Studying UCD Medicine

Why is this course for me? UCD Graduate Entry Medicine [GEM] provides an innovative, science-driven and patient-centred curriculum, delivered by world-class educators in state-of-the-art facilities. The main hospitals associated with our programme are St Vincent’s University Hospital and the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital. In addition there are more than 20 other training hospitals and more than 100 primary care practices that facilitate your learning. This intensive, focused course is designed for students with an undergraduate degree who wish to pursue a career in medicine.

What will I study? First & Second Year In the first semester, you’ll take a series of modules that introduce the application of medical science to the study of biological systems and disease. You’ll also learn the clinical skills needed for the rest of the programme. The remainder of the first two years integrates the medical science disciplines, while gradually expanding your professional capabilities in a clinical environment.

Third & Fourth Year In the final two years, hospital and community placements with structured clinical education complete your degree. During your clinical training you’ll participate in a series of specialist rotations including medicine, surgery, psychiatry, obstetrics and paediatrics. Finally, you’ll undertake our acclaimed Professional Completion module to integrate your knowledge and prepare you for life as an intern.

Learning methods include lectures, small group sessions, practicals and enquiry-based learning in the classroom and at the bedside.

My time at UCD has been both academically stimulating and personally rewarding. From student research competitions, to Hospitals Rugby and more, this university, and the Graduate Entry Medicine programme in particular, caters for all interests. Entering clinical years has allowed me to focus my career goals and gain a true appreciation for a patient-centred approach to medicine. There is a real sense of camaraderie among my classmates and their support and that of the faculty is tremendous. I look forward to my upcoming summer electives in North America, and then my return to UCD for my final year. I’m delighted to say that my experience has been nothing but positive and I know that UCD Medicine has fully prepared me for my medical career.”

Hilary Dowdall Graduate