinical placements and other fieldwork activities. You can read more about these requirements on page 8.

## Course progression

Years 2 to 5 of the course are comprised of a single unit per year. If you fail a unit and are granted the opportunity to repeat it, you must repeat the entire unit/year. There will be no partial credit given for successful completion of assessment tasks and/or unit requirements during any previous attempt of the unit. You must successfully complete each unit before commencing the next.

If you fail a prerequisite unit that is not offered in the following study period, a leave of absence may be granted until commencement of the relevant study period.

# Course admission criteria

## Course essentials

### DEGREE

Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery

### CURTIN COURSE CODE

B-MBBS

### DURATION

5 years

### STUDY MODE

Full time

### COURSE CRICOS CODE

105741A

### LOCATION

Perth

### INTAKE

February

### PREREQUISITES

Chemistry ATAR or equivalent.

To satisfy the Chemistry prerequisite, applicants must demonstrate the mastery of key chemistry concepts, attained by approximately 220 hours of studies in Chemistry through ONE of the following pathways:

1. Completion of Chemistry ATAR with a final scaled score of 50 or higher.
2. Completion of International Baccalaureate Chemistry at HL/SL with Grade 4 or higher.
3. GCE Advanced Level Chemistry, with a minimum grade of E.
4. Completion of TWO bachelor degree (AQF Level 7) first year Chemistry units\* from Curtin or any other university (equivalent to Curtin University 25 credits each unit) with a final score of 60 or higher in both units.

Examples from Curtin University units include any of the following combinations:

CHEM1003 Introduction to Chemistry and CHEM1005 Introduction to Biological Chemistry

OR

CHEM1003 Introduction to Chemistry and CHEM1001 Biological Chemistry

For queries regarding other equivalent subjects, please email [CMSFutureStudents@curtin.edu.au](mailto:CMSFutureStudents@curtin.edu.au).

*\*No bridging unit is accepted.*

### DESIRABLES

One of the following Mathematics ATAR courses: Mathematics Applications, Mathematics Methods, Mathematics Specialist, or equivalent.

### INDICATIVE YEAR 1 FEE

AUD\$84,525

*This fee is subject to an annual increase of up to 5 per cent and may be subject to legislative change.*

*The indicative first-year fee is calculated on 200 credit points, which is the typical full-time study load per year, however some courses require additional study to be completed, in which case the fee will be higher than that shown.*

*This fee is a guide only. It may vary depending on the units you choose and does not include incidental fees (such as lab coats or art supplies) or the cost of your textbooks.*

## Academic score requirements

Qualification	Minimum score required
Australian Year 12	95 ATAR
Canadian Provincial High School Diploma	90%
General Certificate of Education (GCE) Advanced Levels	14
Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)	25
India Higher Secondary Certificate	94%
International Baccalaureate	37
Malaysian STPM	14

Curtin University may accept other overseas qualifications to satisfy the minimum academic score requirements. Please refer to **future.connect.curtin.edu.au/app/ask** to confirm acceptable overseas qualifications.

## English language requirements

Test/Qualifications	Minimum score required
IELTS Academic	Overall band score of 7.0 with a band score of 7.0 in all bands
TOEFL iBT/TOEFL iBT special home edition	Total score of 99 with a minimum of 24 in reading and listening, 23 in speaking and 27 in writing
PTE Academic	Overall score of 65 with a minimum of 65 in all communicative skills reading, writing, listening and speaking
Cambridge English: Advanced	Overall score of 185 with an Individual score of 185 in writing, speaking, reading and listening
Australian Year 12	Successful completion of an accepted English language subject with the required minimum marks in an Australian year 12 qualification as listed in <a href="http://curtin.edu/eng-qual">curtin.edu/eng-qual</a> .

Curtin University may accept other English tests and qualifications to satisfy the minimum English requirements. Please refer to [curtin.edu/eng-qual](http://curtin.edu/eng-qual).

## Number of places

There are 10 International full-fee paying places available for the 2023 intake in the school leaver and non-school leaver pathways.



## Who can apply

The MBBS degree is primarily for school leavers who have completed year 12 or equivalent and do not have a higher degree record. Applicants for an international place must NOT be Australian or New Zealand citizens, Australian permanent residents or humanitarian visa holders.

### School leavers

School leavers are those who have completed year 12 or equivalent and have not commenced post-secondary studies (AQF Diploma or above) and do not have a higher degree record from any Australian or overseas university. School leavers who have participated in the Innovative Schools Scholars Program (or equivalent) in Year 10 or Year 11 are exempted from the requirement not to have a higher degree record. Applicants are deemed to have a higher degree record if they have enrolled past a tertiary institution's census date for any given study period. Mature age WACE applicants who want to study medicine as a school leaver are advised that they should study four ATAR courses in the one year. Applicants applying on the basis of fewer than four courses will not be considered for this course. Mature age WACE applicants must meet the school leaver criteria stipulated above. There is no upper age limit for school leavers or expiry of their year 12 qualification, provided all eligibility requirements are met.

### Non-school leavers: Graduates

Non-school leavers (graduates) are applicants from any university, including Curtin, who hold a completed tertiary degree record. Applicants who have completed multiple qualifications will have their full academic history assessed. No incomplete qualifications will be used to determine a notional ATAR. The academic requirement for non-school leavers (graduates) is:

- A minimum notional ATAR of 92.

The table below provides a guide on the grade requirements for each level of completed qualification. Notional ATARs are an internal calculation only and will not be disclosed to applicants.

Qualifications	Grade
Bachelor Degree	Distinction Average
Graduate Diploma	Credit Average
Postgraduate Diploma	Credit Average
Master Degree	Awarded
Doctorate	Awarded

### Non-school leavers: Curtin course switchers

A Curtin course switcher is an applicant who is enrolled in an undergraduate degree at Curtin University and does not have a tertiary record from any other Australian or overseas university or has not already completed a degree at Curtin. Applicants who have already completed a degree will be assessed as a non-school leaver (graduate).

Curtin course switchers must have completed or be on track to complete a minimum of 200 credits of study in a Curtin undergraduate degree, and have no fewer than 200 credits still remaining at the end of the year preceding admission.

Curtin course switchers must have minimum course weighted average of 80.

Applicants who have previously switched between undergraduate courses at Curtin but otherwise meet these requirements will be able to apply as Curtin course switchers. In this case, the CWA will be calculated from all units completed. Curtin Course switchers MUST commence the MBBS program in the first year of the course but may be eligible to apply for Credit for Recognised Learning.

## UCAT ANZ

Applicants are required to sit the University Clinical Aptitude Test for Australia and New Zealand (UCAT ANZ). Applicants will be ranked on the basis of their total UCAT ANZ score. No adjustments or consideration will be given by Curtin University to applicants for the UCAT ANZ test – applicants will need to contact Pearson Vue directly. Applicants that require special testing conditions or are seeking test preparation materials are encouraged to visit the UCAT ANZ website for further information. UCAT ANZ scores are valid only for the next available admissions year. Applicants should only complete the test in the year immediately preceding their planned year of admission. Applicants re-applying for the MBBS in a subsequent year must re-sit the UCAT ANZ.

[ucat.edu.au](http://ucat.edu.au)

## Professional behaviour requirements

Curtin Medical School (Medicine) students are expected to meet the professional behaviour standards of a medical student, and as they proceed through the MBBS course, the standards of a medical doctor. Student progression from each academic year to the next is subject to both academic performance and professional behaviour. It is possible that enrolment in the MBBS course can be terminated if professional behaviour is not satisfactory. It is important applicants read and understand the requirements before accepting a place at Curtin University.

[study.curtin.edu.au/application-requirements/medicine](http://study.curtin.edu.au/application-requirements/medicine)

## Inherent requirements

Studying medicine places substantial demands on students. It is important applicants considering studying medicine familiarise themselves with the inherent requirements of the course, available from the link below. As part of their offer acceptance, successful applicants who receive an offer of a place will need to indicate their ability to meet the inherent requirements.

If you have questions or concern about your capability to undertake and complete a medical program due to a disability (visible or invisible), we strongly encourage you to engage with us at an early stage for advice and guidance before making an informed decision about whether to invest in the process of applying. Please email [CMSfuturestudents@curtin.edu.au](mailto:CMSfuturestudents@curtin.edu.au) in the first instance with a request to meet with the MBBS Course Coordinator for a confidential discussion.

[study.curtin.edu.au/application-requirements/medicine](http://study.curtin.edu.au/application-requirements/medicine)

# Application process



## Changes to immigration status

An international place in the MBBS course is solely meant for an international applicant on a student visa or any other temporary visa with full-time study rights. You may no longer be eligible for an international place in the course if your residency status changes and you obtain a permanent visa. In this instance you would need to re-apply to the course as a domestic applicant.

You will not be eligible for an international place if your residency status changes:

1. before the application deadline (30th September 2022). You would have to re-apply for a domestic place through TISC.
2. after the application deadline. You would be required to re-apply for a domestic place through TISC for entry into the following year.
3. after being offered an international place and commencing your studies before the census date (25 March). Your offer would be withdrawn, and you would need to apply for a domestic place through TISC for entry into the following year.

If your residency status changes after the census date, your ability to remain in the course depends on availability of domestic places at that time. Availability of domestic places cannot be guaranteed. You will be able to continue in the course but will be subject to international fees.

## How to apply

### Step 1: Register to sit the UCAT ANZ

All applicants must register to sit the University Clinical Aptitude Test for Australia and New Zealand (UCAT ANZ) before the application closing date. The UCAT ANZ website explains the test in detail and sets out the procedures for registration including the fees payable, test centre procedures and regulations. The UCAT ANZ test results are released directly to the Curtin Medical School (Medicine) in September.

Visit [ucat.edu.au](http://ucat.edu.au) for more information.

### Step 2: Check you meet the admission criteria

You must meet the course's minimum admission criteria, which includes academic cut-off scores and English language competency. There are also other requirements that must be met. See page 4 to 5 for more information.

### Predicted ATAR

All school leaver applicants who are currently completing year 12 or equivalent in Australia must provide a predicted ATAR form to their school principal to complete and return directly to the Curtin Medical School (Medicine) by the published deadline.

Completed forms must be emailed from the school principal or authorised school representatives' email address. The predicted ATAR form can be downloaded from [study.curtin.edu.au/application-requirements/medicine/](http://study.curtin.edu.au/application-requirements/medicine/).

### Step 3: Apply

First, get electronic copies of your official academic transcripts, completion certificates, English proficiency documents and passport. You will also need to include your UCAT ANZ ID in your application, so have that ready.

Please note that personal statements, testimonials, character/school/work references, awards and certificates do not make up any of the selection components and will not be considered. Applicants are asked not to submit these documents to the University.

### Apply through an agent

You may prefer to submit an application through a registered Curtin agent. To find an agent in your country see [curtin.edu/agents](http://curtin.edu/agents).

### Apply online

To apply online, click the 'Apply now' button on the MBBS course page. From here, you can begin the application process. Make sure your documents are ready to upload.

### [curtin.edu/medicine](http://curtin.edu/medicine)

### Step 4: Application assessed

Applications are assessed after the closing date. Applicants who do not meet the minimum eligibility requirements will be notified via email by the Curtin international admissions office.



Applicants who meet the minimum eligibility requirements are ranked and selected for an interview based on the weighted sum of their academic merit score and their UCAT ANZ score (out of 3600) in the ratio of 60:40. This course is very competitive with limited places available. Meeting the minimum requirements does not guarantee you an offer of an interview or a place in the course.

Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted for an interview. Due to the volume of applications received we are unable to provide individual application feedback.

#### Step 5: Attend interview

The interview provides an opportunity for shortlisted applicants to demonstrate how they communicate, critically appraise information and think about issues important to the medical profession.

The top ranked eligible applicants from each entry pathway will be invited to attend a Multiple Mini interview. Interviews will only be available on dates published by the Curtin Medical School (Medicine). It is not possible to rearrange an interview to another date. All applicants should ensure they keep these dates free.

Interviews are primarily face-to-face, but online interviews are available when required. The Interview process is the same, irrespective of whether the interview is face-to-face or online.

Attendance at an interview is mandatory in order to remain eligible for an offer of a place, but does not guarantee you an offer of a place.

Applicants are advised to monitor the email address and phone numbers supplied on their application as these details will be used for all correspondence. It is the applicant's

responsibility to ensure these details are kept up-to-date throughout the selection process.

#### Interview schedule

December round interviews: Competitive and eligible international school leaver applicants who already have their final year 12 results released, or have submitted a predicted ATAR form by the relevant deadline, Curtin course switchers and non-school leavers (graduates) will be invited to attend an interview. The predicted ATAR is used for school leavers in this round, as the actual ATARs will not yet be available.

Mid and late January round interviews: Competitive and eligible international school leaver applicants with their final year 12 results now available and whose actual ATAR renders them competitive will be invited to attend an interview in this round. Actual ATARs are used for all school leavers in this round.

All applicants will undertake the same interview process, regardless of when they are interviewed. Applicants will not be disadvantaged in any way if they are interviewed at a later date.

#### Step 6: Applications ranked and offers sent

Applicants will be ranked for an offer based on their academic merit score (actual ATAR or equivalent), their UCAT ANZ score and their interview performance in the ratio of 40:20:40. Offers will be made by the international admissions team until all places are filled. Offers will be sent directly to the applicant or a nominated agent (if applying through an agent).

#### Step 7: Accept your offer

To accept your offer, please follow the guidelines detailed on your offer letter and send the following documents to

#### CI-Accept@curtin.edu.au:

- Acceptance of Offer form (found in your offer letter)
- Proof of tuition fee deposit payment
- Proof of OSHC payment or policy letter
- Copy of your passport photo page.

#### Deferral Requests

Deferral requests following an offer of a place in the MBBS course will only be considered in exceptional and unforeseen circumstances (for example, national service). Applicants must submit a request for deferment of a place, along with supporting documentation, within five working days of the offer to **CMSFutureStudents@curtin.edu.au**. Requests will be reviewed by the Dean of the Curtin Medical School and applicants will be advised of the outcome by email.



# Successful applicants

Congratulations on being selected into Curtin's MBBS program! Your next steps include getting to know the Curtin campus, applying for scholarships and understanding the course's mandatory requirements.

## Curtin Perth

As a Curtin Medicine student, the first three years of your course will be based at Curtin Perth. The campus is located in the suburb of Bentley, which is approximately a 20-minute drive from the city.

Curtin Perth is a vibrant and safe campus with a range of facilities for students including a bookshop, cafes, prayer room, health service, food outlets and ample public transport stations.

Your safety on campus is important to us. For current information on Curtin's COVID-19 plan for its campuses, please visit [curtin.edu/novel-coronavirus/](https://curtin.edu/novel-coronavirus/)

## Accommodation

Living on campus is a great way for students to get the most out of their university experience. It's convenient, safe and gives you the opportunity to make friends from all over the world. Curtin Medical School (Medicine) students are given priority at our on-campus accommodation and you may have the opportunity to live with students from your course. Our accommodation is fully furnished with electricity, gas and water included in your weekly rent. You'll be within walking distance to your classes and local amenities, and will benefit from 24 hour security and access to support services. Due to high demand, we recommend that you apply for your accommodation when you apply to study at Curtin. Please contact our Housing Advisory Service team directly for further information. They can also help you explore alternative accommodation options.

[curtin.edu/accommodation](https://curtin.edu/accommodation)

## Orientation

MBBS students will attend the Year 1 welcome and introduction program on 16 – 17 February 2023, and the University's Orientation Week on 20 – 24 February. Attendance at the Year 1 welcome and orientation program is compulsory as it contains key information, so make sure you plan around the dates accordingly.

## Scholarships

Scholarships are part of Curtin's commitment to rewarding academic excellence, supporting research and enabling students from all backgrounds to realise their potential. Scholarships are more than just financial support, they can enhance your portfolio of achievements.

Each scholarship has an information page which details specific eligibility criteria. The criteria may be based on:

- academic record (merit)
- financial hardship and/or socioeconomic background
- citizenship
- course, faculty or interests.

You can use the scholarship search function to find scholarships that meet specific criteria.

[scholarships.curtin.edu.au](https://scholarships.curtin.edu.au)

## Mandatory requirements

As part of this course students undertake compulsory fieldwork/ clinical placements. During their first year, students must complete various screenings and activities to ensure their safety and the safety of the general public are maintained during placements. These include, but are not limited to:

- National Police Certificate
- First Aid Certificate ("Provide First Aid")
- Mental Health First Aid Certificate
- Working with Children Check (Second year requirement)
- Hand hygiene training (online)
- Completion of stipulated health screening and immunisations including COVID-19 (some vaccinations require multiple inoculations over a period of time so students must plan their schedule accordingly).
- MBBS Student Declaration and Agreement
- Faculty Student Confidentiality Declaration

Failure to provide evidence of compliance with these requirements will prevent students from attending fieldwork/clinical placements, and as a result they will be unable to complete course requirements.

The training course to obtain the Mental Health First Aid Certificate will be arranged by the Curtin Association of Medical Students in semester 1. Students will be responsible for all other costs associated with mandatory screening requirements for fieldwork/clinical placements, including vaccination and screening costs.

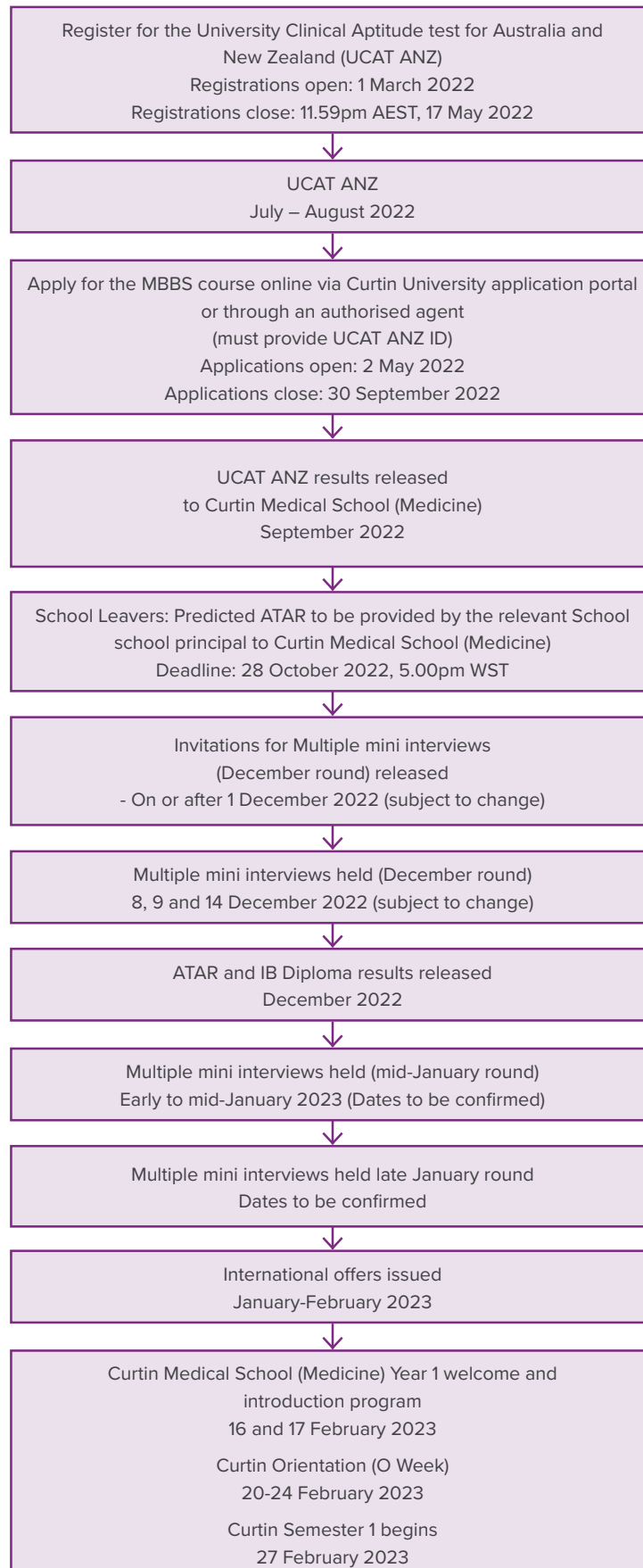
[curtin.edu/healthfieldwork](https://curtin.edu/healthfieldwork)

## SUCCESSFUL APPLICANT CHECKLIST

- Complete your enrolment in GETSTARTED!
- Start working towards attaining the various mandatory requirements, some of which are due in the third week of Semester 1.
- Arrange housing and familiarise yourself with transportation options.
- Arrange to attend the medicine Year 1 welcome and introduction program and Orientation week.

More information will be available in GETSTARTED and the Curtin Medical School (Medicine) Year 1 student handbook, which will be emailed to you after you have accepted your offer.

# Key dates and deadlines for 2023 intake





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