

UWS School of Medicine for Greater Western Sydney

The UWS School of Medicine accepted its first students in 2007, at the same time that UWS was recognised as a 'university of the people' by the Australian Universities Quality Agency.

The UWS School of Medicine is located in the dynamic region of Greater Western Sydney which has the third largest economy in Australia and stretches across nearly 9,000 square kilometres with a population of 1.85 million people.

The region though is underserved by general practitioners and medical specialists and the commencement of the UWS program is the first step in delivering 'home grown' doctors practising from 2012. Nearly 60% of the students are residents of Greater Western Sydney fairly evenly distributed across the region.

The inaugural Clinical School at Campbelltown Hospital was opened by NSW Premier, the Hon Morris Iemma, in February 2007 and is a base for when their introduction of clinical medicine in Years 1 and 2 and are placed there through years 3-5. UWS is also establishing a clinical campus at Blacktown Hospital and students will be placed there throughout their training.

Working in partnership with Sydney South West and Sydney West Area Health Services, key academic clinical appointments are being made which provide leadership in the delivery of health services and ensure that our students have active, experienced clinicians to learn from.

The School of Medicine's central base will be on the UWS campus at Campbelltown, the emerging hub for teaching and research of medicine and health sciences. The purpose-built facility incorporates dedicated spaces for teaching, administration and research, including an anatomy facility focused on ensuring our students have solid knowledge and skills in the basic sciences.

The School of Medicine is now a key contributor within UWS in 'Bringing Knowledge to Life'.

