

Destination: **Medicine**



Your journey begins here

The Undergraduate MBBS Program at Oceania University of Medicine

Your path to achieving an MBBS

- ▣ Small class size, individual instruction, personal attention.
- ▣ Traditional learning coupled with remarkable supplements – first-year hospital exposure, online tutorials, recorded lectures, one-on-one mentoring.
- ▣ Strong focus on research, community practice and rural placement.
- ▣ A paradise for outdoor lovers – biking, hiking, snorkelling, diving, fishing, and more. Fresh seafood, fruits and vegetables abound.
- ▣ Ability to practice in Samoa and eligibility to sit licensing exams in Australia and Malaysia.



Your Decision: Medicine

You are decisive. Determined. You don't need three years of university to tell you where your career path lies. You want to be a doctor. And you know it. You are looking for the right school, the right size, the right program, the right people. This is the place. You know it.

Your Medical School

Oceania University of Medicine (OUM) opened in 2002 with graduate-entry MBBS and MD degrees.

Nurses, ambulance officers, and other healthcare providers looking to upgrade their careers saw OUM's blend of online distance-learning and clinical teaching as a way to realise their dreams of becoming a physician.

Today's international student body has grown to nearly 100 students from five countries. With a world-class faculty, impressive teaching hospital, and comfortable campus facilities now in place, the school is announcing an undergraduate MBBS program especially for school leavers in Australia, Malaysia, and other parts of the Asia-Pacific region.

OUM graduates have passed international licensing exams (AMC/USMLE) and currently are completing post-graduate specialty/residency training at teaching hospitals in Australia, Samoa, and the United States.

Listed in the World Health Organization's World Directory of Medical Schools and recognized by the Education Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates, the school began a rigorous accreditation process with an international accrediting body in 2008.





Your Curriculum

OUM's Undergraduate MBBS curriculum is a five-year program of instruction divided into three phases:

- Foundation Year 1 – 10 four-week modules covering topics from anatomy and physiology to biochemistry, immunology, and embryology/histology.
- Preclinical Years 2 & 3 – 10 eight-week courses focused primarily on major body systems such as musculoskeletal, respiratory, cardiovascular, and gastrointestinal.
- Clinical Years 4 & 5 – 80 weeks applying medical theory, basic sciences, and clinical skills to gain hands-on patient care training at OUM's teaching hospital.



OUM's curriculum is centered on problem-based learning (PBL), the cornerstone of modern medical school teaching. All PBL course materials are presented in a case study format which link basic sciences with the development of clinical reasoning through virtual patient scenarios.

The school delivers curriculum material in a variety of interesting formats and teaching environments:

- Face-to-face lectures and small group tutorials
- Podcasts available for every lecture
- Virtual classroom presentations from physicians and professors in Australia, New Zealand, and the USA
- Hospital-based, community clinic, and rural practice training sites



Interwoven throughout OUM's entire curriculum are four distinct themes with associated skills and concepts that further enhance the learning experience:

- Medical Theory includes the scientific basis of medicine and management of common illnesses and conditions.
- Clinical Skills involves development of patient and procedural skills required to practice medicine effectively.
- Personal & Professional Development focuses on the personal attributes and qualities needed by students and by successful physicians.
- Health & Society focuses on issues facing broader society and public health including research methods, health promotion and disease prevention.



Your Entry Process

Students accepted into the program may begin in January or July of each year. Applicants must have successfully passed their final state or national secondary school examinations achieving a minimum aggregate grade of 80 percent (or equivalent) in English, Chemistry and either Biology, Physics or Mathematics. A high level of written and verbal English is also required.

Applicants who satisfy the minimum academic entrance requirements must also provide an acceptable passing score on the OUM Admissions Test (OUMAT) or an entrance exam commonly used in his/her home country (UMAT, ICAT, MCAT, etc.)

In addition to letters of recommendation, health records and a background check, the final component in the admission process is a semi-structured interview in person or by telephone with members of the admissions staff and faculty.

Visit www.oceaniamed.org for detailed admissions information, application procedures and required documentation.



Your Campus and Samoa

Samoa is a peaceful and friendly country of approximately 177,000 people who gained independence from New Zealand some 45 years ago. There are two main islands with two-thirds of the population living on Upolu, where the capital, Apia, and OUM are located. The country has a hot and humid tropical climate with an average temperature of 28.5C and significant seasonal rainfall.

OUM provides shared student housing close to the National Health Complex, which houses OUM and Tupua Tamasese Meaole (TTM) Hospital, the medical school's primary teaching facility. On campus, students have access to classrooms, the library, study areas, the computer lab, and a kitchen where they can prepare meals.





To learn more

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