2020 BACHELOR OF MEDICINE AND BACHELOR OF SURGERY ADMISSIONS GUIDE

International Applicants

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Since its formation, over 130 years of teaching and research has led to an impressive list of groundbreaking discoveries and achievements that continue to transform health care 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 Adelaide BioMed City 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 building brings together more than 1700 students and 600 health researchers in a vibrant and innovative environment where learning and discovery work hand-in-hand.

Degree overview

The 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/study-with-us/medicine-surgery/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**

**SATAC CODE:**
- 314552: non-bonded medical place
- 314553: bonded medical place

**DURATION:**
6 years full-time

**LOCATION:**
North Terrace campus

**MID-YEAR ENTRY:**
No

**DEFERRAL:**
Yes—up to two years

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**Places available in 2020**
There are 30 International Fee Paying places for 2020.

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

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**Medicine clinical placement requirements**
Clinical Placements are compulsory and students undertaking clinical placements in medicine must satisfy a number of requirements. You will learn more about the requirements for Clinical Placement during Orientation.


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**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.

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**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](http://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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**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. A wide range of opportunities are available, 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.
ARE YOU A DOMESTIC OR INTERNATIONAL APPLICANT?

ARE YOU:

An Australian Citizen?  
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No

An Australian Permanent Resident?  
şıYES

No

A New Zealand Citizen?  
şıYES

No

A Permanent Humanitarian Visa holder?  
şıYES

No

YOU ARE A DOMESTIC APPLICANT

Download the Domestic Admissions Guide

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 you are an international student and your immigration status changes prior to 30 September and you have NOT lodged a parallel domestic application and/or you 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 you are an international student and your immigration status changes after 30 September and prior to the release of international offers, you will no longer be considered for the international cohort. You 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 you 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 the degree.

Change in immigration status during studies

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 you complete 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, you will not be able to remain in the MBBS degree.
INTERNATIONAL ENTRY OVERVIEW

Application process

Step 1. Prerequisite subjects
You must have successfully completed the prerequisite subjects.
One subject chosen from:
- Chemistry
- Mathematics
- Biology

Step 2. Academic score
Students who don’t meet the academic requirements or who have other qualifications from the South Pacific Islands, Japan, Korea, Phillipines or Taiwan may be eligible to apply for a Pre-University Pathway to prepare for or gain entry into the University’s undergraduate academic programs. For additional information visit: international.adelaide.edu.au/admissions/how-to-apply/admission-requirements

Step 3. 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 ATAR 90 ISBE [India] 95%
University of Adelaide Grade Point Average 5 SAT [US] 1410
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Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) 22 Thailand Certificate of Secondary Education 3.5
United Entrance Certificate (UEC) [Malaysia] 5 BangTot Nghiep Trung Hoc Pho Thong 9.0
General Certificate of Education (GCE) Advanced Level 12 STPM or Matrikulasi 3.33
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ISC & CBSE [India] 90% Eynesbury Foundation Program 412
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 4 - Online Application
All international applicants to MBBS, including International students studying in Australia, submit an application online via international.adelaide.edu.au/admissions/how-to-apply

Applications must be submitted prior to 11:59pm (ACST time) Sunday 30 June, 2019. Even if you have not yet completed your current qualification, you will still be required to apply by this date.

Late applications will not be accepted.

Step 5. PQA registration
You are required to register to sit the Personal Qualities Assessment (PQA) at the time of application.

The PQA is an admissions test used by the University of Adelaide for selection for admission to our medical and dental degrees. The PQA is a test that has been widely used to help universities to select applicants with the most appropriate mental abilities, attitudes, and professional behaviours required for new doctors to be successful in their clinical careers.

The University of Adelaide does not endorse any commercially available preparation courses. You are encouraged to access the practice materials available on the PQA website pqa.net.au/

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 will determine whether or not you receive 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.

PQA fees
The fee to sit the PQA is AUD $500.00. Payment must be submitted to complete a valid registration prior to 11:59pm (ACST time) on Sunday 30 June 2019. You will be refused entry to sit the PQA test if payment has not been received correctly. Payment is made via credit card. Late payments are not accepted.

Test dates and locations
The faculty will be offering the PQA in the following locations in July 2019:

- Thursday 25 July - Adelaide PQA
- Friday 26 July - Kuala Lumpur PQA
- Monday 29 July - Toronto PQA
- Tuesday 30 July - Hong Kong PQA
- Wednesday 31 July - Singapore PQA

Please note: only results from tests taken on these dates at these locations will be considered by the University. For further information about the PQA, visit the Future Student Knowledge Base, My Adelaide, at: future.ask.adelaide.edu.au/app/answers/detail/a_id/2376/kw/pqa

Step 6. Sit the PQA
Once results from the PQA are received by the University, we will determine whether or not you receive an invitation to an interview.

If your PQA result does not rank you 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 your PQA score for any reason, including illness or compassionate grounds, and will not intervene or interfere in the PQA scoring process or any application for an alternative test date. The University is not responsible for the release of PQA scores to you, and will not comment on the competitiveness of your score.

Step 7. Interview Eligibility Outcome
Interview eligibility is based on your performance in the PQA.

On Thursday 29 August 2019 you will receive an email from the University of Adelaide to the email address provided in your application. This email will contain important information on how to log into the Admissions@Adelaide system to see your interview eligibility outcome.

If you are eligible, you will be able to book an interview from a selection of times within the defined interview period on a first come, first served basis. Whilst the booking system is open you can cancel and reschedule your interview by logging back into Admissions@Adelaide.
If you are not eligible, your application for 2020 entry will not progress further and we would encourage you to action your back up plans. Only those who are eligible to attend an interview will remain in consideration for an offer into the degree.

Please note: The University cannot be held responsible if your email set-up filters the University’s email into a SPAM, Junk or other such folder – you are advised to check your email settings.

### Step 8. Interview

Approximately 160 applicants will be invited to attend an MBBS interview. There is one round of interviews for the MBBS degree which will be conducted late September to early October 2019. Please note: The University reserves the right to run additional interview sessions if necessary.

Interviews 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

Once you book an interview you will be provided with specific location details.

There is no option offered for conducting interviews by telephone or Skype, and any requests will be declined. It is your responsibility to ensure that you 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 the booking system has closed, an interview cannot be rescheduled.

An interview will not be rescheduled for reasons such as (but not limited to): you did not check your eligibility or book an interview within the timeframe, conflicting interviews times with other universities, transportation problems or delayed/cancelled flights.

A request to reschedule under medical or compassionate circumstances can be made via email to the Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences (with supporting documentation) for consideration within five days of the original interview. Please submit your request to [askhealthsc@adelaide.edu.au](mailto:askhealthsc@adelaide.edu.au). No requests on behalf of an applicant will be considered.

#### Interview criteria

The interview comprises of a series of scenarios and questions and provides an opportunity for you to demonstrate your personal qualities, including:

- Motivation and self-awareness
- Critical thinking and problem solving
- Attention to detail and professional behaviour
- Interpersonal and communication skills
- Prioritising and conscientiousness
- Aptitude for group learning and teamwork
- Compatibility and understanding of the degree and applicable health profession

#### Preparing for the interview

You 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 your overall performance. The interviews are reviewed after each cycle and the content and conduct of interviews may change from one year to the next. The University of Adelaide does not endorse any commercially available preparation courses.

#### Interview structure

The interview will be up to 20 minutes in length and will be conducted by an experienced interviewer.

Interviewers have completed a University of Adelaide training program and they are sourced from the following:

- employees of the University of Adelaide
- Academic titleholders
- alumni from the MBBS degree
- health professionals
- people drawn from the wider community
**Step 9. Offers**

Ranking for offer is based on a combination of scores from these three components weighted as follows:

- **Interview results**: first ranking level
- **PQA results**: second ranking level
- **Academic results**: meets required threshold and final ranking level (to separate applicants with equal summed Interview and PQA scores).

The University of Adelaide’s International Recruitment and Admissions Services (IRAS) will make offers from mid-October to early February. IRAS will issue conditional offers based on forecast results for International applicants. Offers will continue to be released until all places are filled and this can continue up until week four of semester.

If you applied through an Agent, your offer will be forwarded to the agent’s email address submitted in your application.

To accept your offer, you must return the required acceptance payment and documents before the acceptance closing dates specified in your offer letter. To secure your place in the MBBS degree, you must enrol in all first year courses by the deadline stated in your offer letter. Information regarding enrolment will be provided by the Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences once offers are made.

Please note: Feedback on your performance and overall ranking will not be released by the University. Information regarding applicants and their applications is confidential and will only be released to the applicant or their agent. No appeals on behalf of an applicant will be considered.

**Applying for credit**

Due to the highly integrated curriculum in the MBBS degree at the University of Adelaide, you are not eligible to apply for entry into the later years of the degree, or to apply for credit or recognition for prior learning. All students must begin the MBBS in Year 1.

**Deferral of study**

You can defer your offer to the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery for up to two years. For further information visit: future.ask.adelaide.edu.au/app/answers/detail/a_id/2437/kw/deferral
## INTERNATIONAL KEY DATES

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For key university dates, please visit: [adelaide.edu.au/student/dates/critical](https://adelaide.edu.au/student/dates/critical)

## INTERNATIONAL CONTACTS

### Who to contact with any questions

The Future Students Team's friendly and skilled staff can address all degree enquiries over the phone or online. If they do not have the answer, enquirers will be referred to faculty/school/discipline staff for expert advice.

**Future Students Team**  
**T:** (08) 8313 7335  
**Free-call (outer Adelaide, SA and interstate only):** 1800 061 459  
**Enquire online:** future.ask.adelaide.edu.au

**Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences**  
**T:** +61 8 8313 0273  
**E:** askhealthsc@ask.adelaide.edu.au
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 health care 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.

A year-long research placement provides the opportunity to gain practical experience and build professional networks, and overseas study is available to help students gain a global perspective of health issues.

“I WAS FASCINATED BY HEALTH AND THE HUMAN BODY, BUT UNSURE OF WHICH FIELD OR OCCUPATION TO PURSUE. STUDYING THIS DEGREE HAS BEEN AN ENRICHING AND EXCITING EXPERIENCE AND HAS PROVIDED ME OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE DIFFERENT AREAS WITHIN HEALTH.”

Maddison Sims
Bachelor of Health and Medical Sciences (Advanced)