DOMESTIC ADMISSION FAQ

Bachelor of Oral Health in Dental Science
Bachelor of Oral Health in Oral Health Therapy

Q. What are the admission requirements for Griffith’s Oral Health Therapy and Dental Science programs?
A. 1. Apply to sit the UMAT test.
   2. Based on your UMAT score, Griffith University will select candidates to attend an interview.
   3. Apply for a place with Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) – QLD - or Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) – NSW - by 30 September 2009. Register online www.qtac.edu.au or www.uac.edu.au (NO late applications will be accepted by QTAC or UAC and preferences cannot be changed after this date). Prospective students are requested to register at only one Admissions Centre, either QTAC or UAC, not both.

Q. Do I have to sit the UMAT (Undergraduate Medical and Health Sciences Admissions Test) and how do I register?
A. Yes. Register with ACER (Australian Council for Educational Research) online to sit the UMAT test. Register online http://umatweb.acer.edu.au/ ACER contact details – umat@acer.edu.au

On time registration – 5 June 2009. Registration Fee $160.00
Last day to register – 19 June 2009. Additional $55.00 late fee

Q. When and where is the UMAT test conducted and how much does it cost?
A. Candidates should refer to the ACER website http://umatweb.acer.edu.au/ to establish where the testing will be held and what the costs are. In 2009 the test is conducted on Wednesday 29 July.

Q. How long are the UMAT test results valid for and what is the UMAT cut-off?
A. Test results are valid two years. If a candidate attempts the test more than once over two years, Griffith will use the higher of the two total scores. UMAT cut-offs are not released as they change each year, being dependent on numerous factors such as the number of program places available and the number of applicants and their scores.

Q. How do I advise Griffith University of my UMAT score?
A. You do not need to advise Griffith of your UMAT score. ACER will supply Griffith with your UMAT score.

Q. How do I advise QTAC or UAC of my UMAT score and my interview score?
A. Griffith University will advise QTAC or UAC of your UMAT score and your interview score before the selection process.

Q. Are there any prerequisite requirements for entry?
A. Yes. It is your responsibility to ensure that you have met the oral health academic prerequisite requirements as published on the University’s website www.griffith.edu.au - refer to the ‘degrees and courses’ link). Subjects required are: English (4SA i.e. sound achievement over 4 semesters or equivalent) and one of Biological Science, Chemistry, Physics, or Maths B (4SA or equivalent). For approved bridging courses refer to http://www.griffith.edu.au/science-environment-engineering-technology/programs-courses/bridging-courses

Please note: The timing of the University’s Oral Health admission process requires that interviews be held prior to finalising subject prerequisite checks. As a result, Griffith University is unaware at the time of interview whether or not you have met the subject prerequisites.

Q. How do I get an invitation to interview and when are the interviews held?
A. Selection of applicants for interview will be made on the basis of UMAT score only. You will be invited to an interview - no application for interview form required. Interviews will be held on the Gold Coast – the interview letter (mailed out mid-November) will advise candidates of the specific date/location of their interview. In 2009 interviews will be held between 30TH November – 11th December.

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Q. Is it necessary to pass my interview?
A. Yes. Interviews will be graded and an overall pass or fail awarded. Only those who pass the interview will be eligible to receive an offer into an oral health program. Griffith will NOT be able to inform applicants of their interview grade.

Q. How is the final Selection made?
A. Provided that you are invited to interview and pass, final selection into Oral Health Therapy or Dental Science programs is based on pre-requisites being met and your academic qualification which will be ranked and combined to secondary criteria (UMAT score weighted at 50% and interview score weighted at 50%). A sliding scale and preferences will be used to offer places in Dentistry and Oral Health Therapy.

Griffith University will not be in a position to provide advice on the outcome of your application prior to the release of QTAC / UAC offers. If you require any further information about the outcome of your application, please do not hesitate to contact Student Administration at the Gold Coast Campus or the School of Dentistry and Oral Health after offers are released.

Q. When are offers made?

Q. How many places are available in these undergraduate programs?
A. Bachelor of Oral Health in Dental Science – 72 CSS places
   Bachelor of Oral Health in Oral Health Therapy – 20 CSS places

Q. Is Dental Science split into two degrees?
A. Yes. It consists of a 3-year undergraduate Bachelor of Oral Health in Dental Science, which, upon successful completion gives automatic entry (upon completion of application) into a 2-year Graduate Diploma of Dentistry. It is only upon successful completion of both degrees that graduates will be eligible to apply for registration as a Dentist with all the Dental Boards in Australia. The Graduate Diploma of Dentistry is offered as full-fee paying only. The Graduate Diploma of Dentistry is only open to those students who have successfully completed the Bachelor of Oral Health in Dental Science at Griffith University.

Q. Can I defer my place after accepting an offer via QTAC or UAC?
A. No, deferment is not available.

Q. Can I transfer between oral health programs/health programs at Griffith University or from another University?
A. No. Transferring into an oral health program from another Griffith University program is not available. Transferring into an oral health program from another institution is not available. Transferring between Griffith oral health programs is not available. To enter a Griffith University Oral Health program all admission procedures must be met.

Q. Can international students apply for entry to the Oral Health programs?
A. Yes. International applicants are required to sit the UMAT or International Students Admission Test (ISAT) conducted by Australian Council for Educational research (ACER). For further information visit www.acer.edu.au/isat ISAT test is held in over 70 centres around the world on all continents. There are up to 10 available test dates at most centres between March and October (note: to make an application for entry to a Griffith oral health undergraduate program ISAT will need to have been sat before September in order to submit ISAT result to Griffith International by September 30th, 2009). International applicants should apply through Griffith International www.griffith.edu.au/international

For further information on admissions for International Students refer to the International Admission FAQ available through the School of Dentistry and Oral Health.

Q. Are there any other admission requirements that must be met?
A. Admission to this program is subject to immunizations and criminal checks.

For further information regarding admission procedures and entry requirements please visit the School of Dentistry and Oral Health website: www.griffith.edu.au/school/doh or email the school at: doh@griffith.edu.au