

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Pathways to Medicine

General/Admissions questions for the Bachelor of Medical Science

Question	Answer
How do I apply for Griffith University's Bachelor of Medical Science? Can I apply directly to Griffith University?	All applications from domestic applicants for the Bachelor of Medical Science are made through QTAC (the Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre). This program is only open to applicants completing year 12 this year or who have completed year 12 in the last 3 years and have not undertaken any tertiary study at Diploma level or higher. No applications are made directly to Griffith University.
What UCAT score do I require for the Bachelor of Medical Science at Griffith University?	You do not need to sit the UCAT or have an interview for the Bachelor of Medical Science, admission is on academic merit (ATAR) only.
What will a competitive ATAR be for 2023?	The ATAR varies each year depending on the quality of the applicant pool and can be different between the Gold Coast and Nathan campuses. For 2022 applicants at both campuses required an ATAR of 99.85.
How many places are there in the Bachelor of Medical Science at Griffith University?	There are 30 places at the Nathan campus and 30 at the Gold Coast campus.
Can I transfer from the Bachelor of Medical Science at the University of the Sunshine Coast (USC) to the Bachelor of Medical Science at Griffith?	No, although the program at the University of the Sunshine Coast is also a guaranteed pathway to the Griffith Doctor of Medicine it is a USC administered degree.
If I get a place in the Bachelor of Medical Science, am I guaranteed a place in the Doctor of Medicine?	<p>Yes, graduates of the Bachelor of Medical Science at Griffith University and the Bachelor of Medical Science at the University of the Sunshine Coast are guaranteed a place in the Doctor of Medicine at Griffith if they graduate with a GPA of 5 or higher. These graduates do not have to sit GAMSAT or participate in the GUMSAA interviews (see below).</p> <p>Graduates of the Bachelor of Medical Science at the University of the Sunshine Coast are only guaranteed a place in the Griffith Doctor of Medicine at the Sunshine Coast teaching location, NOT at the Gold Coast campus.</p> <p>Note: University of the Sunshine Coast Graduates also need to pass the communication skills course - refer to your entry for additional details.</p>
How many bonded medical places (BMP) are there in the Bachelor of Medical Science?	The Bachelor of Medical Science is not a medical degree, it is a pathway program to the Doctor of Medicine and there are no BMP places. When the graduates transition to the Doctor of Medicine BMP places will be allocated based on the graduates' final GPAs.
Can I transfer into the Bachelor of Medical Science from another degree?	No, if you have undertaken any tertiary studies from Diploma level or higher, whether it has been completed or not, you will not be considered for the Bachelor of Medical Science. Your pathway option to the Doctor of Medicine is via the graduate entry application process.

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Graduate Medical School Admissions Test (GAMSAT)

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What is GAMSAT?	GAMSAT is the test the University uses to assess the capacity of applicants to undertake high-level intellectual studies in the Doctor of Medicine. Admission to the Bachelor of Medical Science is based on academic merit only and applicants do not sit GAMSAT. They also do not sit GAMSAT when they graduate with a GPA of 5 or greater and are admitted to the Doctor of Medicine.
What does GAMSAT test?	The GAMSAT will test your abilities in three sections: Humanities and Social Science; Written Communication; and Reasoning in Biological and Physical Sciences. You will be able to demonstrate your ability to understand and analyse material; think critically about issues; and to organize and express your thoughts in a logical and effective manner.
What should I do to prepare for GAMSAT?	There is a range of preparation material on the GAMSAT website: gamsat.acer.org While a Science degree is not a prerequisite to applying for the MD program or for sitting the GAMSAT test, the Australian Council for Education Research (ACER) do stress that knowledge and ability to the Year 1 University level in the biological and physical sciences (Chemistry, Biology and Physics) is required for success. Griffith does not endorse or recommend use of any other GAMSAT preparation material.

Graduate Entry Medical Schools Admissions System (GEMSAS)

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How do I apply for the Doctor of Medicine at Griffith?	All graduate entry applications are made via the Graduate Entry Medical School Admissions System (GEMSAS). Each year a detailed admissions guide is published on the GEMSAS website: gemsas.edu.au
If I have a guaranteed place in the Doctor of Medicine at Griffith do I have to complete a GEMSAS application?	No, each year we hold an information session for final year Bachelor of Medical Science students at both Universities to explain the direct application process for them.

Griffith University Multi Station Admission Assessment (GUMSAA)

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What is GUMSAA?	GUMSAA is the interview process for admission to the Doctor of Medicine. Admission to the Bachelor of Medical Science is based on academic merit only and applicants do not attend GUMSAA.
If I don't get an interview, can I still be offered a place in the Doctor of Medicine?	No, the interview is an integral part of the application process for applicants from degrees other than the Bachelor of Medical Science.
Who will be doing the interviews?	The interviews are conducted by interviewer pairs, which include a member of staff from the School of Medicine and Dentistry teamed with a member of our professional community which includes graduates and practitioners.
Can I have a copy of sample interview questions?	No, interview questions are not provided to candidates in advance.

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Griffith University Multi Station Admission Assessment (GUMSAA) cont.

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What is the Multi Station Admission Assessment	<p>GUMSAA is a series of five (5) scenarios which are shown at interview to candidates. Each scenario has a series of questions associated with it, which candidates will be asked to respond to.</p> <p>The interview process has been designed to assess suitability based on criteria agreed to be important for success in the program and in subsequent medical practice.</p> <p>The qualities rated as desirable include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• good communication skills;• an empathetic and ethical approach;• a reflective manner;• problem-solving skills;• as well as teamwork and decision-making skills. <p>The questions you will be asked are designed to assess and rank candidates against these areas.</p>
Will the GUMSAA be face to face or online?	<p>In 2022 GUMSAA will be held online via Microsoft Teams.</p>
How long will GUMSAA be?	<p>Each candidate's interview will last 35 minutes. For each scenario, there is two minutes allocated as reading time followed by five minutes in which to answer questions which relate to the scenario.</p>

General/Admissions questions for the Doctor of Medicine

Question	Answer
How many places are there in the Doctor of Medicine?	<p>There are 198 domestic places, of which approximately 80 are set aside for graduates of the Griffith Bachelor of Medical Science and the University of the Sunshine Coast Bachelor of Medical Science.</p>
How will Griffith University decide who to interview for the Doctor of Medicine?	<p>Applicants are invited to GUMSAA based on a rank calculated from a 50/50 combination of their GPA and their GAMSAT score.</p> <p>As a result of using a 50/50 - GPA/GAMSAT selections methodology there is not a discrete competitive minimum for the GPA or GAMSAT score, a high GAMSAT can offset a slightly lower GPA and vice versa.</p> <p>For the 2022 intake, the median GPA for an offer to GUMSAA was 6.822 and the median GAMSAT score was 69.</p> <p>For the current 2023 intake the median GPA for an offer to GUMSAA was 6.792 and the median GAMSAT score was 70.</p>

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What undergraduate degree do I need to apply for the Doctor of Medicine?	<p>Griffith University recognises the following as a key degree for application to the Doctor of Medicine (5099) program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undergraduate bachelors degree; • Honours degree; • Masters degree (Coursework /or combination with Research - mainly subjects with grades. • Research Only - submission of a completed thesis based on an independent research project); • PhD <p>Griffith University has no preference for which field of study you opt for nor does it give preference to study undertaken at Griffith University. 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. We also suggest that you consider a degree that leads to a standalone career outcome until you gain entry into the Medicine program.</p>

Further information

QTAC: qtac.edu.au

GAMSAT: gamsat.acer.org

GEMSAS: gemsas.edu.au

Pathways to Medicine: griffith.edu.au/medicine-information-evenings

KEY DEGREES:

The Bachelor of Medical Science is designed for high-achieving secondary school leavers and provides the opportunity for you to progress directly into our Doctor of Medicine.

Bachelor of Medical Science: griffith.edu.au/study/degrees/bachelor-of-medical-science-1280

Other pathway programs include:

Bachelor of Biomedical Science: griffith.edu.au/study/degrees/bachelor-of-biomedical-science-1094

Bachelor of Health Science: griffith.edu.au/study/degrees/bachelor-of-health-science-1093

Other Health key degrees: griffith.edu.au/study/health/biomedical-science-medical-science-and-medical-laboratory-science