



DOCTOR

(GENERAL PRACTITIONER)

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WHERE DO DOCTORS WORK?

General practice (GP) doctors generally work in communities in urban and rural areas. They may also work in:

- health centres and hospital clinics
- private practice
- rural doctors may also work part-time in hospitals as well as in health clinics
- Marae and community facilities
- Universities as researchers and educators

WHAT TRAINING IS INVOLVED?

To become a general practitioner Doctor you need to:

- complete the Health Sciences First Year programme at Otago University or the first year of either the Bachelor of Health Sciences or Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Science at Auckland University. You can also apply to medical school as a post graduate into medicine
- complete a five-year Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBChB) degree at Otago or Auckland Universities
- work for two years as a house officer (supervised junior doctor) in a hospital
- complete another three years of specialist training and examinations to become a Fellow of the Royal New Zealand College of General Practitioners.
- you also need to be registered with the Medical Council of New Zealand.

WHAT CLASSES SHOULD I TAKE TO BE A DOCTOR?

NCEA Level 3 is required to enter tertiary training; useful subjects include:

- Maths
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Biology
- English
- Te Reo Māori (optional)

