



25 January

The Directors of the Australian Medical Council confirm the accreditation of the University of Notre Dame Australia School of Medicine, Fremantle medical program until 31 March 2023

The Australian Medical Council is the national accreditation body for the medical profession. It has recently completed a reaccreditation assessment of the University of Notre Dame Australia School of Medicine, Fremantle's four-year graduate entry Doctor of Medicine (MD) and the four-year graduate entry Bachelor of Medicine / Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS).

The assessment team considered written material from the School and the Medical Students' Association of Notre Dame before visiting the School and associated clinical teaching sites in April 2016. The team met university and program staff, students, clinical school staff and clinicians, and representatives of health providers, and prepared its report against the approved accreditation standards.

The team were impressed with the School's high degree of engagement with clinicians in hospital and community settings. The School has successfully established and maintained clinical teaching sites within private hospitals, affording students excellent patient access.

The AMC commended the School's efforts to address the specific needs of its community, in particular the School's Rural Immersion program in the Kimberley, its successful collaboration with the University of Western Australia in the Rural Clinical Schools, the Broome immersion, and its well embedded and integrated Aboriginal Health curriculum. The School's approach to the assessment of student learning employs best practice in modern medical assessment in many areas of its curriculum.

The AMC accreditation report finds that:

- i. the four-year graduate entry Bachelor of Medicine / Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) medical program of the University of Notre Dame Australia, School of Medicine Fremantle **be granted accreditation to 31 March 2018** (N.B. the MBBS will be phased out entirely by 2017); and
- ii. That the four-year graduate entry Doctor of Medicine (MD) medical program of the University of Notre Dame Australia, School of Medicine Fremantle **be granted accreditation to 31 March 2023**.
- iii. That accreditation of both programs is subject to meeting the monitoring requirements of the AMC, including satisfactory progress reports; and to the following conditions:

The AMC requires that education providers submit regular progress reports on their accredited medical programs, addressing the accreditation standards. The School will also be asked to report on areas where conditions have been set on the accreditation. The AMC requires the School to demonstrate on the outcomes of the problem-based learning block reviews and report on interprofessional learning curriculum across the program.

On the basis of the report, the AMC Directors at their 20 October 2016 meeting agreed that the medical programs of University of Notre Dame Australia School of Medicine, Fremantle's medical programs meet the approved accreditation standards.

These programs are:

- Doctor of Medicine (MD)
- Bachelor of Medicine / Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS)

The AMC has accredited the four-year graduate entry Bachelor of Medicine / Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) until 31 March 2018 and the four year MD program until 31 March 2023, subject to conditions, as outlined in the executive summary (available [here](#)).

The AMC presents accreditation decisions and reports to the Medical Board of Australia to make a decision on the approval of the programs of study for registration purposes. The Medical Board of Australia details its decisions about accredited programs of study in communiqués published on its [website](#) following each meeting. The Medical Board of Australia approved the above medical programs of the University of Notre Dame Australia School of Medicine, Fremantle School of Medicine on 23 November 2016 for the purpose of providing qualifications for registration in the medical profession.

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