

2015 Admissions Guide for International Applicants

Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences



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A guide for Doctor of:

- ◆ Medicine
- ◆ Dental Surgery
- ◆ Physiotherapy



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Doctor of Medicine (MD)	MC-DMED	071304G
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Timeline for Doctor of Medicine (MD)

Note: All dates are Australian Eastern Standard Time

MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
<p>22 March MD Sit GAMSAT.</p>	<p>14 April MD International onshore & offshore applications open (direct to University of Melbourne or via an Overseas representative).</p>	<p>2 May MD Deadline for submitting request for prerequisite assessment, where required.</p> <p>Late-May GAMSAT results released.</p> <p>31 May Last test date for MCAT (international offshore only) to be eligible for 2015 consideration.</p>	<p>23 June (11.59pm AEST) MD International Applications close.</p>
JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
<p>7 July MD Final date for MCAT scores (and any other eligible test scores) to be submitted.</p> <p>14 July MD Deadline for International applicants to submit final year Sem 1, 2014 results, if available.</p>	<p>1 August MD International interview offers released.</p> <p>11 to 12 August MD Offshore international applicants not shortlisted for interview notified.</p> <p>7 August MD Last date for offshore International applicants to accept interview offer.</p> <p>18 to 22 August MD Offshore International MMI's via Skype.</p>	<p>5 September MD Last date for onshore International applicants to accept interview offer</p> <p>11 to 12 September MD Onshore international applicants not shortlisted for interview notified.</p> <p>29 September to 3 October MD Onshore International Interviews held.</p>	<p>20 to 21 October MD International Offers released.</p>
NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY 2015	FEBRUARY 2015
<p>5 November MD Onshore & Offshore international applicants' deadline for accepting unconditional offer and paying deposit.</p> <p>Ongoing Additional offers made to fill vacancies.</p> <p>10 November MD Deadline for offshore international applicants to meet any conditions of offer.</p> <p>14 – 17 November Unsuccessful applicants advised of outcome.</p>	<p>Ongoing Additional offers made to fill vacancies</p>	<p>Ongoing MD Additional offers made to fill vacancies.</p> <p>6 January MD Deadline for Onshore international applicant results and other offer conditions to be met. This includes any single subject enrolments to meet prerequisite requirements.</p> <p>23 January MD Enrolment deadline.</p>	<p>2 February MD classes commence.</p>

Timeline for Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS)

Note: All dates are Australian Eastern Standard Time

MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
<p>22 March DDS Sit GAMSAT.</p>	<p>14 April DDS International onshore & offshore applications open (direct to University of Melbourne or via an Overseas representative).</p>	<p>2 May DDS Deadline for submitting request for prerequisite assessment, where required.</p> <p>Late May GAMSAT results released.</p> <p>31 May Last test date for MCAT (international offshore only) to be eligible for 2015 consideration. NB: MCAT will not be accepted for the 2016 intake and beyond.</p>	<p>23 June (11.59pm AEST) DDS International Applications close.</p>
<p>7 July DDS Final date for MCAT scores (and any other eligible test scores) to be submitted.</p> <p>14 July DDS Deadline for International applicants to submit final year Semester 1, 2014 results, if available.</p>			<p>20 to 21 October DDS International Offers dispatched.</p> <p>27 October DDS Web status update on application process.</p>
<p>17 November DDS Deadline for ALL international applicants with unconditional offers to accept offer and pay deposit DDS Deadline for offshore international applicants to meet any conditions of offer. This includes any single subject enrolments to meet prerequisite requirements.</p>	<p>Ongoing Additional offers made to fill vacancies.</p> <p>19 December DDS Deadline for Onshore international applicants to submit final results and to meet any other offer conditions. This includes any single subject enrolments to meet prerequisite requirements.</p>	<p>Ongoing DDS Additional offers made to fill vacancies.</p> <p>12 January DDS Final advice concerning application status dispatched.</p> <p>22/23 January DDS Orientation.</p> <p>23 January DDS Enrolment deadline.</p> <p>27 January DDS Classes commence.</p>	

Timeline for Doctor of Physiotherapy (DPT)

Note: All dates are Australian Eastern Standard Time

MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
	<p>1 April DPT International offshore applications open (direct to University of Melbourne or via an Overseas representative).</p> <p>14 April DPT International onshore & offshore applications open (direct to University of Melbourne or via an Overseas representative).</p>	<p>2 May DPT Deadline for submitting request for prerequisite assessment, where required</p>	<p>6 June DPT Early round offshore international applications close.</p> <p>20 June DPT Offshore early round International Skype interview offers released.</p> <p>30 June DPT Offshore early round applicants not shortlisted for interview notified.</p> <p>30 June to 4 July DPT Offshore early round international Skype MMI's.</p>
JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
<p>30 June to 4 July DPT Offshore early round international Skype MMI's.</p> <p>18 July DPT International onshore applications close.</p> <p>28 July to 1 August DPT International Offshore early round offers released.</p>	<p>1 August DPT Offshore international 2nd round applications close.</p> <p>15 August DPT Offshore 2nd round International interview offers released.</p> <p>29 August DPT Offshore 2nd round International applicants not shortlisted for interview notified.</p> <p>29 August DPT Offers of interviews for onshore international applications.</p> <p>25 to 29 August DPT Offshore 2nd round international MMI's via Skype.</p>	<p>8 to 11 September DPT Onshore international applicants not shortlisted for interview notified.</p> <p>29 September to 3 October DPT Onshore International Interviews held.</p>	<p>13 to 17 October DPT Onshore, and offshore 2nd round, international offers dispatched.</p>
NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY 2015	FEBRUARY 2015
	<p>Ongoing Additional offers made to fill vacancies</p> <p>18 December DPT Deadline for final results and other offer conditions to be met. This includes any single subject enrolments to meet prerequisite requirements.</p>		<p>6 February DPT Orientation.</p> <p>9 February DPT Classes commence.</p>

Admission policies

Offers

Successful applicants will be given a firm date by which to accept an offer of a place and offers not accepted according to the instructions in the offer letter by that date will lapse.

Applicants accepting an MD fee offer at the University of Melbourne will be required to submit an *MD Student Financial Plan*.

Deferral

Deferral of a place is unlikely and will only be granted in exceptional and unforeseen circumstances.

More information can be found at the sites for the respective Schools:

MD <http://medicine.unimelb.edu.au/students/policies#MD>

DDS http://www.dent.unimelb.edu.au/dsweb/future_students/dds/index.html

DPT http://physioth.unimelb.edu.au/entry_to_practice/doctor_of_physiotherapy

Admission irregularities

Applicants should be aware that the presentation of forged documents is a criminal offence in Australia and that the University may take appropriate action against such cases. For the purpose of university admission, the withholding of information and the submission of incorrect or misleading information are deemed fraudulent. Action taken in such cases may include cancellation of an application for admission, of an offer of admission, or of an enrolment.

If you have been offered a place in another course and you intend to accept that place, then please withdraw your application for all MDHS postgraduate coursework programs to allow other applicants to be considered.

Application process

Applications received after the closing date will not be assessed.

International applicants apply either direct to the [International Admissions at the University of Melbourne](#) or via an Overseas Representative of the University (refer to <http://offshore.unimelb.edu.au/OverseasReps.aspx> for a list of overseas representatives). There is a \$A100 non-refundable assessment fee for applications.

Guaranteed entry for school-leavers to graduate professional entry programs

International applicants eligible to apply as part of University of Melbourne Guaranteed entry for school-leavers to graduate professional entry programs (<http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/courses/graduate/professional-entry-programs>) must apply direct to International Admissions at the University of Melbourne. The online application form will ask if you are applying as part of the Graduate Course Guarantee program.

Refer to <http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/admissions> for further information about the application process.

Selection criteria

Selection Criteria - <http://www.unimelb.edu.au/abp/pdf/mdhs.pdf>

Doctor of Medicine [400 credit points]

1. The Selection Committee will evaluate the applicant's ability to pursue the course successfully using the following criteria:

- either;
an undergraduate degree in any discipline, with studies to have been completed within 10 years of commencing the Doctor of Medicine; OR
for applicants whose most recently completed undergraduate degree was completed 10 or more years before 1 January of the year in which the applicant intends to commence the Doctor of Medicine, a Graduate Diploma, Master or PhD degree or equivalent completed within 10 years before 1 January of the year in which the applicant intends to commence the Doctor of Medicine;
- successful completion of prerequisite studies in anatomy, physiology and biochemistry consisting of at least one subject at second-year level of each, with prerequisite subjects to have been completed within 10 years of commencing the Doctor of Medicine; AND
- performance in the Graduate Australian Medical Schools Admission Test (GAMSAT) or for international students who are located overseas only, either the GAMSAT or the North American Medical Colleges Admission Test (MCAT); all sections in the GAMSAT will be weighted equally.

2. The Selection Committee will shortlist applicants for multi-mini interview on the basis of their performance in previous studies, using a Grade Point Average (GPA) computed in a manner approved by the Academic Board for the Doctor of Medicine, and their results in the GAMSAT or MCAT. Offers will be made on the basis of a combined ranked list where ranks by GPA, GAMSAT (or MCAT) and interview are given equal weighting.

Notes

1. In considering students under special entry schemes, the Selection Committee will consider aspects of disadvantage as set out from time to time in the University of Melbourne Graduate Access policy, evidence of rurality for rural applicants, and confirmation of aboriginality for indigenous applicants.

2. Students applying for the Doctor of Medicine from the University of Melbourne degrees of Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Biomedicine who meet entry and course requirements for a guaranteed place are admitted subject only to meeting any minimum grade point average as prescribed by the Academic Board; satisfactory performance at an interview to demonstrate adequate communication skills; and completion of relevant prerequisite subjects.

English Language Requirements

All applicants must meet the University's minimum English language requirements. Information about the requirements for entry to the MD can be found at <https://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/admissions/entry-requirements/language-requirements/graduate-toefl-ielts>

In order to be considered for entry to the MD, applicants must have a minimum GPA of 5.0 and a minimum GAMSAT average of 50 (with 50 in each section of the test). A minimum MCAT score has not been set for the Doctor of Medicine (MD). It should be noted that these are minimums only and that entry is highly competitive. No applicants have been admitted to the MD in the years 2012 to 2014 with scores below these minimums.

As a result of the ranking method described above, there were no discrete cut-off marks for either GPA or GAMSAT or MCAT.

Doctor of Dental Surgery [400 credit points]

1. The Selection Committee will evaluate the applicant's ability to pursue the course successfully using the following criteria:

- either;
an undergraduate degree in any discipline, with studies to have been completed within 10 years of commencing the Doctor of Dental Surgery; OR
for applicants whose most recently completed undergraduate degree was completed 10 or more years before 1 January of the year in which the applicant intends to commence the Doctor of Dental Surgery, a Graduate Diploma, Master or PhD degree or equivalent completed within 10 years before 1 January of the year in which the applicant intends to commence the Doctor of Dental Surgery; AND
- successful completion of prerequisite studies in anatomy, physiology and biochemistry at second-year level or equivalent, with prerequisite subjects to have been completed within 10 years of commencing the Doctor of Dental Surgery; AND
- performance in the Graduate Australian Medical Schools Admission Test (GAMSAT) or, for international students residing overseas, performance in the North American MCAT (Medical College Admission Test)*, or the United States DAT (Dental Admission Test) or the Canadian DAT (Dental Aptitude Test) or the UK GAMSAT (the Graduate Medical School Admissions Test) or the UK BMat (Biomedical Admissions Test); all sections in the GAMSAT will be weighted equally.

2. The performance of applicants in their previous studies will be assessed using a Grade Point Average (GPA) computed in a manner approved by the Academic Board for the Doctor of Dental Surgery. Offers will be made on the basis of a combined ranked list where ranks by GPA and by GAMSAT, MCAT or DAT are given equal weighting.

3. The Selection Committee may conduct interviews and tests and may call for referee reports or employer references to elucidate any of the matters referred to above.

Notes

1. In considering students under special entry schemes the Selection Committee will consider aspects of disadvantage as set out from time to time in the University of Melbourne Graduate Access policy.
2. Students applying for the Doctor of Dental Surgery from the University of Melbourne New Generation undergraduate degrees who meet entry and course requirements for a guaranteed place are admitted subject only to meeting any minimum grade point average as prescribed by the Academic Board and completion of relevant prerequisite subjects.

*for the 2015 intake only. MCAT has been removed as an acceptable test for the 2016 intake and beyond.

English Language Requirements

All applicants must meet the University's minimum English language requirements. Information about the requirements for entry to the DDS can be found at <https://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/admissions/entry-requirements/language-requirements/graduate-toefl-ielts>

A minimum GPA or GAMSAT has not been set for the Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS).

There were no discrete cut-off marks for either GPA or GAMSAT or other tests.

Doctor of Physiotherapy [300 credit points]

1. The Selection Committee will evaluate the applicant's ability to pursue successfully the course using the following criteria:

- either;
an undergraduate degree in any discipline, studies to have been completed within 10 years of commencing the Doctor of Physiotherapy; OR
for applicants whose most recently completed undergraduate degree was completed 10 or more years before 1 January of the year in which the applicant intends to commence the Doctor of Physiotherapy, a Graduate Diploma, Master or PhD degree or equivalent completed within 10 years before 1 January of the year in which the applicant intends to commence the Doctor of Physiotherapy; AND
- successful completion of prerequisite University subjects in human anatomy and in human physiology or equivalent (one subject of each), with prerequisite subjects to have been completed within 10 years of commencing the Doctor of Physiotherapy; AND
- performance in a Multi-Mini Interview

2. The Selection Committee will shortlist applicants for multi-mini Interview on the basis of their performance in previous undergraduate studies, using a Grade Point Average (GPA) computed in a manner approved by the Academic Board for the Doctor of Physiotherapy. Offers will be made on the basis of a combined ranked list where ranks by GPA and interview are given equal weighting.

Notes

1. In considering students under special entry schemes, the Selection Committee will consider aspects of disadvantage as set out from time to time in the University of Melbourne Graduate Access policy.
2. Students applying for the Doctor of Physiotherapy from the University of Melbourne New Generation undergraduate degrees who meet entry and course requirements for a guaranteed place are admitted subject only to meeting any minimum grade point average as prescribed by the Academic Board; to satisfactory performance at an interview to demonstrate adequate communication skills; and completion of relevant prerequisite subjects.

English Language Requirements

All applicants must meet the University's minimum English language requirements. Information about the requirements for entry to the DPT can be found at <https://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/admissions/entry-requirements/language-requirements/graduate-toefl-ielts>

A minimum GPA has not been set for the Doctor of Physiotherapy (DPT).

Applicants are ranked for interview based on the weighted GPA.

Prerequisite requirements

Prerequisite subject assessment

The MD, DDS and DPT all require the completion of specified prerequisite subjects.

Applicants to the Doctor of Medicine and the Doctor of Dental Surgery must have completed approved prerequisite second year level (or equivalent) studies in anatomy, physiology and biochemistry. Applicants to the Doctor of Physiotherapy must have completed appropriate subjects in human anatomy and physiology. Refer to the selection criteria on pages 6-8 for details.

A list of subjects which have already been assessed to determine equivalency is available at:
<http://www.sc.mdhs.unimelb.edu.au/prerequisites>

Applicants should check this list to determine whether they are eligible for consideration. If the subjects you have studied are not included on these lists, you may apply online by 2 May 2014 to have your subjects assessed.

Applicants who submit their assessment request by 2 May 2014 will be advised via email of the outcome prior to the closing date for applications. We are happy to assess combinations of subjects if you feel that this combination covers the required content. Details about how to submit your request and the information required can be found at <http://www.sc.mdhs.unimelb.edu.au/prerequisites>

For applicants completing undergraduate degrees at The University of Melbourne, the following subjects satisfy the prerequisite requirements:

Anatomy: [ANAT20006 Principles of Human Structure](#)
Biochemistry: [BCMB20002 Biochemistry and Molecular Biology](#)
Physiology: [PHYS20008 Human Physiology](#)

Graduates of the [Bachelor of Biomedicine](#) at The University of Melbourne automatically meet the prerequisite requirements.

Other subjects from The University of Melbourne can be found on the MDHS Student Centre website.

Undergraduate degree

All applicants must have completed, or be in the final year of, an undergraduate degree. Australian degrees must be from a Commonwealth accredited institution (see <http://www.teqsa.gov.au/national-register>). For those in the final year of study, satisfactory completion of the degree in 2014 will be a condition of entry. Applicants enrolled in a combined degree must complete both awards in order to have their offer confirmed. Note that if you cannot complete and provide evidence of completion of your degree in the 2014 calendar year, any offer you have received that is conditional upon completion of your current degree will be withdrawn.

An undergraduate degree is defined as a degree of at least three years duration when studied full-time, or equivalent, from a recognised university. Therefore, 2 year bachelor degrees or 1 year conversion degrees are not recognized for the purposes of admission to these programs.

Grade Point Average (GPA)

All applicants will have a GPA calculated in accordance with the guidelines published on the GEMSAS website (www.gemsas.edu.au).

Applicants may wish to calculate their GPA using the GPA calculator and/or according to the instructions on the GEMSAS website (www.gemsas.edu.au/gpa-calculations). Applicants whose degrees were completed outside Australia and New Zealand will not be able to calculate a GPA for themselves. Please note that any GPA calculated by an applicant will be an estimated GPA and used only for the information of the applicant. Please note that if you are completing your qualifying degree at the end of 2014, Semester 1 results will not be used in the provisional GPA if they do not equate to at least 0.375 EFTS (equivalent full-time student) Load in that semester.

No preference is given to graduates with particular Bachelor degrees. The University encourages individuals from diverse educational backgrounds who will bring to the profession a variety of talents and interests.

The GPA indicates the level of performance in the qualifying degree. There is no differentiation of GPA between institutions or courses. It should be emphasised that a science major is not a prerequisite, and that academic excellence in other areas, such as the humanities and social sciences, is encouraged and recognized, subject to meeting the prerequisites described above.

How to calculate your GPA

Information about how your GPA will be calculated is available on the GEMSAS website (www.gemsas.edu.au). The GEMSAS is the admissions system for domestic MD and DDS students. The information published has been provided for domestic applicants, however, information about the calculation of GPAs is valid for international MD, DDS and DPT applicants.

A GPA calculator will be available on the GEMSAS website (www.gemsas.edu.au). You will be able to utilize this calculator (which provides an estimated GPA for your use and information only) if you completed your undergraduate degree in Australia or New Zealand.,

Multi-Mini Interview –MD & DPT

The interview component may comprise up to an 8-station Multiple Mini Interview (MMI). Each station takes 5 minutes and has a single interviewer. The MMI aims to assess non-academic qualities including cultural sensitivity, maturity, collaboration, reliability and communication skills.

The stations could include practical tasks, answering questions, commenting on short films, and explaining your thinking.

Applicants to the MD and DPT will receive an offer for one interview only. All international applicants residing in Australia at the time of application must be available to attend an interview in Melbourne during the period of **29 September 2014 to 3 October 2014**.

International applicants residing outside of Australia will be invited to participate in a MMI using Skype technology. Skype MMIs are likely to be held during the following time periods:

- 30 June to 4 July 2014 – Early Round DPT offshore applicants
- 18 to 22 August 2014 - MD offshore applicants
- 25 to 29 August 2014 – 2nd Round DPT off shore applicants

Aptitude Test –MD & DDS

All international applicants residing in Australia at the time of application must sit the GAMSAT. MCAT, DAT and BMAT scores cannot be used by these applicants.

GAMSAT results are valid for two years: i.e. if you sat the test in 2014 you may use the results obtained to apply for a graduate entry course commencing in 2015 and/or 2016. As such, GAMSAT 2013 results are also valid for use in applications to courses commencing in 2015. Your GAMSAT results show a score for each of the three test Sections and an Overall Score. Applicants for the MD and DDS are assessed on the basis of an average GAMSAT score (ie, not the Overall Score).

The UK and Ireland GAMSAT scores are generally valid for application in the year following the test. There is a very helpful table on the GAMSAT website that shows the validity of all the GAMSAT tests.

For applicants applying for entry for 2015, valid test results are as follows:

UK GAMSAT - 2012 and 2013

Ireland GAMSAT – 2013 and 2014

<http://gamsat.acer.edu.au/results/currency-of-results/>

MCAT scores can only be used by international applicants not residing in Australia at the time of application. MCAT scores are valid for two years. For applicants applying for entry for 2015 valid MCAT scores are from January 2012. **From 2016, the MCAT will not be accepted for entry to the DDS.**

DDS International applicants residing outside of Australia may also use scores from the United States DAT (Dental Admission Test) or the Canadian DAT (Dental Aptitude Test) or the UK BMAT (Biomedical Admissions Test). These aptitude tests are valid for two years.

Quotas

Student Quotas for 2015 are expected to be

- ❖ MD – 90 international and full fee domestic students; 261 Commonwealth Supported Students
- ❖ DDS – 90 places in total, including domestic and international students
- ❖ DPT - Up to 95 places in total, including domestic and international students

These quotas are a guide only and are subject to change.

Fees

Information about fees for international students can be found at <http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/admissions/fees>

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