

# MEDICINE & SURGERY CAREER SNAPSHOT

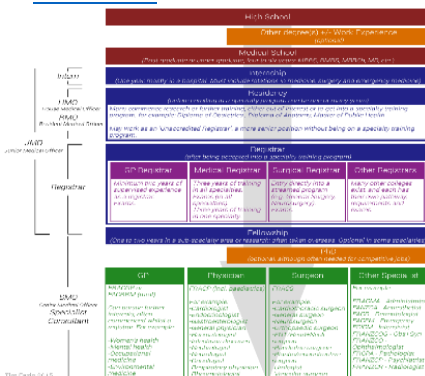
| All General Practitioners and Resident Medical Officers                           |  |
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|   | <b>\$2,459</b><br>Weekly Pay                  |
|   | <b>Strong</b><br>Future Growth                |
|   | <b>Lower unemployment</b><br>Unemployment     |
|   | <b>60,400 workers</b><br>Employment Size      |
|   | <b>Very high skill</b><br>Skill level rating  |
|   | <b>76% Full-Time</b><br>Full-Time Share       |
|   | <b>46 hours</b><br>Average full-time          |
|   | <b>42 years</b><br>Average age                |
|  | <b>46% female</b><br>Gender Share  |

General Practitioner Fast Facts  
Source: [Job Outlook](#) as of 04/20.  
For more Fast Facts review [Specialist Physicians](#), [Other Medical Practitioners](#).

[Medicine](#) is concerned with application of biomedical and other life sciences to prevent, diagnose and treat disease.

JCU's advantage is the additional course knowledge and skills related to [rural](#) and [tropical](#) medicine that are sought after in Australia and [across the world](#).

Qualifying as a doctor involves following the multi-staged process outlined by [Australian Medical Association](#) here:



## Medical Careers

There are many ways to practice medicine including the [General Practitioner](#) (GP) at the coalface of primary care; [Physician](#) – a doctor who specialises in treating a certain set of diseases e.g. related to skin or heart; [Surgeon](#) – a doctor who specialises in operating on certain areas of the body or types of disorders e.g. heart or face (reconstruction). Other Specialists include anaesthesiologists i.e. doctors who are in charge of the perioperative care of patients including managing pain. You can explore and compare those specialisms in this resource authored by [NSW Ministry of Health](#). These specialists work within the public or private health sector, NGOs as well as in the army. Furthermore, doctors with interest in research can pursue a career as [Clinician-scientists](#) – practicing specialist doctors with additional training in conducting scientific research working usually at research clinics. Doctors with an investigative streak can work as [Forensic Pathologists](#) – specialist doctors conducting medical examinations related to police investigations and post mortem. Some pursue non-clinical medical and biomedical research and development – for more information see the relevant passages of the career snapshot for [Biomedical Science](#).

the profession and professional development as well as a great way to expand your professional network. Join the relevant [JCU Student Association Clubs](#) e.g. Medical Students Association, ASHA, RHINO, JCUEDA, and/or Biomed Society.

[Australian Medical Students Association](#)

[Australian Medical Association](#) – free associate student membership

[Rural Doctors Association of QLD](#)

## Internships and Graduate Job Search

You may find internship, trainee and job opportunities in some of the following settings:

[Queensland Health](#)

[Mater Health Services](#)

[Australian Army](#)

[Doctors without Borders](#)

[Heart of Australia](#)

## Useful Links

[Medical Board of Australia](#)

[Specialist Medical Colleges Directory](#)

[Club RHINO](#)

[Medicine-related Associations Directory](#)

[AMA Queensland Intern Guide](#)

[My Health Career](#)

[Drs Reference Site](#)

[AU Institute of Tropical Health & Med.](#)

[Army University Sponsorship](#)

[National Health & Med Research Council](#)

[Medical Software Industry Association](#)

[World Medical Association](#)

[The International Society for Neglected Tropical Diseases](#)

## Employability Skills and Workplace Experience

It is highly recommended that before and during your studies you take the initiative to develop your general experience of the health care sector and effective communication skills with diverse audiences by taking up community [volunteering positions](#).

## Professional Associations

Membership in a professional organisation is a clear signal to employers about your commitment to