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Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery

Medicine at the University of Adelaide

The medical degree at the University of Adelaide is the third-oldest in Australia with a rich and prestigious history dating back to 1885. Since its formation, over 128 years of teaching and research has led to an impressive list of ground-breaking discoveries and achievements that continue to transform healthcare and make an impact on the world today. Among the University’s notable alumni are Nobel Prize winners, pioneering researchers and world-renowned doctors.

The Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) degree at the University of Adelaide is an integrated curriculum that draws on all disciplines to provide learning in a clinical context. As a research-intensive University, the MBBS degree recognises research as the foundation of medical practice, and delivers a degree that is innovative and at the forefront of medical education. Students studying medicine at the University of Adelaide are provided with state-of-the-art education, training and facilities to ensure that they are ready to face the challenges of medical practice in the twenty-first century.

Degree overview

The Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) consists of three major streams reflecting the core elements of medical practice:

1. Scientific Basis of Medicine
2. Clinical Practice
3. Medical Professional and Personal Development

A major emphasis is placed on professionalism, communication and clinical reasoning, as well as the practice of evidence-based and preventative medicine. Small-group Case-Based Learning (CBL) is the dominant learning mode during the early years of the curriculum. Lectures in the medical disciplines such as pathology, anatomy, physiology and pharmacology are carefully staged throughout the clinical cases of the most common and important diseases.

In Year 1, students will also undertake two semesters of Fundamentals of Biomedical Science, a course specifically designed for medical students. The Clinical Skills and Medical Professional and Personal Development courses begin in week one and assist students to acquire the skills required for effective clinical practice. The clinical practice tutorials in Years 1 and 2 are led by senior clinicians in a state-of-the-art clinical skills facility.

In Year 3, clinical skills training are conducted primarily in the public teaching hospitals. Students will then bring this core learning to their clinical placements in Years 4–6. These placements will be held in a wide range of organisations, including public teaching hospitals and the broader medical and health community. There are some clinical placements that all students must take, but there are also opportunities for students to choose from a range of electives. Some students will be able to undertake Year 5 in a rural setting. Year 6 is focused on what students need to know for their internship. The major exam is conducted at the end of Year 5 and, with the pressure of exams reduced; students can focus on their clinical practice and professional development.

Inherent requirements

The medical degree will place significant demands on students in regards to time dedicated. The learning style and assessment techniques are likely to be different from those experienced elsewhere.

The degree teaches and assesses these skills and they are core/inherent learning requirements of the degree. Clinical placements can require significant time commitments of students, which may include time periods normally regarded as after hours. Students will need physical and mental stamina, as well as flexibility in regards to the required hours of attendance. Placements are undertaken at a range of locations around South Australia, some of which will be rural and/or remote areas.

For more information visit: health.adelaide.edu.au/admissions/medicine/inherent-requirements/

Rural placements

Enrolment in the University of Adelaide’s Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery requires students to undertake rural clinical placements. Commonwealth supported students (in both bonded and non-bonded places) need to complete four weeks of rural placements before graduation, with 25% of students required to complete one year of clinical training in a rural site. If these places are not filled by students voluntarily, all students in Commonwealth supported places will be included in a random ballot to be allocated to one of these year-long rural placements.
Clinical placement requirements
Students undertaking clinical placements in the MBBS degree are required to obtain clearances in the following areas:

- AHPRA Student Registration
- Criminal History Clearances
- First Aid Certificates (including CPR)
- Immunisation
- Prescribed Communicable Infections (PCI) Screening
- Tuberculosis Screening

For further information visit: health.adelaide.edu.au/current-students/clinical-placements/

Incidental fees
There will be additional costs, over and above tuition fees for all MBBS students, this includes (but is not limited to) textbooks, equipment, medical testing, clearance renewals, first aid certificates, student amenities fees etc.

For further information visit: adelaide.edu.au/student/finance/other-fees

Career opportunities
After graduation and before being admitted to full registration as a medical practitioner in Australia, graduates must serve at least 12 months as an intern in an approved hospital. After successfully completing the internship and obtaining full registration to practise, students will need to make a career decision about entering a training program offered by a professional college. There is a wide range of opportunities and students may choose to pursue a career in areas such as general practice, surgery, medicine or public health. They may choose to work in a rural area of Australia, or, as a university clinical academic, they may choose to combine clinical practice with research and education.

MBBS graduates from the University of Adelaide are now working in a diverse range of fields or have begun additional study in specialisations such as psychiatry, ophthalmology or paediatrics. Potential career paths will become apparent as students’ progress through the degree.

Graduate registration
After successful completion of the MBBS degree graduates are eligible to register with the Medical Board of Australia. In order to register, applicants must be able to demonstrate English language skills at IELTS academic level 7 or the equivalent.

New Zealand citizens applying to the MBBS degree intending to practice in Australia after graduation must be aware of the criteria for obtaining a Medicare Provider Number. Refer to medicareaustralia.gov.au

International applicants please note that successful completion of this degree may not qualify you to practice or register in your home country. You will have to contact the relevant health registration bodies of your home country for further information.
Alternative Study

As entry into Medicine is highly competitive, applicants who are strongly motivated towards a career in the health field, may also wish to consider applying for other health related undergraduate degrees offered by the University of Adelaide.

Bachelor of Health and Medical Sciences

The re-imagined Bachelor of Health and Medical Sciences degree aims to produce graduates who have the knowledge and skills to improve human health. The human body is endlessly fascinating. Understanding how it functions in health, disease and how it is influenced by environmental factors is core to improving health and saving lives. This will form the basis of your studies in the Bachelor of Health and Medical Sciences.

Graduates will, depending on their choice of major, have the capabilities to enable them to work in a variety of health settings including: research environments, government, industry, business, community and academia. Graduates will possess a broad body of knowledge, with in-depth understanding with respect to their major area of study. They will be equipped for progression to employment, as well as being positioned for continued study at Honours and postgraduate level.

The degree offers majors in one of two streams.

The Medical Health stream will include 3 majors in:
(i) Clinical Trials
(ii) Medical Sciences
(iii) Neurosciences

The Lifespan Health stream will offer majors in:
(i) Addiction and Mental Health
(ii) Nutritional Health
(iii) Public Health
(iv) Reproductive and Childhood Health.

Bachelor of Health and Medical Sciences (Advanced)

The re-imagined Bachelor of Health and Medical Sciences (Advanced) is ideal for high performing student who hold a fascination for the broad study of human health and are intent on seeking solutions for global health issues. The degree offers a specialised research focus, yet is flexible in offering significant study choice throughout the degree.

For high-achieving students enrolled in the Bachelor of Health and Medical Sciences (Advanced) degree, we will offer the following unique core courses to develop your specialist professional knowledge, initiative and leadership skills.

Clinical Skills and Simulation: Assess, troubleshoot, propose and perform the correct treatment and procedures in a given scenario using high tech manikins and actors. This course is designed to develop and demonstrate knowledge and skills in observation, communication, clinical reasoning and procedural skills. Students will assess, troubleshoot, propose and perform correct treatments and procedures in a range of different health scenarios using state of the art technology.

Hacking Health: Collaborate with healthcare professionals (doctors, nurses, and clinicians), industry professionals and patients to investigate and co-create solutions to pressing healthcare challenges. In this course, Advanced students will partner with students from across the Faculty (Medicine, Dentistry, Nursing etc.), healthcare professionals (doctors, nurses, researchers), industry professionals and even patients to investigate and co-create solutions to pressing healthcare challenges through the use of emerging technology.

Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Health: An introduction to problem identification, solution design and entrepreneurial opportunities within the complex world of healthcare. This course will equip students with the knowledge and skills required to bring their hacking health ideas to fruition. Students will understand the concepts of entrepreneurship and innovation in health, and demonstrate an awareness of the challenges and opportunities to improve healthcare delivery.
Am I a domestic or international applicant?

Immigration status

Change in immigration status during the application process

> If you are an international applicant to the MBBS degree and your residency status changes during the application process (i.e., you obtain Permanent Residency or some other immigration status that entitles you to the educational benefits of Permanent Residency), you will no longer be eligible for an international student place.

> If your immigration status changes prior to 31 October, you may still compete for entry under the competitive process for domestic students if you advise the University of Adelaide by email (admissions@adelaide.edu.au) prior to 5pm on 31 October and you are able to meet the additional entry requirements for domestic applicants.

> If your immigration status changes prior to 30 September and you have NOT lodged a parallel domestic application and/or do not meet the additional entry requirements for domestic applicants, you cannot be considered for a domestic offer and can no longer be considered for an international offer. You will need to re-apply for domestic entry the following year in accordance with the entry policy of that year.

> If your immigration status changes after 31 October and prior to the release of international offers, you can no longer be considered for the international cohort, and will need to re-apply for domestic entry the following year in accordance with the entry policy of that year.

Change in immigration status prior to release of offers

Offers for international places in the MBBS degree cannot be made to applicants who are Australian/New Zealand Citizens or Australian Permanent Residents.

If you obtain Permanent Residency (or some other immigration status that entitles you to the educational benefits of Permanent Residency) after 30 September and prior to the release of international offers, you will not be eligible for an international offer, and will need to re-apply for domestic entry the following year in accordance with the entry policy of that year.

Change in immigration status after accepting an offer

Due to strict domestic and international quotas for commencing students, if you obtain Permanent Residency (or some other immigration status that entitles you to the educational benefits of Permanent Residency) after you accept your offer and before you complete your first year of study in the MBBS degree, you will not be able to remain in that degree.

Change in immigration status during your study

If you are an international student and you obtain Permanent Residency (or another applicable immigration status that entitles you to the educational benefits of Permanent Residency) after completing your first year of study, you will only be able to remain in the MBBS degree if there is a domestic place available at that time. With strict quotas across the breadth of the MBBS degree, availabilities of domestic places at any given time cannot be guaranteed. These are at the discretion of the Executive Dean and subject to availability.

If a domestic place is available you must pay tuition fees for the remainder of your studies in the degree (i.e., you cannot be transferred to a Commonwealth Supported Place). If a domestic place is not available for you, you will not be able to remain in the MBBS degree.
Domestic entry overview

Application Process

Step 1. UMAT registration
All applications to register and sit for the UMAT must be made directly to ACER. Please refer to the UMAT website umat.acer.edu.au/

Step 2. Sit the UMAT
The UMAT website explains the test in detail and sets out the procedure for registration including the fees payable, test centre procedures and regulations.

Step 3. SATAC application
Domestic applicants must apply through SATAC visit: satac.edu.au

NEW from 2016 domestic applicants’ MUST state their preferred Commonwealth Supported Place types at the time of application to SATAC.
> 314552: non-bonded CSP place
> 314553: bonded medical place

For more information about place types go to page 13.

The South Australian Tertiary Admissions Centre (SATAC) receives and processes applications for all undergraduate degrees in South Australia and releases the formal offers for all University of Adelaide degrees. All domestic applicants will be asked to enter their UMAT identification number when they lodge their application by the nominated early SATAC application deadline.

Please note: Late applications to the MBBS degree will not be considered. Rural entry pathway applicants are required to sign and submit a statutory declaration as proof of rural background at the time of the SATAC application.

Step 4. Interviews
There will be two rounds of interviews held for 2017 entry. Only applicants who attend an interview will remain in the final ranked list to be eligible for an offer into the MBBS degree.

First round
Invitations to the first round of interviews will be extended via email on Thursday 27 October 2016. Applicants who are not eligible at this stage for an interview will also be notified on this date.

FIRST ROUND interview invitations are based on performance in the UMAT with each of the three UMAT sections having equal weight. Approximately 500 applicants will be invited to attend an interview.

The FIRST ROUND of interviews will be conducted in late November and throughout December 2016.

Please note that a UMAT bonus will be given to South Australian applicants to be taken into account solely for selecting applicants for the FIRST ROUND interviews. This bonus will not be taken into account for selecting applicants for the January interviews, nor in the determination of offers for places in the degree. This will have the effect of more interstate applicants being offered interviews in January (after first round offers are made in their own state). Many interstate applicants will already know whether they have a place in a medical degree in their home state and may no longer need to travel from interstate to South Australia for an interview.

Merit Ranking Process
Applicants will be ranked for an offer based on a combination of scores from these three components weighted as follows:
> UMAT Results: 20%
> Interview Results: 40%
> Academic Results: 40%

Please note: personal statements, testimonials, character/school/work references, awards, certificates and predicted results do not make up any of the selection components and will not be considered. Applicants are asked not to submit these documents to the University.

Feedback on an individual’s performance and overall ranking will NOT be released by the University. Information regarding an applicant and their application is confidential and will not be released to an advocate of the applicant, whether family or friends. No appeals on behalf of an applicant will be considered.

Can I use my previous UMAT score?
UMAT scores can be used for admission to any of the UMAT Consortium universities only in the year following the test. For example, results from UMAT 2016 can be used for undergraduate medicine or health science courses beginning in 2017 but not 2018.
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Second round
The SECOND ROUND of interviews is held between 25 and 27 January 2017. Invitations to the second round of interviews will be extended via email on Thursday 19 January 2017. Applicants who are not eligible at this stage for an interview will also be notified on this date.

January interview invitations will be based on a combination of performance in the UMAT (with each of the three UMAT sections having equal weight) and academic results on a 1:2 weighting. Approximately 150-200 applicants will be invited to attend a second round interview.

Booking an interview
All eligible applicants will receive a congratulatory email from the Faculty of Health Sciences to the email address supplied in their SATAC application along with an individual username and password to book an MBBS interview online. Eligible applicants will be able to select an interview from a limited number of sessions on a first come, first served basis. During this time applicants can cancel and reschedule. However, once filled, scheduling requests into one of these session due to (but not limited to) school commitments, travel plans or conflicting interviews times with other Universities will be declined.

Where are interviews held?
All domestic interviews are conducted face-to-face in Adelaide. There are no options for conducting the interviews telephonically or via video conferencing (e.g. Skype), and any requests will be declined. It is an applicant’s responsibility to ensure that they are available during the nominated times as interviews will not be conducted outside of these dates. Requests for an interview outside of the nominated times will be declined.

Can I reschedule once the booking system has closed?
Once bookings have closed, an interview cannot be rescheduled except for extreme medical/compassionate circumstances. A request to reschedule under these circumstances must be submitted in writing to the Faculty Admissions Coordinator (with supporting documentation) for consideration within 5 days of the original interview. An interview will not be rescheduled for reasons such as (but not limited to): transportation problems or delayed/cancelled flights for those travelling from interstate and overseas.

Interview criteria
The interview will assess skills and qualities considered important for undertaking the degree and for use in future professional practice.

The interview comprises a series of scenarios and associated questions focusing on an applicant’s personal qualities including:
- Motivation
- Communication Skills
- Critical Thinking/Problem Solving
- Compatibility with the degree
- Demonstration of attention to detail and professional behaviour.

Can I prepare?
Applicants are encouraged to prepare for the interview but are discouraged from reciting rehearsed responses. However, attempts at rehearsing for the interview often trigger ‘rehearsed’ replies rather than ‘natural’ responses which can lessen the overall performance. The interviews are reviewed after each cycle and the content and conduct of interviews may change from one year to the next.

Interview structure
Interviews for the MBBS degree comprise of two 15 minute sessions with five minutes between each session. In each section an applicant will be interviewed by a panel of up to two interviewers. All interviewers are volunteers who have completed a University of Adelaide training program. They are recruited from the following groups:
- Academic, Clinical Academic, and Professional staff of the University of Adelaide
- Graduates from the Medical Degree
- Persons drawn from the wider community

Each applicant will be given the first names of the panel members. The only information the panel will have regarding the applicant is the applicant’s first name and SATAC application number for reference purposes only.

Step 5. Subject prerequisites
Subject prerequisites are applicable to all MBBS applicants. All applicants must have successfully completed the prerequisite subjects or equivalent. To query equivalent subjects please contact AskAdelaide@adelaide.edu.au

SACE Stage 2: Biology or Chemistry or Mathematical Studies
IB: Biology (SL grade 4/HL grade 3) or Chemistry (SL grade 4/HL grade 3) or Mathematics (SL grade 4/HL grade 3)
Equivalent University Courses (i.e. first year Human Biology subject (full year) as part of the Bachelor of Health and Medical Sciences degree).

Assumed knowledge
A necessary precursor for success in the MBBS degree is a high proficiency in the written and oral use of the English language.

Can I apply for credit?
Due to the highly integrated curriculum in the MBBS degree at the University of Adelaide, applicants are not eligible to apply for entry into the later years of the degree or apply for advanced standing. Applicants will not receive any recognition for prior learning.

Step 6. Academic score (ATAR)
To meet the minimum academic threshold for entry into the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) degree at the University of Adelaide you must achieve:
Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR): of 90 or above
International Baccalaureate score: of 31 or above or the interstate/ overseas equivalent.
Grade Point Average (GPA): 5.0 or above – Only applicable for University of Adelaide Higher Education [Tertiary Transfer] Applicants

STAT Entry: Yes
Please note that the minimum ATAR to be eligible for entry is 90 but usually a significantly higher ATAR is required due to the competitiveness of applicants. The SACE Board of SA or interstate equivalent will advise you of your ATAR.
Bonus points
Please note: the MBBS degree does not consider subject bonus points.

Bonus points for the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery degree are available for school-leaver applicants who attended a school classified as an equity school in the year they achieved their ATAR, hold a School Card and/or Health Care Card, or who receives (or whose parents receive) a Centrelink means-tested income support payment.

To query bonus points please contact AskAdelaide@adelaide.edu.au

Website: adelaide.edu.au/study/high-school/getting-in/bonus

Step 7. Application outcome

Domestic offers will be made by SATAC. However, to secure your place in the MBBS degree you MUST enrol in all first year courses by the deadline stated in the SATAC offer letter. Supporting information regarding enrolment will be provided by the Faculty of Health Sciences once SATAC offers are made.

How to select Commonwealth supported place types

All Domestic applicants from 2016 MUST state their preferred Commonwealth Supported Place types at the time of application to SATAC. The place type selection will form part of the MBBS offer and will depend on the applicants overall ranking position.

Change of preferences

A change of preference includes changing the order of the existing preferences in your SATAC application. You can check or change your preferences online at satac.edu.au after you have lodged your SATAC application. SATAC staff will not accept a change of preference over the telephone.

Please note that new applications/preferences for Medicine/Surgery will not be considered after the SATAC closing date. If you wish to change the order of your existing preferences including Medicine/Surgery, you must do so by the change of preference deadline, as detailed on satac.edu.au from July 2016 onwards in order to be guaranteed equal consideration.

Deferral of study

Deferral of studies for up to two years is permitted for the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery. Applicants wishing to defer their studies must choose the ‘defer’ response (by the nominated response deadline in their SATAC offer) if they are offered the degree and follow all instructions provided by the University during this time in order to be guaranteed their place in future. SATAC will confirm the deferred place in mid-April 2017 and the University will be in contact in October 2017 to confirm the place for the following year. All communications regarding the deferred place will be via email.
For which entry pathway will I be considered?

- **I do not have a year 12 result (or did year 12 more than 10 years ago) and I have taken the STAT test.**
  - **YES** You are a special entry (STAT) applicant
  - **NO**

- **I am currently studying in my final year of High School and have not studied at University.**
  - **YES** You are a secondary school leaver applicant
  - **NO**

- **I am currently studying in my final year of High School and am studying an ad-hoc University subject as part of my advanced study program.**
  - **YES** You are a secondary school leaver applicant
  - **NO**

- **I finished High School and have not studied at University.**
  - **YES** You are a secondary school leaver applicant
  - **NO**

- **I have done less than two years of a degree at the University of Adelaide and have not studied at any other University.**
  - **YES** You are a higher education/tertiary applicant
  - **NO**

- **I have done more than two years of a degree at the University of Adelaide and have not studied at any other University.**
  - **NO**
  - **I have completed a degree from the University of Adelaide.**
    - **NO**
    - **YES** I have started or completed degree level study at another University.
  
  - **YES** You are not eligible for entry into the Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery degree at the University of Adelaide

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**Entry pathways**

**Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander applicant**

Indigenous applicants may be eligible for entry through the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Access Scheme.

Wiru Yarlu: Aboriginal Education, administers the Aboriginal Access Scheme in partnership with the Faculty of Health Science’s Indigenous Student Support Officer and Admissions Team to offer Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians an alternative entry pathway to the following degrees:

- Bachelor of Dental Surgery
- Bachelor of Health and Medical Sciences
- Bachelor of Health and Medical Sciences (Advanced)
- Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery
- Bachelor of Nursing
- Bachelor of Psychological Sciences

Aboriginal Access Scheme applicants are assessed on several factors such as; your educational history, employment experiences, understanding of the chosen degree of study and other factors that demonstrate your skills and desires to study; as well as an interview. The interview panel will include an Indigenous Student Support Officer, a representative from the academic area in which you are seeking enrolment and a student representative.

Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery, Bachelor of Dental Surgery and Bachelor of Oral Health applicants will be also required to attend a formal interview through the Faculty of Health Sciences.

To be eligible for the Aboriginal Access Scheme you must:

- be 17 years of age or older,
- be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent,
- identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander,
- be accepted as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander by the community in which you live, or have lived.

1. Make contact with the Faulty of Health Sciences, Indigenous Student Support Officer to discuss specific course information such as prerequisite subjects and your interest in applying through the scheme.
2. Applicants wishing to study the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery or Bachelor of Dental Surgery must apply to sit the Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admissions Test (UMAT).
3. Submit a South Australian Tertiary Admission Centre (SATAC) application online
4. Complete and submit the Aboriginal Access Scheme application and return to Wiru Yarlu: Aboriginal Education
5. Attend an interview during the selections period
6. If you are successful you will receive an offer through SATAC.

For more information visit: [adelaide.edu.au/wiru-yarlu](http://adelaide.edu.au/wiru-yarlu)
E: wiru.yarlu@adelaide.edu.au

**Tertiary Transfer (Higher Education) applicant**

**Who is eligible?**

If you wish to be considered as a Higher Education applicant your only record of study MUST be from the University of Adelaide. You must not have a tertiary record from any other Australian or overseas University.

**Please note:** First round interview invitations do NOT take into account an applicant’s academic record. Applicants that have commenced University study are urged to consider their eligibility before applying or accepting an interview invitation.

Due to the highly integrated curriculum in the MBBS degree at the University of Adelaide, domestic applicants are not eligible transfer for entry into the later years of the degree or apply for advanced standing from another University Medical degree. Applicants will not receive any recognition for prior learning.

**Requirements**

Higher Education applicants are required to sit the UMAT test and gain a competitive score to be invited to an interview. We will use your Grade Point Average in lieu of an ATAR or IB.

Your study at the University of Adelaide must be a minimum of one year full-time (or part-time equivalent) study and maximum of two years full-time (or part-time equivalent) study. Tertiary Transfer applicants must also meet the prerequisite subject requirements.

To meet the minimum academic threshold as a Tertiary Transfer applicant:

First year students must have between 18 and 24 units of level one study and have achieved at least a credit average (Grade Point Average (GPA) of 5.0 or more) across all subjects.

Second year students must have between 24 and 48 units of level 1 and 2 study and have achieved at least a credit average (GPA of 5.0 or more) across all subjects.

Third year students (having studied one or more level three subjects or with more than 48 units of study) are not eligible for entry into the MBBS degree at the University of Adelaide and should consider graduate medicine pathways.
Entry pathways

Rural applicant
Applicants who, as of 31 December in the year prior to degree commencement, have spent at least five years in an area with an Australian Standard Geographic Classification - Remoteness Areas (ASGC-RA) of ASG-RA 2-5 - since beginning primary school are eligible to apply under the Rural Background Entry Pathway.

The five-year time frame is based on the location of a applicant’s primary residence. For guidance on Remoteness Area locations (RA), please visit the website below and use the search tool at Remoteness Area Location (RA).


Students applying for the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery degree via the Rural Background entry pathway will need to complete a Statutory Declaration form. Applicants must submit this form to SATAC within 5 WORKING DAYS of submitting their SATAC application.

Once the Statutory Declaration form is completed you must submit the original form directly to SATAC (PO Box 2, Rundle Mall, SA 5000).

Proof of rural origin
Applicants of rural origin will be required to sign a statutory declaration as the only acceptable proof of rural background. The University of Adelaide and the Faculty of Health Sciences may audit students admitted under the rural pathway.

If you are audited, you will need to provide, within 3 weeks of our request, one or more of the following documents to confirm that you are of rural origin:

> A letter from a medical practitioner, dentist, lawyer, school principal, employer or other member of the rural community confirming that you have lived in the rural area for at least five years since beginning primary school. The letter should include your rural address or the town in which you resided, and the position and contact details of the author. Letters from family members will not be accepted.

> School reports or certificates that include your name and clearly identify the school.

> Invoices, lease agreements and other legal documents that confirm your rural address during the relevant period.

All documents should be original or certified copies of originals.

Secondary school leavers
To be considered as a secondary school leaver, applicants are not permitted to have a tertiary academic record of study from a University, i.e. never enrolled in to a Bachelor degree or higher level program at an Australian or overseas University.

For full details of Tertiary Entrance Rules under the SACE/NTCE refer to the “Tertiary Entrance Booklet 2017, 2018, 2019” published by SATAC (available at their website satac.edu.au).

Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT)
STAT applicants are still required to sit the UMAT and gain a competitive score to be invited to an interview. We use your STAT result (converted to a rank) in lieu of an ATAR. To meet the minimum academic threshold as a STAT applicant, you must achieve a STAT score in the top decile and must also meet the prerequisite subject requirements.

The STAT is a series of tests designed to assess a range of competencies considered important for success in tertiary study. It assesses your ability to think critically and analyse the material given, rather than testing your knowledge of specific academic subjects. For further information on STAT:

acer.edu.au/tests/stat

If you have no formal qualifications on which to base your application to a tertiary institution, you may be eligible to be considered for entry to a course by sitting the STAT. To be eligible to sit the test, you need to be over 18 (as of 1st February 2016) and have never been enrolled in a course leading to a higher education level award.

To apply to take the STAT, you must select the option as part of your SATAC application to university. You will be able to pay for the test and choose your sitting time during your application.
Commonwealth Supported Places

From 2016 Domestic Applicants MUST state their preferred Commonwealth Supported Place types at the time of application to SATAC. It is an applicant’s responsibility to be informed about the nature of and eligibility requirements of the two different commonwealth supported place types.

The federal government has advised all Australian medical schools that approximately 25 per cent of the overall CSP places must be allocated as a Bonded Medical Place (BMP).

What are Commonwealth Supported Places types?

There are two different types of Commonwealth Supported Places (CSP) available in the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery degree for domestic students (only)

> 314552 NON-BONDED MEDICAL PLACE
These places have no return of service obligations after graduation.

> 314553 BONDED MEDICAL PLACE (BMP)
Students accepting these places undertake to work in an area of workforce shortage after completing their professional training.

This Scheme provides a Commonwealth-supported place in an Australian medical school, for which recipients are required to work in a district of workforce shortage or Modified Monash Model location 4-7 for a period of time equal to 12 months. It can be worked in blocks of no less than 12 weeks. This period can be completed between commencing internship and five years after fellowship is achieved.

By indicating a preference for a BMP, upon accepting an offer, the student will be required to sign a contract provided by the Commonwealth Government. The University of Adelaide advises potential students to seek early legal advice. You must be an Australian Citizen or Australian Permanent Resident at the time of application to be eligible to apply for a BMP.

For more detailed information contact:
Telephone: 1800 987 104 (free call)
Email: BMPscheme@health.gov.au
Web: health.gov.au/bmpscheme

BMP eligibility criteria example

A New Zealand citizen cannot accept a Bonded Medical Place because they are not eligible to lawfully enter into the deed of agreement.

The University or SATAC cannot make any assumptions about an applicant’s eligibility or willingness to enter into such an agreement before making an offer of a Bonded Medical Place in the MBBS degree.
Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery

Domestic key dates

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Domestic contacts

Who to contact with any questions

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Phone: (08) 8313 5208
Free-call (outer Adelaide, SA and interstate only): 1800 061 459
Enquire online: [www.adelaide.edu.au/student/enquiries](http://www.adelaide.edu.au/student/enquiries)

SATAAC
Website: [www.satac.edu.au](http://www.satac.edu.au)
T: (08) 8224 4000
T: 1300 138 440 (local call cost)

UMAT Office at ACER
T: (03) 8508 7643
International: +61 3 8508 7643
Email: umat@acer.edu.au
Website: [www.acer.edu.au](http://www.acer.edu.au)

Faculty of Health Sciences
askhealthsciences@adelaide.edu.au
Postal Address:
Faculty of Health Sciences
Level 2, Barr Smith South building
The University of Adelaide
SA 5005 AUSTRALIA

Please note all official communication will be sent from fhsadmissions@adelaide.edu.au and suggest you add this address to your email account contact list.
**International entry overview**

**Application process**

1. **Step 1: Online application**
   - **PQA registration**

2. **Step 2: Sit the PQA**

3. **Step 3: Interview**

4. **Step 4: English Language Requirements**

5. **Step 5: Study prerequisites**

6. **Step 6: Academic score**

**Application outcome**

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**Merit Ranking Process**

Applicants will be ranked in consideration for an offer being considered for an offer based on their performance in the three components of the admissions process:

- Interview Results: First Ranking Level
- PQA Results: Second Ranking Level
- Academic Results: Meets threshold and Final Ranking Level (to separate applicants with equal summed Interview and PQA scores).

**Please note:** personal statements, testimonials, character/school/work references, awards, certificates and predicted results do not make up any of the selection components and will not be considered. Applicants are asked not to submit these documents to the University.

Feedback on an individual’s performance and overall ranking will NOT be released by the University. Information regarding an applicant and their application is confidential and will not be released to an advocate of the applicant, whether family or friends. No appeals on behalf of an applicant will be considered.

**Step 1. Online application**

All international applicants must submit a formal application online via the University of Adelaide’s International website international.adelaide.edu.au/apply/application

The online application will include registration to sit the Personal Qualities Assessment (PQA). Applicants will be prompted to select the relevant PQA test venue on the application system.

Applicants must submit their application and payments prior to 11:59pm (ACST Time) Tuesday June 30 2016.

Late applications will not be accepted.

Applicants who have not yet completed their current qualification will still be required to apply by June 30.

**PQA fees**

The fee to sit the PQA is AUD $500.00.

Payment must be submitted to complete a valid registration, before the close of business on Thursday 30 June 2016. An applicant will be refused entry to sit the PQA test if payment has not been received correctly. Payment is made via credit card and no late payments will be accepted.

An applicant may cancel their registration but please note that the PQA registration fee is non-refundable.

**Step 2. Personal Qualities Assessment (PQA)**

The Personal Qualities Assessment (PQA) is an instrument designed to assess a range of personal qualities considered to be important for the study and practice of medicine, dentistry and other health professions.

Please refer to the Personal Qualities Assessment website for further information regarding the contents of the test: pqa.net.au

Your PQA result forms part of the selection into the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) degree and remains the property of the University of Adelaide, Faculty of Health Sciences.

PQA results can only be used for one admissions cycle. Results from the PQA test will determine whether or not an applicant receives an invitation to an interview.

If your PQA result does not rank you highly enough for an invitation to an interview, any requests for special consideration for an interview will be declined.

**Test dates and locations**

The Faculty will be offering the PQA test in the following locations:

- Singapore - Tuesday 2 August 2016
- Toronto, Canada - Wednesday 3 August 2016
- Adelaide, Australia - Thursday 4 August 2016
- Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia - Friday 5 August 2016

Applicants will be advised of venue specifics upon registration for the PQA at the time of application. Applicants are advised that only results from tests taken on these dates at these locations will be considered by the University.

**PQA Frequently Asked Questions**

**Question 1: How do I pay the PQA fee?**

Answer 1: Payment of the PQA fee is made at the time of application by credit card.

**Question 2: Can I opt for an alternative PQA venue after it has been booked?**

Answer 2: Only if there is availability at an alternate University venue on the date of the PQA test. Please send all requests as a return email from your application acknowledgment.

**Question 3: What is the appropriate dress code for the PQA?**

Answer 3: Smart casual wear is appropriate.

**Question 4: Are there any practice tests available for the PQA?**

Answer 4: Applicants do not require any specific preparation or knowledge to undertake PQA. However the PQA website has example questions to view.

**Question 5: Can I bring a dictionary into the PQA?**

Answer 5: No, a dictionary is not allowed into the PQA venue. It is an assumption that the applicants vocabulary skills are at the required level.
Question 6: I did the PQA last year; do I need to do it again?
Answer 6: Yes you must sit the test again, results are only valid for one admission cycle.

Question 7: Can I know my score for the PQA?
Answer 7: The University of Adelaide does not release individual results to applicants.

Question 8: How long does the PQA take?
Answer 8: The PQA is approximately three hours in duration.

Step 3. Interviews

There will be one round of interviews for the MBBS degree held in late September through to early October 2016. Only those applicants who attend an interview will remain in the final ranked list to be eligible for an offer in the MBBS degree.

Invitations to interviews will be extended via email on Thursday 1 September 2016 to the email address provided at the time of application. Applicants who are not successful in obtaining an interview will also be notified on this date.

Selection for interviews

Invitations for an interview will be based on performance in the PQA, and will be extended via email by the Faculty of Health Sciences to the address supplied on application. In this email successful applicants will receive an individual username and password to book an interview online.

Booking an interview

Eligible applicants will be able to select an interview from a limited number of sessions on a first come, first served basis. Once filled, scheduling into one of these session due to (but not limited to), previously arranged travel, school and personal commitments or conflicting interview times with other Universities will be declined.

It is an applicant’s responsibility to ensure that they are available during the nominated times as interviews will not be conducted outside these dates. Requests for interviews outside of the nominated times will be declined.

Can I reschedule after the booking system has closed?

Once bookings have closed, an interview cannot be rescheduled except for extreme medical/compassionate circumstances. A request to reschedule under these circumstances must be submitted in writing to the Faculty Admissions Coordinator (with supporting documentation) for consideration within 5 business days of the original interview. An interview will not be rescheduled for reasons such as (but not limited to) transportation problems or delayed/cancelled flights for those travelling from interstate and overseas.

Where will interviews be held?

Interviews for successful applicants will only be conducted in the following locations:

- Adelaide - interviews conducted face-to-face only
- Toronto, Canada - interviews conducted via video conferencing
- Singapore - interviews conducted via video conferencing

Please note: Skype, MSN and Yahoo Chat requests will not be accepted.

Interview criteria

The interview comprises a series of scenarios and associated questions focusing on the applicant’s:

- Motivation
- Communication Skills
- Critical Thinking/Problem Solving
- Compatibility with the degree
- Demonstration of attention to detail and professional behaviour.

Can I prepare?

Applicants are encouraged to prepare for the interview but are discouraged from reciting rehearsed responses. Attempts at rehearsing for the interview often trigger “rehearsed” rather than “natural” responses which can lessen the overall performance.

Interview structure

The interview will be generally 20 minutes in length and will be conducted by an experienced interviewer. The interview will assess skills and qualities which are considered important for undertaking the relevant degree and for future professional practice in that field. All interviewers are volunteers who have completed a University of Adelaide training program.

They are recruited from the following groups:

- Academic, Clinical Academic, and professional staff of the University of Adelaide
- Graduates from the Medical Degree
- Persons drawn from the wider community.

Each applicant will be given the first name of the interviewer. The only information the interviewer will have regarding the applicant is the applicant’s first name and application number for reference purposes.
Step 4. English Language Requirements

The IELTS (International English Language Testing System) Academic Test is the preferred English language proficiency qualification, but the University may accept other evidence of proficiency in English in individual cases.

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All international applicants undertaking an Australian year 12 program are required to achieve a Pass grade or above in one of the approved English as a Second Language or English Language subjects. Satisfactory completion of one of these subjects ensures that each international applicant meets the minimum English language proficiency requirements of the University of Adelaide. In the event that a student does not pass the English subject, alternative options are available, such as presenting an acceptable IELTS or TOEFL result.

Step 5. Study prerequisites
One subject in Chemistry or Mathematics or Biology

Step 6. Academic score

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Step 7. International ranking for offers

The University can only rank applicants for an offer once all parts of the selection process have been completed for all applicants.

The checking of academic results may not be possible for some applicants until exam results are known in December. This means that offers will be made on an ongoing basis right up until late February/early March.

Offers will be forwarded to the applicant’s/agent’s email address as advised on the application. The University will not make conditional offers to applicants of the MBBS degree.

How do I accept?

Applicants receiving an offer must return the required acceptance payment and documents before the acceptance closing dates as specified in the official letter from SATAC.

When will offers be made?

The University of Adelaide’s Admissions Office will make offers from Late October 2016 to February 2017 on a rolling basis until all places in the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) degree are filled.

Do you accept forecast results?

The University of Adelaide will not make offers based on forecast academic results.

International students studying in Australia

All international applicants must submit a formal application online visit: international.adelaide.edu.au/apply and select Step 4: Apply online.

The online application also serves as the registration to sit the PQA and applicants will be prompted to select a PQA test venue. Application and payment must be submitted prior to the June 2016 deadline. Applicants who have not yet completed their current qualification will still be required to apply by this date. Late applications will not be accepted.

Please note: In addition to this application, any applicant studying for an Australian Year 12 qualification or for the IB in Australia must also apply directly to SATAC before the September 30 closing date in order for SATAC to access your academic results.

Immigration status

Please see page 6.
International contacts

Who to contact with any questions

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