

# BECOMING A DOCTOR

Thinking of a career in medicine?  
Explore the steps you'll need to take towards becoming a doctor.

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## MEDICAL SCHOOL

### DIRECT ENTRY

OR

### GRADUATE ENTRY

5 YEARS

Monash University has the only direct entry program in Victoria, meaning you can apply for medicine straight from high school! To be considered for a place in the direct entry medical program at Monash University, you will need to meet the entry requirements and apply through the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC).

5 years

Years 1 and 2: Clayton  
Years 3, 4, 5: Clinical training across metropolitan and regional Victoria

7-8 YEARS

You can also apply for medicine at Monash after completing an approved Monash undergraduate degree:

- Bachelor of Biomedical Science (including double degrees)
- Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours)
- Bachelor of Physiotherapy (Honours)
- Bachelor of Science (including double degrees and dependent on the completion of designated units)
- Bachelor of Biomedical Science (Gippsland Partnership Program)

The graduate entry medical program at Monash will take 7 – 8 years total to complete (3 – 4 for your undergraduate degree and then an additional 4 years for your medical degree)

4 years

Year A: Churchill  
Years B, C, D: Clinical training across metropolitan and regional Victoria

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## POSTGRADUATE TRAINING YEARS (PGY) AND SPECIALTY TRAINING

### PGY1 INTERN

After you graduate from medical school, you must complete a 12-month internship year in a hospital before becoming generally registered with the Medical Board of Australia. When you are an intern, you are required to complete a series of rotations in a range of specialties to ensure you have a broad introduction to working as a doctor.

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### PGY2+ RESIDENT

After successful completion of your internship, you can apply to the Medical Board of Australia for general registration to practice and continue your training as a resident, often referred to as a junior or house medical officer (JMO or HMO). The majority of residents choose to undertake further training in a chosen medical specialty, however you can choose to take up medical officer or locum positions rather than continue on to specialist training.

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### PGY3+ REGISTRAR

You must complete prerequisites, apply and be accepted into a specialist medical college training program before starting on the job specialist training. After you are accepted into a specialty training program, training is undertaken as a registrar. Training programs vary in length from 3 to 7 years. Examples of specialties include anesthesia, surgery, general practice, obstetrics and gynaecology, psychiatry, emergency medicine and paediatrics.

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### PGY6+ FELLOW

On successful completion of your training requirements as a registrar, you will obtain a fellowship of your college and become recognised as fully qualified specialist medical practitioner, often referred to as a consultant.

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## HOW TO GET STARTED

Take the first step and apply for medicine at Monash. Our medical program is internationally ranked among the best globally. With a focus on patient safety and professional practice, you'll be prepared to change lives in communities across Australia and around the world.

Learn more at [monash.edu/medicine/som](https://monash.edu/medicine/som)