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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 130 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.

Adelaide Health and Medical Sciences (AHMS) building

In 2017, the Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences entered an exciting new era in health education with the opening of the 14-floor, $246 million Adelaide Health and Medical Sciences (AHMS) building. Located in the heart of the South Australian Health and Biomedical Precinct, alongside the new Royal Adelaide Hospital and South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute (SAHMRI), the AHMS building is the new home of the Adelaide Medical School. The building also houses Adelaide Health Simulation, the Adelaide Nursing School, Adelaide Dental School and Adelaide Dental Hospital.

The AHMS brings together more than 1600 students and 600 health researchers in a vibrant and innovative environment where learning and discovery work hand-in-hand.

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 practise 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 commonly encountered and socially significant 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 is 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, final year students can focus on their clinical practice and professional development.
Inherent requirements

The medical degree places substantial demands on students. The learning style and assessment techniques are likely to be different from those experienced elsewhere. Clinical placements 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 with hours of attendance. For more details, visit: health.adelaide.edu.au/admissions/medicine/inherent-requirements

Incidental fees

There will be additional costs, over and above tuition fees for all Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) students, this includes (but is not limited to) textbooks, equipment, required immunisations, clearance renewals, first aid certificates, student amenities fees etc. For further information visit: adelaide.edu.au/student/finance/other-fees

Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery

SATA CODE:
314552 non-bonded CSP place
314553: bonded medical place
DURATION: 6 years full-time
LOCATION: North Terrace campus
MID-YEAR ENTRY: No
DEFERRAL: Yes up to two years

Please note that strict quotas apply to the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery degree.

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 4 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.

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. Medicine 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.

Medicine clinical placement requirements

> Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency student registration
> Department for Communities and Social Inclusion screening for Child Related, Aged Care and Vulnerable Persons
> immunisations
> prescribed communicable infections screening
> tuberculosis screening
> clinical placement deed poll
> hand hygiene.

Students who do not meet the above requirements are at risk of not completing the degree. Please note placements are compulsory and information on the above will be provided when students commence. For more details, visit: health.adelaide.edu.au/current-students/clinical-placements

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 practise in Australia after graduation must be aware of the criteria for obtaining a Medicare Provider Number. Refer to medicareaustralia.gov.au

International applicants should note that successful completion of this degree may not qualify them to practise/register in their home country. Applicants will have to contact the relevant health registration bodies of their home country for further information.

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Domestic or international applicant?

Is the applicant:

An Australian Citizen?

- Yes
- No

An Australian Permanent Resident?

- Yes
- No

A New Zealand Citizen?

- Yes
- No

A Permanent Humanitarian Visa holder?

- Yes
- No

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Immigration status

Change in immigration status during the application process

> International applicants to the MBBS degree whose residency status changes during the application process (i.e. they obtain permanent residency or some other immigration status that entitles them to the educational benefits of permanent residency), will no longer be eligible for an international student place.

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

> Applicants whose immigration status changes prior to 29 September and who have NOT lodged a parallel domestic application and/or do not meet the additional entry requirements for domestic applicants cannot be considered for a domestic offer and can no longer be considered for an international offer. These applicants will need to re-apply for domestic entry the following year in accordance with the entry policy of that year.

> Applicants whose immigration status changes after 31 October and prior to the release of international offers will 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 an applicant obtains permanent residency (or some other immigration status that entitles them to the educational benefits of permanent residency) after 29 September and prior to the release of international offers, they 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 an applicant obtains permanent residency (or some other immigration status that entitles them to the educational benefits of permanent residency) after they accept their offer and before completing their first year of study in the MBBS degree, they will not be able to remain in that degree.

Change in immigration status during studies

International students who obtain permanent residency (or another applicable immigration status that entitles them to the educational benefits of permanent residency) after completing their first year of study 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, availability 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, the international student must pay tuition fees for the remainder of their studies in the degree (i.e. they cannot be transferred to a Commonwealth Supported Place). If a domestic place is not available for them, they will not be able to remain in the MBBS degree.
Domestic entry overview

Application process

### 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.

### What is UMAT?

The Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT) is a aptitude exam run by the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER). It is one of the core components for entry selection into the MBBS degree.

### Step 1. UMAT registration

All applications to register and sit for the UMAT must be made directly to ACER.

For more information, please refer to the UMAT website: [umat.acer.edu.au](umat.acer.edu.au)

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 2. Sit the UMAT

Once results from the UMAT test are received by the University we will determine whether or not an applicant receives an invitation to an interview. Each of the three sections of the UMAT test will be given equal weight.

If an applicant’s UMAT result does not rank them highly enough to receive an invitation to attend an interview, any requests for special consideration for an interview will be declined.

The University of Adelaide will not alter an applicant’s UMAT score for any reason, including illness or compassionate grounds, and will not intervene or interfere in the UMAT scoring process or any application for an alternative test date. The University is not responsible for the release of UMAT scores to applicants.

### Can previous UMAT scores be used?

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 2017 can be used for undergraduate medicine or dentistry courses beginning in 2018 but not 2019.

### Step 3. SATAC application

Domestic applicants must apply through SATAC.

Visit: [satac.edu.au](satac.edu.au)

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 12.

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.

### Step 4. Interviews

There will be one round of interviews held for 2018 entry. Only applicants who attend an interview will remain in the final ranked list to be eligible for an offer into the MBBS degree.

### Invitation to interviews

Invitations to interviews will be extended via email on Thursday 26 October 2017. Applicants who are not eligible for an interview will also be notified on this date.

Interview invitations are based on performance in the UMAT, with each of the three UMAT sections having equal weight.

Approximately 800 applicants will be invited to attend an interview.

Interviews will be conducted in late November and throughout December 2017.

### Booking an interview

All eligible applicants will receive a congratulatory email from the University of Adelaide 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 time from a limited number of sessions on a first come, first served basis. During this time applicants can cancel and reschedule.

Once an interview session time has been filled, requests to schedule into it due to (but not limited to) school commitments, travel plans or conflicting interviews times with other universities will be declined.

**Please note:** The University reserves the right to run additional interview sessions if necessary.
Where are interviews held?
All domestic interviews are conducted face-to-face in Adelaide. There are no options for conducting interviews by telephone 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 interviews be rescheduled once the booking system has closed?
Once bookings have closed, an interview cannot be rescheduled except in cases of 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 five days of the original interview. Please submit all rescheduling requests to admissions@adelaide.edu.au

Please note: 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.

Preparing for the interview
Applicants are encouraged to prepare for the interview but are discouraged from reciting rehearsed responses. Attempts at rehearsing for the interview often trigger ‘rehearsed’ replies rather than ‘natural’ responses which can lessen the applicant’s 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 MBBS degree
- people 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: enquiry@adelaide.edu.au

Prerequisites for the MBBS are as follows:

SACE Stage 2: Biology or Chemistry or Mathematical Methods. If Stage 2 studies were undertaken prior to 2017, the equivalent Mathematics subject was known as 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)

OR 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.

Applying 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, applicants must achieve:

- Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR): 90 or above
- International Baccalaureate score: 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: Please see page 11.

Please note: 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 the applicant of their ATAR.

Bonus points
Please note: The MBBS degree does not consider subject bonus points and therefore the Universities Language, Literacy and Mathematics Bonus Scheme does not apply.

Bonus points for the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery degree are only available under the Universities Equity Scheme. This scheme aims to improve access to tertiary education for students who are under-represented at university. Eligible applicants will receive five bonus points. For more information, visit: adelaide.edu.au/study/high-school/getting-in/bonus, or contact enquiry@adelaide.edu.au

Step 7. Application outcome
Domestic offers will be made by SATAC, however, to secure a place in the MBBS degree applicants, 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 and Medical Sciences once SATAC offers are made.

Please note: The University reserves the right to make offers outside of the formal SATAC offer rounds and will do so until all places are filled. This can continue up until the census date.

For key university dates go to: adelaide.edu.au/student/dates/critical
How to select CommonwealthSupported Place types

All domestic applicants 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. For more information about Commonwealth Supported Places, please see page 12.

Change of preferences

A change of preference includes changing the order of the existing preferences in a SATAC application. Applicants can check or change their preferences online at satac.edu.au after they have lodged their 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. Those who wish to change the order of their existing preferences including Medicine/Surgery must do so by 3 January 2018 in order to be guaranteed equal consideration.

Deferral of study

Deferment 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 guarantee their place in future. SATAC will confirm the deferred place in mid-April 2018 and the University will be in contact in November 2018 to confirm the place for the following year. All communications regarding the deferred place will be via email.
Eligibility for entry pathways

The applicant:

- Does not have a year 12 result and has taken the STAT. **YES**
  - Special entry (STAT) applicant

- Is currently studying in their final year of High School and has not studied at university. **YES**
  - Secondary school leaver applicant

- Is currently studying in their final year of High School and is studying an ad-hoc university subject as part of their advanced study program. **YES**
  - Secondary school leaver applicant

- Has finished High School and has not studied at university. **YES**
  - Secondary school leaver applicant

- Has done fewer than two years of a degree at the University of Adelaide and has not studied at any other university. **YES**
  - Higher education/tertiary applicant

- Has done more than two years of a degree at the University of Adelaide and has not studied at any other university. **NO**
  - Has completed a degree from the University of Adelaide. **NO**
    - Has started or completed degree level study at another university. **NO**
      - The applicant is not eligible for entry into the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery degree at the University of Adelaide. **YES**
Entry pathways

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants
Indigenous applicants may be eligible for entry through the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Access Scheme. Wirltu Yarlu: Aboriginal Education, administers the Aboriginal Access Scheme in partnership with the Faculty of Health and Medical 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 Science

Aboriginal Access Scheme applicants are assessed on several factors such as: their educational history, employment experiences, understanding of the chosen degree of study, and other factors that demonstrate their 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 the applicant is seeking enrolment and a student representative.

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

Who is eligible?
To be eligible for the Aboriginal Access Scheme, applicants 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 they live, or have lived.

Application process
1. Applicants should make contact with the Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences Indigenous Student Support Officer to discuss specific course information such as prerequisite subjects and their interest in applying through the scheme.
2. Applicants wishing to study the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery, or the 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 Wirltu Yarlu: Aboriginal Education.
5. Attend an interview during the selections period.
6. If successful, applicants will receive an offer through SATAC.

For more information visit: adelaide.edu.au/wirltu-yarlu
E: wirltu.yarlu@adelaide.edu.au

Tertiary Transfer (Higher Education) applicants

Who is eligible?
To be considered for Tertiary Transfer (the Higher Education entry pathway), an applicant’s only record of study MUST be from the University of Adelaide. They must not have a tertiary record from any other Australian or overseas university. Please note: 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. The University will use an applicant’s Grade Point Average in lieu of an ATAR or IB score. These applicants must have studied at the University of Adelaide for a minimum of one year full-time (or part-time equivalent) and maximum of two years full-time (or part-time equivalent). 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 applicants

Applicants who, as of 31 December in the year prior to degree commencement, have spent at least five consecutive years, or 10 years cumulatively, in an Australian Standard Geographic Classification - Remoteness Areas (ASGC-RA) RA 2-5 area, from birth are eligible to apply under the Rural Background entry pathway.

The time frame is based on the location of an 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):

doctorconnect.gov.au/internet/otd/Publishing.nsf/Content/locator

Applicants who apply 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 five working days of submitting their SATAC application.

Once the Statutory Declaration form is completed applicants must submit the original form directly to SATAC either in hard copy to PO Box 2, Rundle Mall, SA 5000, or upload as part of the SATAC application.

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 and Medical Sciences may audit students admitted under the rural pathway.

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

> A letter from a medical practitioner, dentist, lawyer, school principal, employer or other member of the rural community confirming that the applicants has lived in the rural area for at least five consecutive years or ten years cumulatively from birth. The letter should include the applicant’s rural address or the town in which they resided, and the position and contact details of the author. Letters from family members will not be accepted.

> School reports or certificates that include the applicant’s name and clearly identify the school.

> Invoices, lease agreements and other legal documents that confirm the applicant’s 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.


Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT)

If an applicant has no formal qualifications on which to base their application to a tertiary institution, they may be eligible to be considered for entry to a course by sitting the STAT. To be eligible to sit the test, they need to be over 18 as of 1 February in the year of entry to the course, and have never been enrolled in a course leading to a higher education level award.

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

To apply to take the STAT, applicants must select the option as part of their SATAC application to university. They will be able to pay for the test and choose their sitting time during their application.

STAT applicants are still required to sit the UMAT and gain a competitive score to be invited to an interview. The University uses an applicant’s STAT result (converted to a rank) in lieu of an ATAR.

To meet the minimum academic threshold for the STAT entry pathway, applicants must achieve a STAT score in the top decile and must also meet the prerequisite subject requirements.
Commonwealth Supported Places

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. Both are available to 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.

The BMP 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 applicant will be required to sign a contract provided by the Commonwealth Government. The University of Adelaide advises potential students to seek early legal advice regarding the contract.

**Applicants must be Australian citizens or Australian permanent residents at the time of application in order 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 of Adelaide 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.
Domestic key dates

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Who to contact with any questions

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Free-call (outer Adelaide, SA and interstate only): 1800 061 459
Enquire online:
www.adelaide.edu.au/student/enquiries

SATAc
W: 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
E: umat@acer.edu.au
W: acer.edu.au

Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences
askhealthsc@adelaide.edu.au
Postal Address:
Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences Admissions
Adelaide Health and Medical Sciences building
The University of Adelaide
SA 5005, Australia

Please note all official communication will be sent from askhealthsc@ask.adelaide.edu.au. We suggest applicants add this address to their email account contact list to ensure they receive all communications from us.
International entry overview

Application process

Step 1: Online application/PQA registration
Step 2: Sit the PQA
Step 3: Interview
Step 4: English language requirements
Step 5: Study prerequisites
Step 6: Academic score

Steps 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 combined

Application outcome

Merit ranking process
Applicants will be ranked in consideration 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. To submit an application, visit international.adelaide.edu.au/apply and select Step 4: Apply.

The online application also serves as the registration to sit the Personal Qualities Assessment (PQA), and applicants will be prompted to select a relevant PQA test venue on the application system.

Applications and payment must be submitted prior to 11:59pm (ACST time) Friday 30 June, 2017. 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 International Baccalaureate (IB) in Australia must also apply directly to SATAC before the 29 September closing date in order for SATAC to access their academic results.

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 practise of medicine, dentistry and other health professions.

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

PQA results form part of the selection into the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) degree and remain the property of the University of Adelaide’s Faculty of Health and Medical 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 an applicant’s PQA result does not rank them 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:
> Adelaide - Tuesday 1 August 2017
> Malaysia - Wednesday 2 August 2017
> Toronto - Thursday 3 August 2017
> Singapore - Friday August 4 2017

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 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 Friday 30 June 2017. 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.

PQA frequently asked questions
Question 1: How do I pay the PQA fee?
Answer: 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: Only if there is availability at an alternate university venue on the date of the PQA test. All requests should be sent as a return email from the application acknowledgment email.

Question 3: What is the appropriate dress code for the PQA?
Answer: Smart casual wear is appropriate.

Question 4: Are there any practice tests available for the PQA?
Answer: 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: 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: Yes, the test must be sat again, as results are only valid for one admission cycle.

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

Question 8: How long does the PQA take?
Answer: 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 2017. 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 31 August 2017 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 University of Adelaide 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 an interview session time has been filled, requests to schedule into it due to (but not limited to) school commitments, travel plans or conflicting interviews 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 interviews be rescheduled once the booking system has closed?
Once bookings have closed, an interview cannot be rescheduled except in cases of 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 five days of the original interview. Please submit all rescheduling requests to: admissions@adelaide.edu.au

Please note, 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 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.

Preparing for the interview
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 applicant’s 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 MBBS degree
> people 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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<td>Overall band score of 7.0 AND Band score of 7.0 in all bands</td>
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International students undertaking an Australian year 12 program will meet the English language proficiency requirements with a passing grade or above in a recognised English as a Second Language or an English Language subject, as a part of the successful completion of their year 12 qualification.

International students who are not required to undertake an English subject to successfully complete their Australian year 12 qualification (or those who successfully complete their year 12 qualification but do not pass their English subject), can meet the English language proficiency requirements by achieving or exceeding the minimum score in an IELTS or another accepted English language test.

Successful completion of the International Baccalaureate Diploma meets the English language requirements of the University of Adelaide.

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 through to late February/early March. Offers will be forwarded to the applicant’s/agent’s email address as advised on their application.

How to 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 Student Recruitment and Admissions Services Office will make offers from late October 2017 to February 2018 on a rolling basis until all places in the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) degree are filled.

Does the university accept forecast results?

The University of Adelaide will issue conditional offers based on forecast results.

Immigration status

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### International key dates

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Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery

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Alternative Study

As entry into the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery 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 Bachelor of Health and Medical Sciences is a diverse and flexible degree that prepares students to tackle the major health issues facing the world today. With a unique selection of courses that draw from all the health sciences disciplines, the degree is ideal for students who are fascinated by the human body and who wish to develop a broad range of relevant, transferable and highly sought-after skills suited to a variety of careers in health.

Developed in consultation with industry partners, this innovative degree offers flexible online and part-time study options.

A year-long research placement provides practical hands-on experience, and overseas study opportunities are available to increase understanding of global health issues.

Students of the Bachelor of Health and Medical Sciences and the Bachelor of Health and Medical Sciences (Advanced) have the flexibility to select one of seven different majors spread across two different streams: Medical Health and Lifespan Health.

Medical Health majors:
> Clinical Trials
> Medical Sciences
> Neurosciences

Lifespan Health majors:
> Addiction and Mental Health
> Nutritional Health
> Public Health
> Reproductive and Childhood Health.

Bachelor of Health and Medical Sciences (Advanced)

For students who want to lead the way on health issues, the Bachelor of Health and Medical Sciences (Advanced) is an innovative degree with a global health focus that prepares them to improve the health of individuals and populations.

With an emphasis on innovation, entrepreneurship, and hands-on clinical and research skills, the degree offers a strong foundation in a wide range of health related areas and provides graduates with the knowledge and leadership skills suited to a variety of health related careers.

Students are taught by award-winning academics to develop clinical skills with a medical focus. A unique course in Hacking Health offers the chance to explore solutions to frontline healthcare problems.

With a choice of seven majors, as well as flexible online and part-time learning options, students can shape their studies to match their interests, career aspirations and lifestyle.

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