

Bachelor of Health Science – Medicinae ac Chirurgiae Doctoranda (MChD)

Pathway Guidelines

Overview

The Bachelor of Health Science (BHLTH) offers a pathway to the postgraduate Medicinae ac Chirurgiae Doctoranda (MChD), latin for Doctor of Medicine and Surgery at ANU without having to sit the GAMSAT or applying through GEMSAS. At the end of their second year up to 30 students in the Bachelor of Health Science program will receive a conditional letter of offer to the MChD. These offers are awarded based upon a student's academic performance, an interview process and an application statement.

Eligibility for Admission into the Bachelor of Health Science

Applicants applying to the Bachelor of Health Science must meet the co-curricular or service requirements, achieve a minimum ATAR of 90 and have completed the compulsory supplementary form to be eligible for admission.

ATAR requirement or equivalent rank

- An Australian year 12 qualification or international equivalent; OR
- A completed Associate Diploma, Associate Degree, AQF Diploma, Diploma, AQF Advanced Diploma, Graduate Certificate or international equivalent; OR
- At least one standard full-time year (1.0 FTE) in a single program of degree level study at an Australian higher education institution or international equivalent; OR
- An approved tertiary preparation course unless subsequent study is undertaken.

Supplementary Form

Applicants are required to submit a compulsory supplementary form as part of their application. Please refer to the [ANU website](#) for submission deadlines.

Rural Background

Of the 60 places available in the Bachelor of Health Science, fifteen (15) places are reserved for applicants from a rural background. Applicants from a rural background are asked to indicate this in their supplementary form and are required to submit supporting documentation with their application. Further details can be found on the ANU website within the [Rural Background Criteria](#) document.

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Descent

Places are available in the Bachelor of Health Science for applicants who are of Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent. Applicants are asked to indicate this in their supplementary form and are required to submit supporting documentation with their application. Further details can be found on the ANU website within the [Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Declaration Form](#).

Assessment and Selection into the Bachelor of Health Science

Students will be ranked using their ATAR (or equivalent score) and their Supplementary Form responses. Additional consideration is given for applicants from underrepresented groups.

Offers

Up to 60 domestic and up to 10 international applicants will be made offers to the Bachelor of Health Science based off their selection rank. Offers to applicants who apply direct to ANU will be released in August. Offers to applicants who apply through UAC will be released during the January offer rounds.

Eligibility into the BHLTH – MChD pathway

Eligibility into the pathway is assessed during second year of the Bachelor of Health Science. Students must be on track to complete a minimum of 96 units (16 courses). The 96 units must include successful completion or current enrolment in all of the expected year 1 and 2 Bachelor of Health Science courses including the 24 units of [prerequisite pre-medicine courses](#). Students who have met the above will be invited to attend an interview in September during their second year of the program. Upon successful completion of the 96 units, students who achieve a minimum Weighted Average Mark (WAM) of 75% will be ranked. A student's WAM, interview score and application statement will be used to determine a student's selection rank as outlined in the details below.

Assessment and Selection into the MChD

Offers into the MChD program will be based on a final weighted score derived from a student's weighted average mark (40%), interview score (40%) and application statement (20%).

Weighted Average Mark

Students must have completed or be enrolled in all of the expected year 1 and 2 Bachelor of Health Science courses including the [prerequisite pre-medicine courses](#). Student's must achieve a minimum weighted average mark of 75% to be ranked and considered for an offer into the MChD. A student's weighted average mark will be calculated from the best 14/16 courses.

Admissions Interview

All students enrolled in the Bachelor of Health Science program and who are on track to complete the expected year 1 and 2 courses including the [prerequisite pre-medicine courses](#) will be invited to attend an interview in September during their second year of the program. However, irrespective of performance at the interview or submission of the application statement, only students who achieve a minimum weighted average mark of 75% in the best 14/16 courses will be ranked and considered for an offer of place into the MChD.

Application Statement

Students will be asked to submit an application statement outlining their motivation for medicine which should also include a brief summary of their employment history, volunteer work, hobbies, extra-curricular activities and awards or notable achievements. The application statement template will be sent to students and will be due back by 1 December.

Offers and Contingency

Up to 30 domestic students will be made conditional offers to the MChD based off their ranking position (40% weighted average mark, 40% interview score and 20% application statement) noting that up to 10 places are reserved for students from a rural background. Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students will be considered within the ANU Medical School Indigenous Pathway. Conditional offers will be released in January/February before students commence their third year in the Bachelor of Health Science and prior to the GAMSAT registration deadline.

International students in the Bachelor of Health Science are considered in addition to the 30 domestic places. International students must meet the same pathway requirements as the domestic students (as detailed above) to be considered for an offer. The MChD has up to 10 places available for international students. These places will be filled from students from the Bachelor of Health Science pathway and the ANU direct application process.

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

- Confirm intention to accept the position within the MChD by July, the year preceding commencement.
- Successful completion of the Bachelor of Health Science Program
- Have a minimum overall GPA of 5.6 at the completion of the Bachelor of Health 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](#).

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. I received credit towards the Bachelor of Health Science from an external source, will these results be included in the calculation when assessing the best 14/16 course results?

A. No. Only eligible courses completed at the ANU will be considered. If you have received credit from an external institution these result/s will not be included as one the 14 of 16 courses. The exception to this is if you have received more than 2 courses (12 credits) of external credit. In this instance students are encouraged to contact the Medical School for additional information on how their weighted average mark would be calculated.

Q. I received credit towards the Bachelor of Health Science internally from the ANU, will these results be included in the calculation when assessing the best 14/16 course results?

A. Yes. Course completed at the ANU that have been credited towards the Bachelor of Health Science will be considered when assessing your weighted average mark.

Q. What happens if you complete more than 16 eligible courses by the time of interview consideration (eg. completion of courses over summer and/or winter semesters)?

A. Students have the flexibility to form their own study plan which may include part time study and the option of winter and summer semesters, provided they fulfil the requirements of the pathway. If a student has completed more than 16 eligible courses by the time of interview consideration e.g. they have completed 17 courses, then their weighted average mark will be calculated using the best 15/17 course results. We will still disregard the lowest two (2) results and take the average of the remaining courses.

Q. What is the Medical School Admissions Interview?

A. Bachelor of Health Science students will sit the same standard Medical School interview as other candidates applying to the Doctor of Medicine and Surgery. The interviews will occur in mid-September. To be considered for the interview students must be on track to complete a minimum of 16 courses (96 credit points) and have fulfilled or be currently enrolled in all the prerequisite courses within the pathway. All Bachelor of Health Science students who are on track within the pathway will be invited to sit the Medical School interview, however only those students who have maintained a minimum 75% average across their course results will be eligible to be considered for an offer into the Doctor of Medicine and Surgery.

Q. The pathway states that 10 of the 30 places are reserved for students from a rural background. If 10 rural background students are not eligible to receive an offer, will those remaining places be made available to non-rural students?

A. No. If the 10 rural background places are not filled, those places will not be offered to non-rural background students. The Medical School must meet the government requirement which states that 28.5% of the domestic cohort within the Doctor of Medicine and Surgery program must be of students from a rural background. Therefore, if the 10 allocated rural background places are not filled through this pathway the remaining rural numbers will be offered through GEMSAS and other pathway programs.