

General Practitioner



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My love of science started at a very young age. I was initially fascinated with the Milky Way and discovering new planets and then became fixated on collecting and identifying different types of rocks on this planet - and others! My parents allowed me to indulge in all things science. They were and continue to be the consistent and active driving force behind lifting my commitment to my goals and aspirations. Their constant words to me:

“Dream big but make sure you are prepared to lift your commitment level to achieve the goals you set for yourself”.

At the age of seven I decided to become a doctor to help people who can't afford medical bills. This decision influenced all my subject choices in high school. It is what brought me to the University of Otago where I am currently in my second year of medicine.

STEM subjects provide a pathway to numerous dynamic and exciting career opportunities. STEM careers offer good incomes that provide an opportunity to significantly lift the standard of living for our families. It will give us the mandate and platform to contribute to the wellbeing of Pasifika people in New Zealand and abroad. We can and should **STEM IT UP!**

Pathway:

- Year 12 subjects: Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Physical Education
- Year 13 subjects: Calculus, Biology, Chemistry and Physics
- University of Otago: Health Science First Year Program
- University of Otago: Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MB ChB)

General Practitioner

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General practitioners care for, diagnose and treat the health problems of individuals and families in the community.

Pay

Trainee and graduate general practitioners usually earn **\$80-\$130K per year**

General practitioners usually earn **\$95-\$250K per year**

Source: New Zealand Medical Association 2017

Job opportunities



Chances of getting a job as a general practitioner are good due to a shortage of workers.

Secondary education

NCEA Level 3 is required to enter tertiary training. Useful subjects include maths, chemistry, physics, biology and English.

Length of training

11 years training required

