Doctors train for Territory

IF YOU'RE passionate about becoming a doctor and making a genuine difference in your community, there's never been a better time to start that journey.

Applications are now open for the CDU Menzies Medical Program, a five-year course leading to a Bachelor of Clinical Sciences Medicine/Doctor of Medicine degree. This unique program from Charles Darwin University and Menzies School of Health Research allows you to study and train as a doctor in the Northern Territory with a strong focus on First Nations health, rural medicine and community-led care.

Australia faces a critical shortage of doctors in rural and remote areas. This program directly addresses that need by developing doctors committed to working in regional communities who value culturally responsive healthcare. It also creates pathways for First Nations people to become the healthcare leaders their communities need.

Dedicated places

Forty places are available in 2026 with dedicated sub-quotas for NT-based First Nations applicants and First Nations students from across Australia. Priority consideration goes to applicants who demonstrate a genuine commitment to supporting underserved populations.

Extra quotas exist for NT residents and students from rural or remote areas, ensuring those who understand these communities can join the healthcare solution.

Real-world training

Students complete extensive clinical placements across the NT, working in diverse healthcare settings from Darwin and Alice Springs hospitals to remote community health clinics. This hands-on experience starts early, providing invaluable exposure to healthcare delivery in a range of environments.

You'll learn from expert local clinicians and respected First Nations health leaders with deep experience and knowledge of the region and its people. The program emphasises mentorship and culturally safe practice, preparing graduates to work effectively within First Nations communities.

Making a difference

Students engage in impactful community-led research through Menzies School of Health Research, guided by expert mentors and focused on creating real-world outcomes for First Nations communities and the broader NT.

You'll contribute to groundbreaking research addressing health disparities, tropical diseases and innovative healthcare delivery models relevant to the NT context.

Learn in clinical simulation labs.

Financial support

The program offers scholarships and financial support, including help with accommodation and living expenses for students relocating to the NT. Rural and remote students may receive extra support to help them overcome geographical barriers.

How to apply

Visit **satac.edu.au**, search for "**medicine**" and fill out the **CDU Menzies Medical Program Application Pack** by 10 October 2025. Submit your application by 30 September to access SATAC's early bird fee.

This is more than a medical degree. It's your chance to make a difference, stay connected to your community and become a healthcare leader with the knowledge, skills and cultural understanding to drive positive change.

Your community needs doctors who understand it. This is your opportunity to answer that call.

To find out more or start your application, search "CDU Medicine" today.