

Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours) Science – Doctor of Medicine and Surgery

Pathway Guidelines

Introduction

ANU provides a pathway for high achieving students who wish to study medicine after their undergraduate degree. This pathway is restricted to students in the **Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours) – Science** program, where the focus of undergraduate studies is in science-related disciplines. The PhB (Hons) to medicine pathway is not a formalised double degree program, but a pathway between two separate degrees. The two degrees can be completed in 8 years.

The PhB (Hons)-MChD pathway enables admission to the MChD (Medicinae ac Chirurgiae Doctoranda, latin for Doctor of Medicine and Surgery) at ANU without completion of the Graduate Australian Medical School Admissions Test (GAMSAT) or applying through Graduate Entry Medical School Admissions System (GEMSAS).

Eligible Cohort

The pathway is limited to students who are enrolled in the **Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours) – Science** offered by the ANU College of Science. Domestic and International students can be considered through this pathway. PhB programs offered by other Colleges are not eligible for consideration in this pathway. Students who have completed a PhB program in a non-science-related discipline must apply to the MChD through the standard admission procedure.

Eligibility into the PhB – MChD pathway

PhB (Hons) students who are interested in following this pathway must apply to join the pathway in July in their final year pre-honours of their candidature in the PhB (Hons) degree. Students should initially contact the PhB (Hons) Program Coordinator on phb.science.enquiries@anu.edu.au and then complete and submit the PhB (Hons) – MChD Pathway Application Form.

Assessment and Selection into the MChD

Offers into the MChD program will be based on a final weighted score derived from a student's academic record (50%) and interview score (50%).

Academic Record

Satisfactory progression within the PhB (Hons) program as outlined by the program award rules.

Admissions Interview

Satisfactory performance at the Medical School admissions interview is a requirement for eligibility. A passed interview is defined as a minimum raw interview score of 60%. Admissions interviews are held at the ANU Medical School in September each year and students must attend the interview during their final year pre-honours of the PhB program. If a student does not meet the satisfactory requirements of this interview they may be eligible to sit another interview during their honours year. If a student has applied for this pathway and is attending their first interview during their honours year they will only have one opportunity to satisfactorily pass the admission interview.

Offers and Contingency

Up to 10 places are available through this pathway. Students will be ranked for offers based upon academic performance and their interview score. Preference may be provided to students from a rural background.

Successful domestic students will be offered either a Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP) or a Bonded Medical Place (BMP). The Bonded Medical Place (BMP) Scheme is an initiative of the Australian Government which aims to provide more Australian-trained doctors in regions experiencing a shortage of medical practitioners. In line with this scheme, at least 28.5% of the total number of domestic places available in the first year of the program must be BMPs. More information about The Bonded Medical Place Scheme can be found on the [Department of Health website](#).

Successful international students will be offered an International Full Fee-Paying place. The MChD has up to 10 places available for international students in each intake year. These places will be filled from students from ANU medicine pathway programs and the ANU direct application process.

Students may apply to defer enrolment for 12 months with notification to the Medical School Admissions Office. Student must notify their intent to defer or commence, by the due date within their offer letter.

Students must meet the conditions in their offer letter before their offer is confirmed. Some conditions include;

- Successful completion of the Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours) – Science program
- Screening and Vaccination requirements must be met before commencement of the MChD

Options if a student is not successful in gaining an offer through the pathway

Students who are not successful in gaining an offer through this pathway may still be eligible to apply to the MChD through the standard admissions process, however they must meet the minimum eligibility requirements as outlined on the [Medical School website](#).

PhB (Hons) – MChD Pathway Application Form

This form is for current ANU students enrolled in the **Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours) – Science** program within the ANU College of Science and who wish to apply for the PhB – MChD pathway.

- Students must complete all details in Section 1 of this form and submit to the PhB (Hons) Program Coordinator: phb.science.enquiries@anu.edu.au by July during their final year, before honours.
- All correspondence with students will be via student email address only.

1. STUDENT DETAILS

Given Name: _____		Family Name: _____	
ANU ID: _____		Phone: _____	
Student Type: Domestic	<input type="checkbox"/>	International	<input type="checkbox"/>
Enrolment: Full time	<input type="checkbox"/>	Part Time	<input type="checkbox"/>
Program Name (current): _____		Program Code: _____	
PhB (Hons) Mentor: _____			
Anticipated date of commencement of the MChD Program: Semester 1, Year _____			

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

2. OFFICE USE ONLY

PhB (Hons) Program Coordinator	ANU Medical School
ASC (Medical Research): Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Eligible: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Approved: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Full Name: _____	Full Name: _____
Signature: _____	Signature: _____
Date: _____	Date: _____
Comments: _____	Comments: _____