



# Making the most of your preferences

## Doctor of Medicine

*There are many pathways to reach your career goals. For highly competitive degrees, it is important to make the best use of your preference list by including pathway degrees.*

If you are a school leaver interested in a career in medicine, the most direct route is via the Bachelor of Medical Science. This degree is offered at the Nathan and Gold Coast campuses of Griffith University; however, competition for limited places means that many talented applicants miss out every year.

Offers for the Bachelor of Medical Science commence in January. As the minimum OP is very high, it is advisable to list both the Nathan and Gold Coast programs as your first or second preference—**but only if you are willing to study at either campus.**

Griffith also offers a graduate entry pathway to the Doctor of Medicine (MD) program at the Gold Coast campus and the Sunshine Coast Health Institute teaching location. Griffith University has no preference for which field of study you opt for, we encourage applicants to study what is of interest to them, as we know that they are more likely to achieve the high GPA required for admission to the MD. We also suggest that you consider a degree that leads to a standalone career outcome until you gain admission into the Medicine program.

Pathways to the Doctor of Medicine:

- ▶ Bachelor of Biomedical Science
- ▶ Bachelor of Health Science
- ▶ Bachelor of Occupational Therapy
- ▶ Bachelor of Nursing
- ▶ Bachelor of Physiotherapy
- ▶ Or any undergraduate degree from any discipline

Bachelor of Medical Science

Successfully complete your undergraduate study with a GPA of 5 or higher and meet the GAMSAT requirements

Doctor of Medicine

*Admission via these programs is subject to meeting eligibility criteria. Visit [degrees.griffith.edu.au](http://degrees.griffith.edu.au) for the most up-to-date information.*

# Preferencing examples

## Applicant A

### Received OP 1

In this example the applicant would receive an offer into their third preference. It is important to note that not all applicants with an OP1 receive an offer into the Bachelor of Medical Science. They could conditionally accept this offer and wait to be considered for a higher preference in later offer rounds but this would be unusual.

Note. 2019 minimum OP used as an example only.

1. Bachelor of Medical Science – GU – Gold Coast

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2. Bachelor of Medical Science – GU – Nathan

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3. Bachelor of Biomedical Science – GU – Gold Coast

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4. Bachelor of Biomedical Science – GU – Nathan

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5. Bachelor of Health Science – GU – Gold Coast

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6. Bachelor of Psychological Science – GU – Gold Coast

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## Applicant B

### Received OP 2

In this example the applicant would receive an offer into their second preference. They can accept their offer into the Bachelor of Physiotherapy as a pathway to the Doctor of Medicine

1. Bachelor of Medical Science – GU – Gold Coast

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2. Bachelor of Physiotherapy – GU – Gold Coast

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3. Bachelor of Paramedicine – GU – Gold Coast

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4. Bachelor of Health Science – GU – Gold Coast

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5. Bachelor of Biomedical Science – GU – Nathan

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6. Bachelor of Psychological Science – GU – Gold Coast

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## Applicant C

### Received OP 7

In this example the applicant would receive an offer into their fourth preference. They could conditionally accept this offer and wait to be considered for a higher preference in later offer rounds.

1. Bachelor of Medical Science – GU – Gold Coast

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2. Bachelor of Physiotherapy – GU – Gold Coast

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3. Bachelor of Paramedicine – GU – Gold Coast

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4. Bachelor of Health Science – GU – Gold Coast

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5. Bachelor of Biomedical Science – GU – Nathan

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6. Bachelor of Psychological Science – GU – Gold Coast

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## Applicant D

### Received OP 10

In this example the applicant would receive an offer into their third preference. They could conditionally accept this offer and wait to be considered for a higher preference in later offer rounds. If they don't receive a higher offer they can accept their offer into the Bachelor of Biomedical Science (Nathan) as a pathway to the Doctor of Medicine (NB the OP required for the Bachelor of Biomedical Science at the Gold Coast was higher than that required for the Nathan degree).

1. Bachelor of Medical Science – GU – Gold Coast

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2. Bachelor Biomedical Science – GU – Gold Coast

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3. Bachelor of Biomedical Science – GU – Nathan

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4. Bachelor of Occupational Therapy – GU – Gold Coast

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5. Bachelor of Health Science – GU – Gold Coast

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6. Bachelor of Psychological Science – GU – Gold Coast

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## More information

Visit [griffith.edu.au/apply](http://griffith.edu.au/apply) for more information about applying to study at Griffith.

If you have further questions, phone 1800 677 728 to talk to our study advisers.