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# BECOMING A DOCTOR COULD B 4 U

*"I didn't get the best marks at school. But it's not about how smart or talented you are. It's about how much you want it and what you are going to do to get it. If you have the attitude and desire to achieve you will go far."*  
Astrid, medical student at the University of Auckland

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**Do you like helping other people? Do you communicate well with others? Do you have good marks at school? (You do not need to be super brainy but you do need to be prepared to work hard).**

**If you answered yes, then becoming a DOCTOR could B 4 U!**

### **What does a doctor do?**

Doctors look after people's health and wellbeing by diagnosing and treating their health problems, and by helping them to stay healthy and prevent illness. There are lots of different kinds of doctors. Some work with the community in general practice. Others specialise in areas like paediatrics (working with babies & children), public health (preventative medicine & health education), psychiatry (mental health) and surgery.

### **What subjects do I need to take at school?**

Good subjects to take include chemistry, physics, biology, maths with calculus or statistics, and English.

### **How do I get into it?**

You need to complete the first year of the Bachelor of Health Sciences or the first year of the Bachelor of Science majoring in Biomedical Science to gain entry to study for a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (5 years) at the University of Auckland or the University of Otago. In your 6th year you are based in a hospital and earn a small salary.

The University of Auckland also has alternative entry schemes such as MAPAS for Maori and Pacific students and ROMPE for students from a rural area. Check out the University of Auckland website below for more information.

Check out the accompanying "Health Occupations Summary" for a more detailed list of courses available and entry requirements.

### **Will I get a job after studying?**

It is very likely you will get a job as there is a shortage of doctors and the shortage is expected to get worse in the future.

### **Where can I find out more information?**

The University of Auckland, Faculty of Medical & Health Sciences  
Website: [www.health.auckland.ac.nz](http://www.health.auckland.ac.nz)

Email: [studentinfo@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:studentinfo@auckland.ac.nz)

Tel: 0800 61 62 63

University of Otago, Faculty of Medicine

Website: [www.otago.ac.nz/healthscience](http://www.otago.ac.nz/healthscience)

Email: [health-sciences@stonebow.otago.ac.nz](mailto:health-sciences@stonebow.otago.ac.nz)

Tel: 0800 80 80 98

Careers websites: [www.cmdhb.org.nz/careers](http://www.cmdhb.org.nz/careers)

[www.healthcareers.org.nz](http://www.healthcareers.org.nz)

[www.kiwicareers.govt.nz](http://www.kiwicareers.govt.nz)

[www.kiwiquals.govt.nz](http://www.kiwiquals.govt.nz)

For any other questions call Counties Manukau District Health Board on (09) 259 5052 to speak with someone about careers or email [careers@cmdhb.org.nz](mailto:careers@cmdhb.org.nz).