

*Do you enjoy helping people especially if they are sick or unwell?*

*Are you doing well at school and enjoy study?*

*Perhaps you might be interested in a career as a doctor!*

*Doctors work out what is causing sickness and disease and then work to treat the problem so that patients regain their health.*

### **Some of the things you might do as a Doctor include:**

- examine the patient
- record the patient's medical information
- determine the cause of illness
- prescribe and provide treatments and medications
- advise patients on diet, exercise, hygiene and general health
- report births, deaths and certain diseases to authorities
- arrange for patients to be admitted to hospital
- refer patients to other medical specialists
- complete associated medical records

### **Once you are a doctor you may consider specializing as:**

#### **Anaesthetist**

Put people to sleep prior to operations.

#### **Neurologist**

Treats sickness relating to the brain & nervous system.

#### **Gynaecologist**

Provides care before, during and after childbirth.

#### **Ophthalmologist**

Treats sicknesses relating to eyesight.

#### **Paediatrician**

Treats diseases in children.

#### **Pathologist**

Works in a laboratory to identify and diagnose

#### **Physician**

Specialises in areas such as heart or intestinal sicknesses.

#### **Psychiatrist**

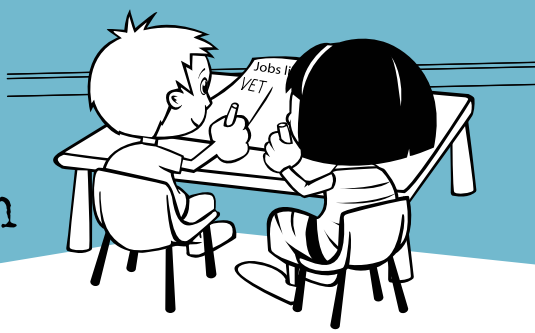
Treats mental, emotional and behavioural problems

#### **Radiologist**

Treats diseases using X-rays.

#### **Surgeon**

Specialise in many areas such as bones or brain surgery .



**You will be....**

- highly motivated to assist unwell people
- an excellent communicator
- highly motivated to succeed
- good at finishing things started
- good at studying especially in the sciences
- confident and motivated to achieve

**Education & Training**

You need to achieve very good results in year 12 to gain entry into a medical degree. Subjects you will usually require – depending upon the university degree you select, will include English, Chemistry and sometimes a high mathematics and/or physics.

**Find more information at:**

Australian Medical Council: [www.amc.org.au](http://www.amc.org.au)

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners: [www.racgp.org.au](http://www.racgp.org.au)

Medical Practitioners Board of Victoria: [www.medicalboardvic.org.au](http://www.medicalboardvic.org.au)