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WELCOME TO OUM



A MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDER

For many individuals who seek a medical education, becoming a medical practitioner has been a lifelong dream. Perhaps realizing such a dream has led you here to learn about Oceania University of Medicine (OUM). We welcome your inquiry.

OUM's innovative approach has helped many aspiring medical practitioners overcome distance, personal, and professional barriers to achieve their dream. We hope you will be one of them.

Founded in 2002 in the South Pacific island nation of Independent Samoa, OUM has evolved from a local mission to better meet the health needs of underserved island communities into an accredited international medical school with a global student body.

We welcome your interest in OUM. You are about to make choices that will shape your future and we look forward to sharing in your exciting years ahead.

Sincerely,
Taffy Gould
FOUNDER & CHAIRMAN



AN EYE TOWARDS THE UNDERSERVED

Mission-Driven

Founded on a mission to care for the underserved, OUM is committed to helping qualified individuals become highly trained medical practitioners. Many plan to practice in rural communities and other areas experiencing physician shortages.

Inspired Ambition

OUM uncovers excellence in its candidates. With many incoming students having already earned Master's or Doctoral degrees, OUM students set the bar high. Their ambition guides them towards the goal many have sought since childhood — becoming a practicing medical doctor. OUM's unique curriculum is the solution they sought to help them earn their medical degree.



OUM'S ROOTS IN SAMOA

All OUM students gain diverse clinical experience during a required four-week rotation at OUM's home in the South Pacific, the island nation of Independent Samoa.

Located south of the equator and just west of the International Dateline, Samoa is home to warm, friendly people with a rich Polynesian culture. Two-thirds of Samoa's population lives on the largest island, Upolu, where the capital, Apia, is located. Apia is the business and commercial center and the main national port.

The National Health Complex is located in an Apia suburb and houses OUM and Tupua Tamasese Meaole (TTM) Hospital, the medical school's primary teaching facility. Student housing is generally located within walking distance of the health complex.



WHY OUM?

Committed Faculty

- Experienced clinicians
- Published researchers
- MD and PhD educators
- Well-connected within their specialties

World-Class Learning

- Hybrid curriculum developed by industry experts
- Study from anywhere for approximately the first two years
- A global network of teaching hospitals and clinics provide unrivaled hands-on clinical training
- Integrated community-based, patient-centered learning
- Unmatched student advisory support from year one through graduation with Student Success Advisors, Student Ambassadors, and Research Advisors

Seasoned Non-Traditional Students

- OUM students' average age is 37 years old
- 42 percent hold Master's degrees, 8 percent hold Doctorates
- Impressive pre-medical school professions from nurses, paramedics, and physician assistants to pharmacists, laboratory technicians, and assorted business professionals
- Knowledgeable peers, many with 20+ years of healthcare experience, bring valuable life experience and insight



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants Must Have:

- Recognized Bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited tertiary institution.
- GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, 5.5 on a 7.0 scale, or its equivalent.
- Proof of citizenship or permanent residency in Aotearoa New Zealand, Australia, Canada, Samoa, or the United States.

OUM students come from a variety of backgrounds. A Science major is not a prerequisite for entry because the Basic Sciences are included in OUM's foundational medical school curriculum.

The Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) and the Graduate Australian Medical School Admissions Test (GAMSAT) are not required.

OUM currently accepts students who are citizens or permanent residents of Aotearoa New Zealand, American Samoa, Australia, Canada, Samoa, and the United States, where the University has relationships with teaching hospitals and clinics and where it is most knowledgeable about the licensing requirements for international medical graduates (IMGs). This guarantees our students access to their requisite clinical rotations and assures a smoother transition through their hurdle exams into postgraduate training and clinical practice.

English-Language Requirement

All instruction at OUM is in English and students must be fully fluent in the language. Candidates whose first language is not English may be exempt from this requirement if their Bachelor's degree is from a university whose curriculum is delivered in English.

Candidates whose native language is not English may need to demonstrate competency by submitting test results from one of the services that evaluate language proficiency (IELTS, TOEFL iBT, or OET).

APPLICATION OVERVIEW

OUM Application Overview

The items listed below are required to apply for admission to OUM. Please complete all fields in the application, which is designed to save your information so you may complete it in more than one sitting.

Application Deadline

OUM welcomes two intakes each year – in January and July. Application deadlines are September 1 for the January intake and March 1 for the July intake. Only complete applications will be accepted and must be received by the intake deadline.

Application Checklist

- **University/College Certified or Official Transcripts:** From ALL institutions attended. Certified transcripts must come directly from the institution. We do not accept uncertified copies of transcripts sent directly from the applicant. Note: Some transcripts may require a formal evaluation report to meet admissions requirements.
- **Essay on why you want to become a medical doctor**
- **3 Letters of Recommendation (1 from a medical doctor)**
- **Professional Résumé/CV**
- **Valid Government-Issued Photo ID**
- **English Proficiency Confirmation**

Post-Acceptance Checklist

Upon acceptance to the OUM program, students must also provide the following Post-Acceptance documents by December 1 for the January intake, and June 1 for the July intake:

- **Criminal Background Check**
- **Immunization Records**
- **Passport-Style Photo**

OUM MD PROGRAM

Program Highlights

- OUM's Doctor of Medicine (MD) program is typically completed in ~4.5 to 5 years.
- Online pre-clinical curriculum allows students to study from anywhere in the world for approximately the first two years.
- Didactic material is taught via live, interactive lectures and engaging faculty-led case discussions.
- Our Clinical Transition Units prepare students for 72 weeks of clinical rotations.
- All students undertake a Research Project resulting in a publishable manuscript that may enhance post-graduate applications.
- There is a required four-week rotation in Samoa.
- OUM's MD Program has WFME recognition and is internationally accredited by the Philippine Accrediting Association of Schools, Colleges and Universities (PAASCU).



CURRICULUM DELIVERY

Through a blend of traditional face-to-face learning and real-time virtual classrooms, OUM offers students a curriculum that utilizes the best of today's e-learning capabilities.

A custom Student Information System (SIS), Zoom, Moodle (Learning Management System), and online library resources such as Elsevier's ClinicalKey are the focal points of OUM's medical education program. As a result, students' success may depend upon their comfort level using these technologies.

The University's curriculum content and delivery are continuously monitored and updated by medical scholars based in Aotearoa New Zealand, Australia, Canada, Samoa, and the US.

Our Technology



SIS

Complete **Anatomy**

moodle

 **Honorlock**

zoom

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OUR ALUMNI



Oceania University of Medicine graduates are valued members of their local medical communities. Globally, they are making a significant mark on the study and practice of medicine.

Many OUM Alumni stay involved with the University by mentoring students, speaking at recruitment events, or sharing their stories in OUM publications and social media.

The OUM Alumni Association (OUMAA) has also been established to encourage all graduates to remain connected to the University community.

CONTACT US

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