

Graduate Australian  
Medical, Dental &  
Pharmacy

# Admission Guide 2010

Closing dates

## Medicine and Dentistry

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Applications from local students  
Friday 5 June 2009

Applications from international students  
Friday 26 June 2009

## Pharmacy

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Applications from local and international students  
Friday 28 August 2009

NO LATE APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED




Australian Council for Educational Research



Australian National University  
Deakin University  
Flinders University  
Griffith University  
Monash University, Gippsland  
The University of Melbourne  
The University of Notre Dame Australia, Fremantle  
The University of Notre Dame Australia, Sydney  
The University of Queensland  
The University of Sydney  
The University of Western Australia  
The University of Wollongong



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## Symbols used in this guide



International Students



Pharmacy



Medicine



Dentistry

## Timeline

<p>» March</p> <p><b>GAMSAT test day</b></p>	<p>» April</p> <p><b>Order your transcripts now!</b></p>	<p>» May</p> <p><b>Early May – 5 June 2009</b></p> <p><b>M D</b> Submit application to Graduate Medical Admissions Centre at ACER</p> <p><b>Mid May</b> GAMSAT results available</p>	<p>» June</p> <p><b>Late June 2009</b></p> <p><b>M D</b> Applicant data forwarded by ACER to first preference schools</p> <p><b>By 26 June 2009</b></p> <p><b>I</b> Applications close to medicine and dentistry</p>
<p>» July</p> <p><b>July 2009</b></p> <p><b>M D</b> Second and third preference applications reviewed by schools</p> <p><b>I</b> Applicant data forwarded to schools</p>	<p>» August</p> <p>UQ releases offers UQ passes on unsuccessful applicant pool to lower preference schools</p> <p><b>17–21 August 2009</b></p> <p><b>M D</b> Schools invite applicants to interview</p> <p><b>28 August 2009</b></p> <p><b>PHARM</b> Applications close for Pharmacy</p>	<p>» September</p> <p><b>Mid September – early October 2009</b></p> <p><b>M D</b> Interviews take place</p> <p><b>I</b> Majority of interview invitations released</p>	<p>» October</p> <p><b>Late October – mid December 2009</b></p> <p><b>M D</b> Offers of places made</p> <p><b>October</b></p> <p><b>PHARM</b> Pharmacy Case Study scenarios conducted</p>
<p>See the GAMSAT website for a listing of offer release dates, as these become available.</p>			
<p>» November</p> <p><b>November 2009</b></p> <p><b>PHARM</b> Offers of places made</p> <p><b>M D</b> Offers of places made</p>	<p>» December</p> <p><b>Mid December – early February 2010</b></p> <p><b>M D</b> Subsequent offers made (where appropriate)</p> <p><b>Mid December</b></p> <p><b>PHARM</b> Subsequent offers made (where appropriate)</p>	<p>» January</p> <p><b>January 2010</b></p> <p><b>M D</b> Subsequent offers made (where appropriate)</p>	<p>» February</p> <p><b>Early February 2010</b></p> <p><b>M D</b> Subsequent offers made (where appropriate)</p>

**M D** FOR APPLICATION TO MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY

**PHARM** FOR APPLICATION TO MASTER OF PHARMACY

**I** INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS

## Please read this entire booklet carefully.

The following information is provided as general guidance to applicants to graduate-entry medicine, dentistry and pharmacy degrees in Australia. However, all applicants should routinely check the websites of their chosen institutions for admission updates.

### How ACER will contact you

Email will be the primary source of contact between the Admissions Centre at ACER and applicants.

It is essential that you provide a current email address which will be valid from May 2009 to January 2010 and that you regularly check your emails. Some of the universities will only communicate with applicants via email.

Some email messages may not be accepted or may be flagged as spam by some email providers (e.g. Hotmail or Yahoo).

Applicants are advised to provide an email address other than Hotmail or Yahoo for the purposes of admission and are responsible for any delays caused by the above problem.

Neither ACER nor the universities will be held responsible for unread email communication.

### Contact details for further enquiries

**If you have further queries regarding the general application process, please contact the Graduate Admissions Centre at ACER: [gmac@acer.edu.au](mailto:gmac@acer.edu.au)**

For detailed information on the graduate-entry courses, as well as university-specific entry requirements, you should contact the appropriate school. All GPA queries should be addressed to the schools.

# Application Process

Information in this section is generally common to all the schools, but is subject to the specific requirements outlined on the school websites.

This section is also relevant to applicants to the University of Sydney Bachelor of Dentistry and Master of Pharmacy programs. ACER makes every effort to ensure the accuracy of information provided in this Admission Guide at the time of publication. However, applicants must consult the university websites for more detailed and specific information and for updates.

# Before you apply

## There are two steps in the application process:

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### First step – sit GAMSAT

All applicants for Commonwealth Supported Places and other domestic places at graduate-entry schools (i.e. citizens/permanent residents of Australia and citizens of New Zealand) must have a current score on the Graduate Australian Medical School Admissions Test (GAMSAT).

GAMSAT results are valid for two years: i.e. if you sat the test in 2009 you may use the results obtained to apply for a graduate-entry course commencing in 2010 and/or 2011.

As such, GAMSAT 2008 results are also valid for use in applications to courses commencing in 2010.

Your GAMSAT results show a score for each of the three test Sections and an Overall Score. ANU, Deakin, Flinders, Griffith, Monash, Notre Dame Sydney, Queensland, Sydney and UWA rank applicants using the Overall Score (with required minimum Section scores normally around 50). The acceptable GAMSAT scores may be different for each of the universities, and may vary from year to year. Threshold scores are determined annually after applications have been received.

When deciding whether or not to submit an application, you are advised to make sure your GPA meets the required minimum standards and to check that your GAMSAT scores fall within the acceptable ranges reported in the individual university entries in this Guide. You can evaluate your standing in relation to other candidates who sat GAMSAT in the same year as you did by consulting the chart included with your Statement of Results.

Please note that ACER staff do not have authority to review individual transcripts or GAMSAT results or to offer advice on the likelihood of selection.

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International applicants may sit either GAMSAT or MCAT (see page 19 for details).

Registration for either GAMSAT or MCAT, and application for admission to the graduate programs, are separate processes.

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### Second step – apply for admission

GAMSAT candidates are responsible for determining their eligibility to apply. Applicants are selected for interview based on one or both of the following criteria:

- » performance in GAMSAT;
- » performance in a Bachelor degree (as indicated by GPA).

ANU, Deakin and UWA combine these two criteria when ranking applicants for interview.

Griffith, Monash, Notre Dame Fremantle, and Sydney (medicine, dentistry and pharmacy) use the GPA as a hurdle requirement and rank applicants based on GAMSAT results.

Queensland uses the GPA as a hurdle, then ranks applicants by GAMSAT results. During the offer process, Queensland uses the GPA as a tie-breaker where necessary.

Flinders ranks applicants primarily on the basis of GAMSAT results, although applicants with outstanding GPAs may be given special consideration.

UOW and Notre Dame Sydney rank applicants on combined GPA, GAMSAT results and portfolio/written submission.

The University of Melbourne will not be accepting graduates in 2010, as part of the transition from their current four-and-a-half year MBBS to their new four-year postgraduate MD commencing in 2011.

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**Note:** applications for the Bachelor of Dentistry and Master of Pharmacy programs at the University of Sydney are not included in the three preferences for medical school.

## Bachelor degree/GPA

All applicants must have completed, or be in the final year of, a Bachelor degree. Australian degrees must be from a Commonwealth accredited institution. For those in the final year of study, satisfactory completion of the degree will be a condition for entry.


**Applicants enrolled in a two-year degree or one-year conversion degree may only apply after completion of the degree. Those who have completed a higher degree without a prior Bachelor degree should consult their preferred school/s to ascertain eligibility.**

In addition to submitting official academic transcripts and completing the online Application Form, applicants must calculate a Grade Point Average (GPA) via the online system on the GAMSAT website. This calculation is designed to convert results from a variety of grading systems around Australia and New Zealand to a common scale of 0–7.

Applicants whose degrees were completed outside Australia and New Zealand will not be able to calculate a GPA.

Instructions for calculating your GPA are provided on pages 15–18. Academic transcripts of qualifying applicants are checked to ensure they reach a standard acceptable to the school and may be verified with the issuing institutions. For the purpose of admissions, 'undergraduate results' include all studies at Bachelor degree level, regardless of entry qualifications to such degrees. GPA calculations will be checked against the instructions in this Guide before being passed onto the universities.

No preference is given to graduates with particular Bachelor degrees. The aim is to encourage individuals from diverse educational backgrounds who will bring to the profession a variety of talents and interests.

 No specific courses or subjects are prescribed, except for Pharmacy applications.

The GPA indicates the level of performance in the chosen degree. There is no differentiation of GPA between institutions or courses. It should be emphasised that a science major is not a prerequisite, and that academic excellence in other areas, such as the humanities and social sciences, is encouraged and recognised.

## Interviews

Each medical school will make interview offers to approximately 1.3 to 1.7 times as many applicants as there are places available.

No domestic applicant will receive more than one interview offer in the 2009-10 admissions round.

The interview is designed to assess qualities considered by the schools to be associated with success in both medical school and later practice, and is conducted by trained interviewers. Academic performance is not discussed at the interview.

Selected applicants receive an invitation to interview by letter or email (except for Flinders's invitations, made online via the school's website). This invitation must be presented on arrival at the medical school, together with a valid passport or current photo-bearing driver's licence for identification purposes.

**Exception:** The University of Queensland no longer interviews applicants for the graduate program.

Applicants unsuccessful in receiving an offer at any of the medical schools they applied to, will be notified by ACER.

Some schools require that you supply a passport photograph prior to interview. If this applies to you, you will be notified when interview invitations are issued, with instructions on how and when to submit your digital photo via the Admissions Centre.

NB Local applicants who are invited for interview must travel to the university for the interview at their own expense.

 There are no interviews for Pharmacy.

 For information on Dentistry interviews, see page 32.

## Offers

Selection into graduate-entry medicine is based on three criteria:

- » performance in GAMSAT (or MCAT for international applicants);
- » performance in a Bachelor degree;
- » performance in interview.

The way in which each university combines these criteria when making their final offers varies. For more information refer to the individual university entries.

Successful application may lead to an offer of one of a range of places, including bonded and full-fee. You are advised to consult the university websites for further details.

## Quotas (medical school places only)

Each university has a quota for the year's intake of Australian citizens/permanent residents and New Zealand citizens. This includes Commonwealth supported non-bonded places (CSP) and Commonwealth supported bonded places (MRBS and BMP).

Quotas for 2010 are expected to be:

School places	MRBS		BMP		Other	Total
	CSP	CSP	CSP	CSP		
ANU	64	3	23	-		90
Deakin	91	5	32	-		128
Flinders	80	4	27	0-10 <sup>§</sup>		111-121
Griffith	102*	3	20	-		125
Melbourne	no intake in 2010					
Monash	46	3	16	-		65
Notre Dame Fremantle	73	3	24	-		100
Notre Dame Sydney	57	3	20	32 <sup>⊗</sup>		112
Queensland	216 <sup>#</sup>	11	71	-		298
Sydney	163 <sup>⊗</sup>	8	57	-		228
UWA	approximately 65		-	-		65
Wollongong	-----72-----		-	-		72

§ SA Government sponsored bonded places

\* includes 42 Queensland Health bonded places

⊗ includes up to 6 places reserved for combined degrees (i.e. BSc(Adv)/MBBS, BMedSc/MBBS, BA(Adv)(Hons)/MBBS, BMusStudies/MBBS)

⊗ full-fee paying places

# includes up to 79 places reserved for Year 12 MBBS Provisional Sub-quota cohort

These quotas are subject to change.



For international places, see page 19 of this Guide.



For places offered in Dentistry and Pharmacy, see pages 32 and 33.

Applicants who are invited for interview may be asked to indicate their level of interest in a MRBS or BMP place:

## MRBS – Medical Rural Bonded Scholarship Scheme

Information about this scholarship scheme can be found on the Australian Government Department of Health & Ageing website ([www.health.gov.au/mrbscholarships](http://www.health.gov.au/mrbscholarships)). Only Australian citizens/permanent residents are eligible.

## BMP – Bonded Medical Places Scheme

Information about this scheme can be found on the Australian Government Department of Health & Ageing website ([www.health.gov.au/bmpscheme](http://www.health.gov.au/bmpscheme)). Only Australian citizens/permanent residents are eligible.

## Applicants in special categories

Applicants in the following categories should refer to the medical school websites, and the table on page 12:

- » Combined Degree applicants;
- » Indigenous Australian applicants;
- » Rural resident applicants;
- » Other special sub-quota applicants.

## Rurality

Applicants are asked to indicate on the application form if they have resided in a rural area in Australia (RRMA 3–7) for at least five years (consecutive or cumulative) from commencement of primary school. A rural area is defined according to the Australian government's Rural, Remote and Metropolitan Areas (RRMA) classification system. For further information follow the RRMA link from [www.health.gov.au/bmpscheme](http://www.health.gov.au/bmpscheme).

**Exception:** See Deakin's website for details of their rurality policy.

## Research project (local applications to Medicine only)

The GAMSAT Consortium of Australian graduate-entry medical schools is conducting a research study into the effect of increasing the number of preferences available to applicants. The aim of the study is to investigate:

- i) whether applicants would change their preferences if they were able to list up to six preferences instead of the current three preferences; and
- ii) whether more preferences would affect the outcome of the application process.

At the end of the online application form, local applicants for Medicine will be asked the following question: If you were able to select up to six preferences, which medical schools would you list, and in which order?

The responses submitted for that question will be entered into a computer matching program, along with other application data such as GPA scores. The program will identify the best match for offers of interview (or short listing, in the case of the University of Queensland). The outcome will be compared with the actual interview lists used in the 2009-10 application cycle. If the outcomes are significantly different, the Consortium will consider using a six preference system for the 2010-11 application cycle.

The research study is completely separate from the actual 2009-10 application cycle, which will only use the three preferences submitted on page 2 of the application. You **are not required to submit additional documentation** (portfolios, personal statements, supplementary forms) for any of the medical schools you list for the research study, if these are not included in the three preferences you list for the current 2009-10 admissions cycle.



## Admission policies

### Offers

Successful applicants will be given a firm date by which to accept an offer of a place and offers not accepted in writing by that date will lapse.

### Deferral

Deferral of a place is unlikely. However, some universities permit deferral, particularly to complete an Honours year. Consult the schools' websites or discuss the matter with the universities to which you wish to apply. An applicant who holds a deferred place which they do not wish to take up, should notify the school concerned **prior to** the closing date for applications for the following year. They may then apply to another school.

### Exclusion

An applicant who has been excluded from any university must indicate this when they apply. The schools may contact applicants for further detail, on receipt of the application data.

### Admission irregularities

Applicants should be aware that the presentation of forged documents is a criminal offence in Australia and that the universities may take appropriate action against such cases. For the purpose of university admission, the withholding of information and the submission of incorrect or misleading information are deemed fraudulent. Action taken in such cases may include cancellation of an application for admission, of an offer of admission, or of an enrolment.

### Schools' policies

Each University may have its own additional admission policies (which may include policies on prior or current studies, enrolment irregularities and/or transfers). To confirm if there are additional policies, contact the schools to which you intend to apply.

## FAQs about the application process

### How do I choose between two valid GAMSAT results?

You have two valid GAMSAT results if you sat GAMSAT in 2008 and 2009. You are advised to compare both results against the acceptable scores for each university and then select the result you wish the universities to consider.

Confidentiality of results is guaranteed by means of the unique GAMSAT candidate number.

Simply record on the application form the appropriate candidate identification number for the test year you wish to be considered. The university admissions committees will not receive your other GAMSAT result.

It is not possible to mix individual Section scores from different years.

### Which school should I apply to?

Local applicants may nominate up to three preferences out of the eleven medical schools.



Applications to Dentistry and Pharmacy at the University of Sydney are separate and additional to the medical school preferences.



International applicants may nominate up to two preferences.

There are differences in entry requirements between the schools. You might find that you have a much better chance of gaining admission to one school compared to the others, or even that an application to a particular school simply cannot succeed. Please therefore choose your order of preference with care. If you are not prepared to undertake the course at a particular university you should not list it.

Applicants are strongly advised to obtain detailed information from each of the schools to ensure they are fully informed on both the admissions criteria and the structure of the individual programs (see the schools' websites).

### What happens to my application?

Applications that do not reach the acceptable scores established by the first preference school are passed on to the school of second preference, where they are considered for interview.

Applications unacceptable to the second preference school are forwarded to the school of third preference. All schools consider second and third preference applicants for interview.

It is not possible for applicants to change their preferences after the application closing date:



**Friday 5 June 2009** for local applications to medicine



**Friday 26 June 2009** for international applications to medicine

### My degree is more than 10 years old, am I still eligible to apply?

Bachelor degrees that were awarded more than 10 years prior to the year of application may not be acceptable at the school to which you are applying. To confirm whether your degree will be recognised, contact the schools to which you intend to apply.

### I've done a postgraduate degree, do I calculate my GPA on that or on my Bachelor?

In general, postgraduate qualifications such as Masters or PhDs, or postgraduate diplomas, are not to be included in GPA calculations. Students are discouraged from undertaking such programs specifically as a means of gaining entry to a medical course.

Those who have completed any form of postgraduate study are welcome to apply, but should note that selection is on the basis of performance in the most recent Bachelor degree only, including an Honours year if applicable.

However, for admission to the University of Queensland, Masters and PhDs are included, and for Sydney Medical School, the University of Sydney (but not Dentistry and Pharmacy) PhDs and Masters by research are considered (see page 29).

For UWA, Graduate Diplomas and Masters by coursework are included. ANU does not include Honours in GPA calculations but provides bonus points for one of Honours, Graduate Diploma, Masters or PhDs.

Check the schools' websites for detailed information.

## How to Apply

### Step 1 Complete the online application form

To apply for admission to a course commencing in 2010, you must complete the online application form – on the GAMSAT website – by no later than **5.00pm AEST Friday 5 June 2009**. Your online GPA calculation must also be completed by 5.00pm AEST Friday 5 June 2009.

#### Late applications are not accepted.

The application fee is paid by credit card, when completing the online application form.

In 2009 the application fees are:

Medicine	AUD\$95
Dentistry	AUD\$95
Pharmacy	AUD\$95

Don't forget to include [gmac@acer.edu.au](mailto:gmac@acer.edu.au) in your email address book, to ensure messages from the Admissions Centre are not treated as spam.

### Step 2 Complete the online GPA calculation

All applicants must submit an online GPA calculation by 5.00pm AEST Friday 5 June 2009, using the facility linked off the GAMSAT website: [www.gamsat.acer.edu.au](http://www.gamsat.acer.edu.au).

To access the online GPA system you need a GAMSAT candidate ID number. Applicants may log onto the system to complete/amend GPA calculations as often as necessary. However, once an applicant selects to finalise their GPA calculation it is no longer possible to make adjustments. The system closes at 5.00pm AEST Friday 5 June 2009 and applicants cannot access their GPA calculation after this time.

All applicants will be emailed a copy of their finalised GPA calculation.

#### I International applications


If you do not have a GAMSAT ID number you are unable to access the online calculator.

In this case, if your degree was completed in Australia or New Zealand, you may use the forms in the back of this Guide to calculate a GPA.

#### Overseas degrees

Applicants whose Bachelor degrees are from universities outside Australia and New Zealand should not attempt to calculate a GPA. Submit full, original transcripts with your application, and the admissions committees will assess your case on an individual basis. For advice on estimating your level of academic achievement, contact the schools to which you plan to apply.

#### GPA calculator closed

 Local Pharmacy applicants may request access to the GPA calculator after 5.00pm AEST Friday 5 June 2009, and up until

their application deadline. Just email your request to [gmac@acer.edu.au](mailto:gmac@acer.edu.au) and include the transaction ID number from your online application.

### Step 3 Post to the Admissions Centre at ACER

#### M Medicine and Pharmacy applications

##### Graduate Medical Admissions Centre

ACER Mulgrave Office  
750 Springvale Rd  
Mulgrave VIC 3170  
Australia

#### D Dentistry applications

##### Graduate Dental Admissions Centre

ACER Mulgrave Office  
750 Springvale Rd  
Mulgrave VIC 3170  
Australia

After completing the online form and payment, you must submit a print out of your confirmation email, original transcripts and any additional documents required, in an A4 envelope. This must be postmarked no later than the close of applications and wherever possible should be dispatched earlier. Please place each application (Medicine or Dentistry or Pharmacy) in a separate A4 envelope. **Remember to keep a copy for your own records of all documents submitted:**

- A printout of the online confirmation email** to the Graduate Admissions Centre at ACER

#### AND

- Original academic transcripts**—A full official original academic transcript is the only documentation accepted for assessing your GPA, and must be submitted to the Admissions Centre at ACER by the due date. All documents in languages other than English must include a translation, which can only be made by an official translator with a government body or by those education agents which have been designated as translators. **Applications submitted without a transcript cannot be processed, and will be rejected.** An academic transcript is printed on official university stationery (usually coloured) and lists all the subjects you have taken towards your degree. Schools may contact universities directly to verify the transcripts submitted by applicants. **Transcripts will not be returned.** Where your degree has involved study at more than one tertiary education institution, you must submit an official academic transcript from each institution.

#### AND (if necessary)

- Any additional documentation**—The universities listed in the table on page 12 require applicants in the following special categories to submit additional documents with their transcripts.

## Additional documentation required

Applicants to the following sub-quotas must post the listed additional documents with their applications, to ACER, by the application deadline.

School	Stream	Documents required
Australian National University	Rural Stream	2 page autobiographical statement (see school website for conditions: <a href="http://medschool.anu.edu.au/admission/?IntContId=7543&amp;IntCatId=3">http://medschool.anu.edu.au/admission/?IntContId=7543&amp;IntCatId=3</a> )
	Indigenous students	ANU Supplementary Indigenous Form
	Conjoint MBBS/PhD	One-page document addressing research experience, reasons for interest in the conjoint degree program, and the link between Honours (or Masters) research projects and the research proposed for the combined degree program  AND  list of publications and/or conference presentations  AND  names and addresses of two people who can comment on the applicant's aptitude for research, one of whom must be the Honours/Masters supervisor
Deakin University	All applicants	2010 Supplementary Application Form (see school website for form: <a href="http://www.deakin.edu.au/hmnbs/medicine/applications.php">www.deakin.edu.au/hmnbs/medicine/applications.php</a> )
Flinders University	Northern Territory Sub-quota	Statutory declaration (see school website for details: <a href="http://www.flinders.edu.au/medicine/sites/medical-course/domestic-applicants/nt-applicants.cfm">www.flinders.edu.au/medicine/sites/medical-course/domestic-applicants/nt-applicants.cfm</a> )
	Parallel Rural Community Curriculum (PRCC)	Statutory declaration and autobiographical statement (see school website for details: <a href="http://www.flinders.edu.au/medicine/sites/medical-course/domestic-applicants/rural-applicants.cfm">www.flinders.edu.au/medicine/sites/medical-course/domestic-applicants/rural-applicants.cfm</a> )
	Combined BMBS/PhD	Written submission (see school website for details: <a href="http://www.flinders.edu.au/medicine/sites/medical-course/domestic-applicants/other-information/combined-bmbspd-degree.cfm">www.flinders.edu.au/medicine/sites/medical-course/domestic-applicants/other-information/combined-bmbspd-degree.cfm</a> )
Monash University	Indigenous Australian	Statutory declaration and CAIS Supplementary form
	Rural origin	Rural/Regional Information form
	Gippsland resident	
University of Queensland	Rural Northern Australian Sub-quota	Statutory declaration
University of Sydney (Medicine)	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants	Letter of support from a relevant community organisation such as a land council, legal or medical service OR from ASPAA (Aboriginal Student and Parent Awareness Association); OR an affirmation/statutory declaration
	Rural origin applicants	Letter of support that includes current contact details from a local minister, doctor, or school principal (no family members); OR school records
	Refugee applicants	Original supporting document(s) confirming refugee status
	PhD & Masters by research	Proof of award (see page 29)
University of Sydney (Pharmacy)	All applicants	Course outlines for the essential prerequisites. (See school website for details: <a href="http://www.pharm.usyd.edu.au/future_students/cw_degrees/reg_degree/mapharm.shtml#essential">www.pharm.usyd.edu.au/future_students/cw_degrees/reg_degree/mapharm.shtml#essential</a> )
University of Western Australia	Rural origin	Statutory declaration listing regional area/s and years resident there

**If you do not provide the required additional documentation, you will not be eligible for consideration for the category/sub-quota concerned.**

**Note: some medical schools require additional documents which must be sent directly to them.**

**Please check the website of any university you list among your preferences for information.**

## FAQs about completing your application

### I didn't receive the confirmation email

If you have not received a copy of the email message sent to your nominated account after you completed the online application form, please check your junkmail folders and settings to ensure the message has not been treated as spam.

If you do not have any copy of that message, email the GMAC Office [gmac@acer.edu.au](mailto:gmac@acer.edu.au) from the address you used to register, and include your full name and date of birth. Your confirmation email will be re-issued.

### I'm applying for more than one program, can I send one set of transcripts?

You **must** submit one set of transcripts for **each** program you apply to. If you apply to Medicine and Dentistry and Pharmacy, you must therefore submit three sets of transcripts and three copies of the confirmation email, so each of the relevant admissions committees has access to one set. Please send each application in a separate envelope.

For applications to Medicine, you submit one set of transcripts only, even if you list 2 or 3 preferences

### I don't have an original transcript, can I submit a copy?

No, only original transcripts may be supplied. Scanned or photocopied transcripts are not accepted, including where these are certified copies.

A statement of results is not acceptable and is not considered in place of a full transcript, nor is a printout of academic record.

### If I want to apply for more than one program, do I fill out the application form again?

On the first page of the application form you will be asked whether you wish to apply for Medicine and/or Dentistry and/or Pharmacy. You may choose any of these options.

If you decide to apply for an additional program after you have completed the application, you cannot add data to that form. In this case you would need to enter the system again and complete the form a second time, for the additional program.

For example, if you wish to apply for Medicine and Dentistry and Pharmacy, and have already submitted the online form for Dentistry and Pharmacy, you must re-enter the application system and apply for Medicine alone.

### I'm still studying this year, do I need to submit a 2009 transcript?

Applicants completing their degree in 2009 will be assessed on the basis of the information available at the time of application. This means that they will be assessed on the results listed on the original academic transcript up until the end of Semester 2, 2008.

Semester 1, 2009 results will not normally be included in the assessment for interview as they are released after the close of application. Nevertheless applicants completing their degree in 2009 must ensure their GPA at the end of Semester 2, 2008 meets the required level.

Such applicants should also note that while decisions on interview offers will be made on the basis of results available at the time of application, final 2009 results may be used to determine firm offers. Refer to each school's entry in this Guide for more information.

### I'm an international student, do I fill out a different form?

All applicants use the same application system linked off the GAMSAT website. When you complete the questions about your residency and citizenship, the system will automatically note you are not an Australian citizen or Permanent Resident, or a New Zealand citizen, and will ask you the questions relevant to international applicants.

### How do I know if my application has arrived? Can I phone ACER to check?

It is strongly recommended that applicants use a postal service (Registered Post, Express Post, courier, etc) which provides a tracking mechanism, so that they can be certain their application has arrived at the Admissions Centre.

You may wish to include a stamped, self-addressed envelope in your application. This will be returned to you when your application is processed

Please do not phone the Admissions Centre to confirm whether your envelope has arrived.

If you have no other way of tracking your application, and did not include a stamped, self-addressed envelope, you may email the GMAC Office with your full name, application number and the date you posted your application. As soon as it is possible to confirm the arrival of your application, we will do so.

## How to calculate your GPA

This section contains all the information needed to calculate a GPA.

In general, the procedure described below is applicable to all schools. Refer to university websites and university-specific information pages in this Guide for further information on use of GPAs.

The online GPA calculator opens in early May, and closes 5.00pm AEST Friday 5 June 2009.

You will need your GAMSAT Candidate ID Number to access the system, on the GAMSAT website: [www.gamsat.acer.edu.au](http://www.gamsat.acer.edu.au)

Outside of the annual application period, you may use the forms in the back of this Guide to estimate GPAs for your own information.

**Before you calculate your GPA, you should read the sections ‘Before You Apply’ and ‘How To Apply’**

## Using the online GPA calculator

The online GPA calculator will automatically calculate your GPA1, GPA2 and GPA3 using the data you enter into the online system. The equation used is listed below.

### Step 1 Enter your personal details

To enter the system, you will be asked to enter your GAMSAT ID and date of birth. Before you start entering your academic results, using your official academic transcript, you should confirm your full name, email, phone number, title of degree received/expected, name of university where the course was taken, date degree received/expected.

### Step 2 Select the appropriate grading system, using the Conversion Table

The graduate-entry programs give applicants equal consideration. The Undergraduate Grading System Conversion Table has been designed to equate the grading systems of Australian and New Zealand universities. Use this table to convert each mark or grade on your official academic transcript to a common GAMSAT grade (on a scale of 0–7).

If you have a percentage mark where the minimum for an unrestricted pass grade is 50 per cent, use column A to read off the corresponding GAMSAT grade. All marks from 80–100 convert to a GAMSAT grade of 7.0; marks from 75–79 convert to 6.5; etc.

The remaining columns, B to H, list the current grading systems of most Australian and New Zealand universities. The reverse side of your academic transcript should indicate the grading system in operation. Check with the Academic Registrar if your university has recently changed its grading system.

The table can then be used to convert your given grades to the corresponding GAMSAT grades.

### Step 3 Group your subjects into GPA years

#### 3-year Bachelor degrees

Where applicants have undertaken a Bachelor which can normally be completed in 3 years of full-time study (e.g. Commerce, Arts), all the subjects studied in this degree will be used in the GPA calculations.

For example, if your degree is a 3-year BSc normally comprising 108 units of successfully completed work, you divide all your subjects into 3 groups of about 36 units each, based on the order in which you completed them. Any failed or repeated subjects should be included in the relevant groups.

#### Longer courses

Applicants whose degrees are more than 3 years in duration – e.g. Law, Engineering – only use the subjects which comprise the last 3 full-time-equivalent years of study. If you completed an Engineering degree which was a 5-year full-time course, do not include the subjects you took in your first or second years of full-time-equivalent study.

Similarly, if you undertook a one year full-time-equivalent Honours course after finishing your 3-year Bachelor degree, you would not include the subjects which you studied in the first year of your degree.

If your course was a five-year Engineering degree normally comprising 180 units, you would divide the topics into 5 groups of about 36 units each. As stated above, the topics in the first two groups will not play a part in the GPA calculations.

#### Part-time study

If you completed a 3-year BSc over 6 years of part-time study, you still divide all the subjects into 3 roughly equal groups, based on the order in which you completed them. These groups form the basis for your calculations of GPA1, GPA2 and GPA3.

If you have completed a combined degree or transferred between different universities or courses, or received credit from prior studies (including study abroad/exchange semesters), you must record all such enrolments within the relevant three year full-time-equivalent period AND provide all relevant official transcripts.

### Step 4 Enter the subjects and actual marks or grades

Using the groupings of subjects described in Step 3 above, list the subjects comprising the last three full-time-equivalent years of study in chronological order, in their year groupings. Enter 1, 2 or 3 next to each subject, as appropriate, to denote which GPA Year the subject will count towards.

All the subjects from the last three full-time-equivalent years of study, including fails and repeated subjects, must be included.

For each subject you must enter the subject name and number/code, and the calendar year each subject was undertaken. Remember that the “GPA Year” refers to GPA1, 2 and 3, so each GPA year may include subjects taken in different calendar years, particularly if you have studied part-time.

#### Unit value of subject

A certain number of units, credit points or contact hours make up any particular degree, with specific numbers of units selected from subjects offered at the first, second and third academic year levels (for a three-year Bachelor degree). Enter the unit value or credit points of each subject, as this appears on your transcript.

#### Actual result

Enter the actual result received in each subject exactly as reported on the transcript (e.g. DN, or 76). When both letter grades and percentages are given, use the percentage to convert to the GAMSAT grade.

## Converted grade

For each subject the actual grade – your percentage score, numerical, letter or Honours year grade – is converted by the online calculator to the corresponding GAMSAT grade (0–7.0) in the Undergraduate Grading System Conversion Table.

The calculator then reports the number of GAMSAT points for each subject, by multiplying the converted GAMSAT grade by the unit value of the subject.

## Step 5 Finalise your calculations


Once you have checked over all the data you have entered, you submit your calculations to the GMAC Office by clicking the 'finalise' button.

### Confirmation email

All applicants are automatically emailed their GPA calculation when they 'finalise' this in the online system. You should check this confirmation for errors, and contact the GMAC Office by reply email if you need to change any of the information you have entered.

The Online GPA Calculation System will close at 5.00pm AEST Friday 5 June 2009. Once the system has closed, it is no longer possible for applicants to amend their data.

### GPA calculator closed

 Local Pharmacy applicants, and all international applicants with a GAMSAT score, may request access to the GPA calculator after 5.00pm AEST Friday 5 June 2009, and up until their application deadline. Just email your request to [gmac@acer.edu.au](mailto:gmac@acer.edu.au) and include the transaction ID number from your online application.

## Estimating your GPA Using the Paper Forms

If you wish to calculate your GPA when the online calculator is closed, you can print the forms in this Guide to compute this by hand.

- Step 1 Group your subjects using the instructions above.
- Step 2 Complete the Academic Record Form
- Step 3 Complete the GPA Form
- Step 4 Calculate GPAs

### The GPA calculation

- (i) Add the Unit values of all subjects (including those failed and/or repeated) within each GPA.

$$\left( = \text{Total U1, U2 etc} \right)$$

- (ii) Add the GAMSAT points (including those failed and/or repeated) for all subjects within each GPA.

$$\left( = \text{Total P1, P2 etc} \right)$$

- (iii) To calculate GPA1, divide P1 by U1

$$\left( \text{ie. } \text{GPA1} = \frac{\text{P1}}{\text{U1}} \right)$$

- (iv) Repeat this calculation for each subsequent GPA level.

You should now have three figures (GPA1, GPA2 and GPA3) between 0–7.

## Conversion Table code

Column	
A	Use Column A if you have an official record of your mark (percentage)
B	ACU, Adelaide, Bond, Canberra, Central Queensland, Charles Sturt, Flinders, Griffith, James Cook, Macquarie, Newcastle, New England, NSW, Notre Dame, Queensland*, QUT, Southern Cross, Southern Queensland, Sunshine Coast, Swinburne, Sydney, UTS, Western Sydney, Wollongong
C	South Australia
D	Charles Darwin
E	ANU, Ballarat, Deakin, Edith Cowan, La Trobe, Monash, Murdoch, RMIT, Tasmania, Victoria, Western Australia
F	Melbourne
G	Curtin
H	New Zealand Universities

\*NB. From 2006, grades of 3 awarded by UQ are considered a 'fail' grade (previously a 'Conceded Pass'). Therefore, grades of 3 obtained at UQ prior to 2006 will have a GAMSAT grade of 3. Grades of 3 obtained from 2006 onwards have a GAMSAT grade of 0.

If your university is not listed above, use the column appropriate to the grading system used on your transcript.



## Undergraduate Grading System Conversion Table

A	GAMSA	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
100%	7.0							
99	7.0							
98	7.0							
97	7.0							
96	7.0							
95	7.0							
94	7.0							
93	7.0	HD/7	HD	HD				
92	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0				
91	7.0							
90	7.0				HD/≥7/A	HI	≥8	A+/A/A-
89	7.0				7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0
88	7.0							
87	7.0							
86	7.0							
85	7.0							
84	7.0							
83	7.0							
82	7.0							
81	7.0							
80	7.0	D/6	D	D				
79	6.5	6.75	6.75	6.75				
78	6.5							
77	6.5					H2A		B+
76	6.5					6.5		6.5
75	6.5							
74	6.0				D/DI/6/B/DN		7	
73	6.0				6.25		6.25	
72	6.0					H2B		B
71	6.0					6.0		6.0
70	6.0	CR/5	CR					
69	5.5	5.75	5.75					
68	5.5							
67	5.5			C		H3		B-
66	5.5			5.5		5.5		5.5
65	5.5							
64	5.0				CR/5/C		6	
63	5.0				5.25		5.25	C+
62	5.0							5
61	5.0							
60	5.0		Pass Div I					
59	4.5		4.75					
58	4.5	P/4				P		C
57	4.5	4.5				4.5		4.5
56	4.5							
55	4.5			P	P/PA/4		5	
54	4.0			4.25	4.25		4.25	
53	4.0							
52	4.0		Pass Div II					C-
51	4.0		4.0					4.0
50	4.0							
49	3.5							
48	3.5							
47	3.5	UP/CQ/PC/3		PC	CP/3/NC/ PC/C*/NI		PC/PX	D
46	3.5	3.0		3.0	3.0		3.0	3.0
45	3.5							
<44#	0	F/N/<3	F/N	F	F/2/I/N/N2	F/N	F	E
		0	0	0	0	0	0	0

\* Conceded pass, faculty pass, etc. – GAMSA grade of 3.0

# If you have a percentage mark where the minimum for an unrestricted pass grade is 50 per cent, use column A to read off the corresponding GAMSA grade.

Honours degree	
Award	GAMSA Grade
First	7.0
2A	6.0
2B	5.0
Third	4.0

## FAQs about GPAs

### I have both percentage marks and grades listed on my transcript.

If you have percentage marks listed, you should **always use these** – i.e. use Scale A to calculate your GPA.

### How should I list my Honours results?

If you undertook an Honours year, additional to and on completion of a Bachelor degree, you should use the table at the bottom of page 17 to find your GAMSAs grade for that year. This is generally the case for a standard 3-year course such as a Bachelor of Arts. Your honours grade will have incorporated all the coursework and thesis undertaken in that Honours year. As such the GAMSAs Grade is for the year overall – e.g. 7.0 for first class Honours – and you do not need to break it down further i.e. subject by subject.

Percentage marks may not be used for Honours degrees.

Note: if you were awarded **‘on course’ honours** and not as a separate year of study, then you do not to include a specific ‘Honours’ entry in your GPA calculations. Your final year of study should be listed as per usual, using scales A–H. This is generally the case for 4- and 5-year courses such as a Bachelor of Engineering, for example when a degree is awarded ‘with honours’ based on academic performance throughout the course.

### I did a double/combined degree, how do I group my subjects?

If you have undertaken a double or combined degree program, you group your subjects in exactly the same way as listed above in Step 3. For example, if you undertook a BCom/BEng full time over 5 years, you divide all those subjects into 5 equal groups, based on the years you undertook them. As such, each GPA year could include subjects from either or both degrees. You then use the last 3 full-time-equivalent years only.

### Current Subjects

You cannot calculate a GPA on subjects you are currently enrolled in i.e. for which you have no actual result.

If you are enrolled in the final year of your degree at the time of application, you should calculate your GPA1 and GPA2 in the online system, but you will not be able to enter a GPA3. This includes Honours years; if you are currently enrolled in your Honours year, you should calculate GPA2 on the final year of your Bachelor degree and GPA1 on the penultimate year.

As a general rule, if you are enrolled in the final year of your degree in 2009, you will not be able to calculate a GPA3 during the GMAC application period (May/June 2009).

The admissions committee will complete calculations when your results are available.

### Withdrawal

If a subject appears on your transcript as ‘withdrawn’ or ‘discontinued’, i.e. a subject in which you were enrolled but did not complete, you only include this in the GPA calculations if ‘Withdraw/Fail’ or ‘Discontinue/Fail’ is shown.

In this case, these subjects are designated a GAMSAs grade of zero (0).

### Ungraded Pass

Subjects successfully completed without a grade being awarded, e.g. subjects marked as ‘pass’ or ‘satisfactory’ do not need to be included. Admissions committees do not usually count ungraded passes when calculating GPAs. However, where such subjects are failed, they must be recorded.

### Failed Subjects

All failed subjects must be listed. The GAMSAs grade for a failed subject is zero (0).

### My transcript doesn’t list any unit values

For some degrees from a few universities, units are not available, and credit (or clock) hours must be used. In this case, include an official record of credit hours with your academic transcript, and use the total number of hours for each subject as its unit value.

If you are unable to provide any unit value, assign each subject the value of 1, to complete the online calculation. The admissions committees will assess your case on an individual basis.

### I made a mistake on my GPA calculation, and I’ve already finalised it!

There is no limit to the number of times you can access your information to add or amend details up until the calculator closes, or you click to ‘finalise’ your GPA calculation. In this situation, if you need to make further amendments, email the GMAC Office and ask for permission to again access the system.

### I didn’t finalise my GPA calculation before the system closed.

Applicants who have not ‘finalised’ their GPA by the close of applications will be emailed a copy of the calculations they had entered by that point in time. The GMAC Office will check all calculations on receipt of original transcripts and make any amendments required. Checked GPA calculations are not forwarded to applicants.

### I’m applying to schools that calculate GPAs differently.

You submit only one online GPA calculation. Complete the form following the instructions in this Guide, as this is appropriate to the majority of schools. If they use a different system, the schools will amend your GPA when they receive your application.

# Entry requirements – International applicants


The graduate-entry medical schools welcome applications from international students. There are approximately 230 places available across the seven medical schools taking international students in 2010:

- » up to 20 places at ANU;
- » 10 at Deakin;
- » 19 at Flinders;
- » 10 at Monash;
- » 100 at Queensland;
- » 55 at Sydney; and
- » up to 12 at Wollongong.

These international places are additional to the Australian government-funded quota places and are not available to Australian citizens/permanent residents or New Zealand citizens.

International places are available on a full-fee basis and tuition fees are around A\$45,000 per year.

International applicants should refer to the medical school websites to obtain detailed information on fees and other provisions.

 Pharmacy and Dentistry places are additional to these places.

The admission requirements for international students are broadly similar to those for Australian citizens, but there are some important differences. International applicants are permitted to nominate two medical school preferences only.

## GAMSAT or MCAT

International applicants may elect to sit either GAMSAT or MCAT. Students who elect to sit GAMSAT must register with ACER by the published deadline in January. Students intending to sit MCAT must register with the American Association of Medical Colleges by the appropriate deadlines.

For more information about MCAT please refer to the website [www.aamc.org/mcat](http://www.aamc.org/mcat). For the purposes of admission to graduate-entry medicine in Australia, MCAT scores are valid for two years. MCAT scores that will be accepted by Australian medical schools for 2010 entry are from the test period January 2007 to May 2009 inclusive. Results must be forwarded to ACER directly via MCAT's ThX system to reach ACER no later than 2 July 2009 (see the MCAT website for details).

## GPA


Applicants whose Bachelor degrees are from universities outside Australia will not be able to calculate a Grade Point Average (GPA) using the conversion scales. It is however, essential that all international applicants submit official academic transcripts with their application forms. Alternatively you can arrange for your institution to post official transcripts directly to the Admissions Centre at ACER.

Foreign language transcripts must be accompanied by a certified English translation.

In all cases, sufficient details of the grading or assessment system used must be provided so that admissions committees can adequately assess the level of performance in the Bachelor degree.

## Interview

Every effort is made to conduct interviews for shortlisted international applicants in their home country or region if this is appropriate. With the exception of Sydney and Monash, schools may conduct interviews by telephone. (The applicant may need to attend the nearest Australian Embassy or High Commission.)


 Special arrangements will be made for international applicants to the Master of Pharmacy who are invited to complete the Pharmacy Case Study Scenario.


## Visa status

International students who expect to have citizenship or permanent residency granted prior to the commencement of their course should contact the relevant school to discuss how this may affect their application.

Permanent Resident status is established from the date stamped on the student's passport, or a Certificate of Evidence of Resident Status from DIMIA, not from the date on which the application for status was made.

## Deadlines

 The closing date for receipt of Medicine and Dentistry applications – including hard copy documents – from international students at the Graduate Medical Admissions Centre at ACER is Friday 26 June 2009.

 Pharmacy applications close on 28 August 2009.

**Note:** Neither references nor autobiographical submissions are required, and should not be submitted.

# Entry requirements – All applicants

## Australian National University (ANU) Medical School

### Contact details

T: (02) 6125 1304

F: (02) 6125 8877

E: [medadmissions@anu.edu.au](mailto:medadmissions@anu.edu.au)

W: <http://medschool.anu.edu.au>

### Places available in 2010

64 CSP

3 MRBS

23 BMP

Up to 20 International

### Bachelor degree/GPA

Generally applicants should have a GPA of 5.5 or higher. It is unlikely that applicants with a weighted GPA of less than 34 (roughly equivalent to an average GPA of 5.6) will be invited to interview.

Details on how the weighted GPA is calculated from the final three full-time-equivalent calendar years (excluding the Honours year) are available on the ANU Medical School website.

Applicants with ANU as a preference who have an Honours degree should include with their transcripts sent to ACER a GPA calculation for the first of their 4 full-time-equivalent years. This will be used as GPA I in the ANU calculation only.

### GAMSAT

Applicants must have achieved a minimum score of 50 in all Sections of GAMSAT to be considered. However, applicants with a GAMSAT Overall Score of less than 56 are unlikely to be ranked highly enough to be offered an interview.

### Interview

The GAMSAT Overall Score and weighted GPA are weighted 50:50 to score each applicant. A final rank order is obtained after adding a small bonus for one of the following degrees, if applicable: Honours, Graduate Diploma, Masters or PhD.

Interviews for local applicants will be conducted from 22–24 September 2009 in Canberra. Interviews will be semi-structured and will include multi-stations. All interviewers will be trained.

The interview will be assessed as satisfactory or unsatisfactory.

### Offers

Offers will be based on consideration of a 50:50 weighting of GAMSAT Overall Score (with minimum Section scores of 50) and weighted GPA (based on the final three full-time-equivalent calendar years of the most recent undergraduate degree, not including an Honours year).



### International students

International applicants may be required to meet English proficiency requirements. Applicants will be short-listed for interview on the basis of weighted GPA and either GAMSAT or MCAT score. For those sitting MCAT, a minimum score of 8 is required in numerically rated sections and M in the writing sample.

International students domiciled in Australia will be asked to attend an interview between 22–24 September. For international students domiciled overseas, interviews will most likely be by telephone.

#### Key:

- CSP - Commonwealth Supported Places
- MRBS - Medical Rural Bonded Scholarship Scheme
- BMP - Bonded Medical Places Scheme

## Deakin University School of Medicine

Contact details

T: (03) 9251 7777

F: (03) 9251 7450

E: [hmnbs-support@deakin.edu.au](mailto:hmnbs-support@deakin.edu.au)

W: [www.deakin.edu.au/hmnbs/medicine/admission.php](http://www.deakin.edu.au/hmnbs/medicine/admission.php)

### Places available in 2010

91	CSP
5	MRBS
32	BMP
10	International

### Deakin Supplementary Application form

All applicants must complete the 2010 Supplementary Application form at [www.deakin.edu.au/hmnbs/medicine/applications.php](http://www.deakin.edu.au/hmnbs/medicine/applications.php). Please ensure you that you use the 2010 Supplementary Information form rather than an old version of the form. The form, available on the School website, should be printed, completed and forwarded to ACER with your academic transcripts and any other relevant supporting documents.

### Bachelor degree/GPA

A weighted GPA of 5.0 is required. The GPA is to be based on academic grades obtained during the final three full-time-equivalent years of the most recent undergraduate degree (including an Honours year if applicable). Years are progressively weighted x1, x2 and x3, to give greater weight to the most recent results.

The completed undergraduate degree must be from an Australian university (listed in the Australian Qualifications Framework at: subcategory ii. Universities and other Self-Accrediting Higher Education Institutions, or an overseas university listed in the National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition Guide).

Applicants are required to have graduated from their undergraduate degree within 10 years of their projected commencement date. Applicants whose undergraduate degree was completed outside the 10 year period are considered for admission if they have completed the equivalent of one year's full-time tertiary studies at Graduate Diploma level or higher, within 10 years of the projected commencement date, at an Australian university or an overseas university listed in the National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition Guide.

### GAMSAT

A minimum GAMSAT Overall Score of 50 with a minimum of 50 in each of the three Sections is required to be considered for interview.

### Interview

Approximately 195 applicants will be interviewed. Interviews will be held in Geelong during late September–early October 2009. Interviewees will be selected based on GAMSAT and weighted GPA (50:50). The ranking for interview will include additional bonus points for:

- » Relevant Prior Learning (2%);
- » Relevant prior clinical experience (2%);
- » Rural/Regional residency (RRMA 2-7) (2% - 4%);
- » Demonstration of financial disadvantage during undergraduate degree (2%).

Interviews will use the Multiple Mini Interview (MMI) format in which applicants are interviewed at up to 10 consecutive stations with 5 minutes for each interaction. Qualities to be assessed at interview include communication skills, professionalism, social awareness, ethical behaviour, and commitment to rural and regional practice.

At the time of interview offer applicants will complete a form to indicate their order of preference for the three types of places available.

### Offers

The final ranked list from which offers will progressively be made is based on an entry score calculation which gives equal weighting to GPA, GAMSAT and Interview. Additional bonus points, previously listed, will be included in this calculation. Offers will be made during November 2009–January 2010. Offers for applicants in the final year of their degree will be provisional. Final results must be received by Deakin no later than 18 December 2009, but preferably by early December.

### International students

International applicants may apply with GAMSAT or MCAT scores. The minimum GAMSAT score is at least 50 in each Section and a score of at least 50 overall. The minimum MCAT score is 8/8/M/8. Bonuses will be awarded for relevant prior clinical experience and relevant prior learning. Students who have undertaken their undergraduate studies in a non-English speaking country must, in addition, obtain a minimum overall IELTS score of 7.0 (with 6.0 or over in the written band and 7.0 or over in the spoken band). Applicants whose undergraduate degree was conducted and examined entirely in English are considered for exemption for IELTS testing. A combination of GAMSAT/MCAT score, GPA score and bonuses will be taken into consideration when selecting applicants for interview. NB: International applicants may apply either via the GMAC Online Admission System or directly to International Admissions at Deakin University. All applicants must fill out the Deakin University International Supplementary Information form, which is available on the School website: [www.deakin.edu.au/hmnbs/medicine/admission-intl-students.php](http://www.deakin.edu.au/hmnbs/medicine/admission-intl-students.php)

### Information Evening

Where: Ballarat Base Hospital, Education Resource Centre  
When: Wednesday 27 May 2009, 5.30pm  
Presenter: Professor Brendan Crotty, Head, School of Medicine

### Open Day

Geelong Campus at Waurin Ponds, Pigdons Road, VIC 3217  
Sunday 9 August 2009, 10.00am-3.00pm.

## Flinders University School of Medicine

Contact details

T: (08) 8201 2421\*

F: (08) 8201 3905

E: [medadmissions@flinders.edu.au](mailto:medadmissions@flinders.edu.au)

W: [www.flinders.edu.au/medicine/sites/medical-course/medicine\\_home.cfm](http://www.flinders.edu.au/medicine/sites/medical-course/medicine_home.cfm)

\* International applicants should direct telephone enquiries to Dr Tony Edwards (+61 8 8204 4262)

### Places available in 2010<sup>#</sup>

80	CSP (includes Northern Territory, Indigenous and Rural sub-quotas)
4	MRBS
27	BMP
0-10	SA Government Bonded places
19	International

<sup>#</sup>These numbers are based on information correct at the time of preparation of this Guide. Check the School website for updates.

### Bachelor degree/GPA

Flinders does not set a minimum grade point average (GPA), but weighted GPA is a significant component in ranking applicants (after interview) for offers, and a Distinction/Credit or B average is generally needed to be competitive. Applicants must calculate a GPA for each of the last three full-time-equivalent years of their most recent undergraduate degree, including an Honours year if applicable. The three GPAs are weighted x1, x2 and x3 so that the most recent results contribute most to the weighted GPA used in ranking.

### GAMSAT

Minimum Section Scores and an Overall cut-off score for interview are determined by the Admissions Committee annually. Normally the minimum Section scores are 50 in Sections I and III and about 45 in Section II. For applicants who achieve the minimum Section scores, the GAMSAT Overall Score required for interview has ranged from 56-62 in recent years. Applicants with slightly lower Overall Scores may be offered interviews in the special entry to interview scheme (on the basis of an outstanding GPA) or in a sub-quota (if they meet specified additional criteria for consideration). See the School website for details.

### Interview

Interview offers will be made to about 180 local applicants. Interview offers will be made online only via the School's website. Applicants will need their GAMSAT candidate number to access interview information.

Interviews will be held between 22 September-1 October in Adelaide (or in Darwin, for applicants in the Northern Territory sub-quota). Interviews are in semi-structured format and conducted by a panel of trained interviewers. Qualities assessed include communication skills, quality of motivation, decision-making, learning style and team skills, personal management and self-evaluation skills, and pro-social attitude.

### Offers

After interview, applicants are ranked by combining scores (on a scale of 0-100) calculated from GAMSAT Overall Score, weighted GPA and interview score. These three components are weighted equally in determining an Entry Score for ranking. During the admissions process, those selected for interview are asked to nominate the categories of medical school place for which they are eligible and for which they wish to be considered, in order of preference. The preferences given by each applicant will guide the offer process as the Admissions Committee works through the ranked list of applicants. For applicants completing degrees in 2009, a complete GPA calculation must await final results. Final results must be submitted to Flinders by Friday 18 December 2009, in order for the applicant to be guaranteed equal consideration. Results submitted after this date and up to 4 January 2010 will also be considered, but those applicants cannot be guaranteed equal consideration of their preferences.

Most offers will be made between October and December, but it is not possible to complete the offer process until early January when (with the availability of 2009 results) the ranked list can be finalised.



### International students

The admissions process for international applicants is slightly different to that for Australians – see the School website for details. International applicants must have recent results from either GAMSAT or MCAT. Minimum MCAT scores of 8/8/0/8 are normally required. International applicants are shortlisted for interview on a combination of weighted GPA (see above) and admission test score. Interviews are conducted in July and August, where possible in the home country or region. In a few cases it may be necessary to conduct interviews by video via the internet or by telephone.

### Information Evening

Flinders will hold an information evening about graduate entry to its medical course on Monday 18 May at 7.30pm. The venue will be Law Theatre North 5 on the Flinders University campus at Bedford Park.

For more information visit:

[www.flinders.edu.au/medicine/sites/medical-course/medicine\\_home.cfm](http://www.flinders.edu.au/medicine/sites/medical-course/medicine_home.cfm) or phone (08) 8201 2421

## Griffith University School of Medicine

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W: [www.griffith.edu.au/health/school-medicine](http://www.griffith.edu.au/health/school-medicine)

### Places available in 2010

60	CSP
42	Queensland Health Bonded Medical Scholarship places (QHBMSP)
3	MRBS
20	BMP

### Bachelor Degree/GPA

GPA is not included in calculation of the overall ranking of applicants for offers, however, all applicants receiving an offer must have achieved a minimum GPA of 5.0. Applicants who are in the final year of a Bachelor degree at the time of application may be offered provisional admission, subject to completion of the Bachelor degree and achievement of the required minimum GPA. Applicants in this category will be considered for a provisional offer only if their GPA at the end of Semester 1, 2009 averages at least 5.0.

### GAMSAT

Applicants must achieve a minimum standard in each of the three Sections of GAMSAT in order to be considered. Griffith University determines the standard annually, but would normally expect applicants to achieve a minimum score of 50 in each Section. The Overall Score required to secure an interview is also determined annually, but is expected to be around 60. The number of interviews is based on a ratio of approximately 1.5 interviews for each quota place.

### Interview

Applicants who meet the minimum GPA requirement are selected for interview based on GAMSAT Overall Score.

Interviews will be held in September/October. Interviews are semi-structured and conducted by a panel of trained interviewers. Qualities assessed at interview include: motivation; decision making ability; appropriate learning style; personal management and self-evaluation skills; communication skills; and pro-social attitude.

### Offers

Offers are made based on an overall ranking of interviewed applicants. This ranking is calculated as 50% GAMSAT score, plus 50% interview score. The first round of offers is made in late October/early November. Applicants offered a provisional place must provide final results for their Bachelor degree to the Griffith School of Medicine no later than 20 December 2009, in order for a provisional offer to be converted to a full offer. If required, a second round of offers is made in December/January.

Tie-breaking mechanisms, if needed, may include demographic factors, GPA, subjects studied in the Bachelor degree and/or consideration of under-represented or minority groups in the medical professions.



### International students

Griffith University will not be accepting applications from international students for 2010 entry.

### Australian Indigenous Applicants

Five places are reserved each year for students of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent applying for medicine. To be considered for these places, applicants must indicate their ATSI status at the point of application. Applicants in this category are required to reach acceptable levels of performance in GAMSAT, interview and GPA as determined by the school. Unfilled places in this sub-quota will be transferred to the general Australian resident quota.

### Information Evening – ‘Pathways to Medicine’

#### Nathan campus

Wednesday 13 May, 5.00-7.00pm at the Eco Centre (Nathan campus)

#### Gold Coast campus

Wednesday 20 May, 5.00pm-7.00pm in the Activities Centre, G07 (Link building)

### Register

Please fill out the registration form with all relevant details. We look forward to seeing you at the event.

The form is available at [www.griffith.edu.au/health/biomedical-medical-science/pathways-to-medicine/registration-form](http://www.griffith.edu.au/health/biomedical-medical-science/pathways-to-medicine/registration-form)

## The University of Melbourne Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences Student Centre

### Contact details

T: (03) 8344 5890

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W: [www.medicine.unimelb.edu.au/future/md.html](http://www.medicine.unimelb.edu.au/future/md.html)

### Places available in 2010

None. The University of Melbourne will not be accepting graduates in 2010, as part of the transition from the four-and-a-half year MBBS to the new four-year postgraduate Doctor of Medicine (MD) commencing in 2011.

Selection requirements for 2011 entry are still being finalised.

For the latest information please refer to our website at [www.medicine.unimelb.edu.au/future/md.html](http://www.medicine.unimelb.edu.au/future/md.html)

### Information Sessions

Information sessions on graduate medicine entry for 2011 will be held on 16 August 2009 as part of Open Day. Details can be obtained at: [www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/events/openday/](http://www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/events/openday/)



## Monash University Faculty of Medicine, Nursing & Health Sciences Gippsland Campus

### Contact details

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W: [www.med.monash.edu.au/medical/gippsland](http://www.med.monash.edu.au/medical/gippsland)

### Places available in 2010

46	CSP
3	MRBS
16	BMP
10	International

### Bachelor Degree/GPA

Applicants should have achieved a weighted Grade Point Average of 5.0. GPA is assessed on the last three full-time-equivalent years of the most recent undergraduate degree, including an Honours year if applicable. Successive years are weighted x1, x2 and x3 so that the greatest weight is given to the most recent results. Additional points will be given (by Monash) to applicants with PhD or Masters by research qualifications (0.2 and 0.1 points respectively).

### GAMSAT

Applicants must have obtained a minimum score of 50 in each of the three Sections. A cut-off for the GAMSAT Overall Score will be determined annually.

### Rural/Regional and Indigenous Applications

Rural and all Gippsland residents should ensure they submit the extra Rural/Regional Information Form in order to be considered for bonus points. Indigenous applicants should submit a Statutory Declaration and the CAIS form to be considered for bonus points. The forms, available on the Monash Gippsland website, should be printed, completed and forwarded to ACER with academic transcripts and any other relevant documents.

### Interview

Interviews will be conducted on the Gippsland campus of Monash University in late September. The interview is in semi-structured multi-station format, otherwise known as the Multiple Mini-Interview (MMI). Approximately 110 Australian applicants will be interviewed.

### Offers

The final selection of applicants will be based on consideration of standardised scores for:

- » Interview (60%);
- » GAMSAT (40%).

The weighted GPA is incorporated into the selection process as a hurdle eligibility requirement only. Offers will be made to applicants according to their ranking.



### International Students

International students may apply with either a GAMSAT or MCAT score. International applicants with MCAT scores must have achieved minimum scores of 8/8/M/8 to be eligible. Students who have undertaken their undergraduate studies in a non-English speaking country must, in addition, obtain a minimum overall IELTS score of 7.0 with at least 6.5 in all bands. GAMSAT or MCAT scores plus GPA will be taken into consideration in selecting applicants for interview. Interviews will take place in Gippsland, Singapore and Vancouver.

### Information Day

An information session will be held from 10.00am-3.00pm on Saturday 23 May 2009, at the Gippsland Campus. Transport from Clayton and Caulfield campuses (bus pick-up at 8.00am) will be provided, as will lunch.

If you are interested in participating, please RSVP to Vicki Halliday by noon on 15 May at [vicki.halliday@med.monash.edu.au](mailto:vicki.halliday@med.monash.edu.au). In your RSVP please indicate:

- » Whether you will require transport from Melbourne, and if so, where you want to be picked up (Caulfield or Clayton);
- » Whether you have any special dietary requirements.

## The University of Notre Dame Australia School of Medicine Fremantle

The Objects of the University of Notre Dame Australia are:

- a. the provision of university education, within a context of Catholic faith and values; and
- b. the provision of an excellent standard of:
  - i. teaching, scholarship and research;
  - ii. training for the professions; and
  - iii. pastoral care for its students.

Contact details

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W: [www.nd.edu.au/fremantle/schools/medicine/medFreo.shtml](http://www.nd.edu.au/fremantle/schools/medicine/medFreo.shtml)

### Places available in 2010

73	CSP
3	MRBS
24	BMP

### Selection Process

Candidates are selected for admission on the basis of:

- » Personal qualities and motivation to study medicine;
- » GAMSAT Overall Score (50+ in each Section, Overall Score 50+);
- » Grade Point Average of 5.0+;
- » Interview.

### Other Requirements

Students will need to have by the time of enrolment:

- » An Australian Registered Senior First Aid Course;
- » Evidence of full immunisations;
- » State and Federal Government Police Clearance; and
- » a Working with Children clearance.

### Supplementary Information

- » Applicants must submit the Notre Dame Supplementary Information Form direct to the University. The form should outline the applicant's personal qualities and motivation to pursue a career in medicine and to train at Notre Dame. The School is seeking applicants with community, volunteer and leadership backgrounds, who wish to be of service to others as expressed by the Objects of the University and the Mission of the Notre Dame School of Medicine, Fremantle.
- » Supplementary Information Forms are submitted directly to the Admissions Office at the Fremantle Campus.

### Interview

Offers of interviews will be made in August. Interviews are semi-structured and undertaken by three trained interviewers. Interviews cover motivation, group work and communication skills. Interviews last approximately 40 minutes.

### Offers

Offers will be made in late October. The admission requirements for CSP, MRBS and BMP are exactly the same. Selection for all places is in order of ranked position at completion of the selection process.



### International students

There will be no places available for international students in 2010.

## The University of Notre Dame Australia School of Medicine Sydney

The Objects of the University of Notre Dame Australia are:

- a. the provision of university education, within a context of Catholic faith and values; and
- b. the provision of an excellent standard of:
  - i. teaching, scholarship and research
  - ii. training for the professions; and
  - iii. pastoral care for its students.

Contact details

T: (02) 8204 4404

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### Places available in 2010

57	CSP
3	MRBS
20	BMP
32	Domestic full-fee paying

### Selection process

Candidates are selected for admission on the basis of:

- » Personal qualities and motivation to study medicine;
- » GAMSAT Overall Score (50+ in each Section, Overall Score 50+). NB: this is a minimum indicative score. The University does not prescribe a fixed or rigid minimum entry score;
- » Grade Point Average of 5.0+. NB: this is a minimum indicative score. The University does not prescribe a fixed or rigid minimum entry score;
- » Interview.

### Supplementary Information

- » Applicants must submit the Notre Dame Supplementary Information Form – directly to the university – as well as completing their application via ACER. The form should outline the applicant's motivation to pursue a career in medicine and to train at Notre Dame. The School is seeking applicants with community, volunteer and leadership backgrounds, who wish to be of service to others as expressed by the Objects of the University and the Mission of the Notre Dame School of Medicine, Sydney.
- » Supplementary Information Forms must be submitted directly to the Admissions Office at the Sydney Campus.

### Interview

Offers of interviews will be made in August. Interviews are semi-structured and undertaken by two trained interviewers. Interviews cover motivation, group work and communication skills.

### Offers

Offers will be made in late October. The admission requirements for CSP, MRBS, BMP and fee-paying students are exactly the same. Selection for all places is in order of ranked position at completion of the selection process.

### Other requirements

Students will need to have by the date of enrolment::

- » evidence of full immunisations;
- » completed an Australian Registered Senior First Aid Course;
- » obtained State and Federal Government Police Clearance; and
- » obtained a Working with Children clearance.

### International Students

There will be no places available for international students in 2010.

### Information Evening

Darlinghurst Campus Course Information Evening  
160 Oxford Street, Darlinghurst NSW 2010  
Thursday 28 May 2009, from 6.00-8.00pm

To RSVP, email the Prospective Students Office at [sydney@nd.edu.au](mailto:sydney@nd.edu.au) or call (02) 8204 4404

Open Day  
104 Broadway, Broadway NSW 2007  
Saturday 29 August 2009, from 10.00am-4.00pm

To RSVP, email the Prospective Students Office at [sydney@nd.edu.au](mailto:sydney@nd.edu.au) or call (02) 8204 4404

## The University of Queensland School of Medicine

Contact details

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### Places available in 2010

216	CSP*
11	MRBS
71	BMP
100	International

\*Includes the 79 Year 12 sub-quota students ready to enter the MBBS program in 2010.

### Bachelor Degree/GPA

Applicants must have achieved a minimum converted GPA of 5.0 in their most recent key degree. A key degree is a Bachelor degree, Honours, Masters (coursework or research), or a PhD.

The key degree must have been completed within 10 years of the projected commencement date. Applicants whose key degree was completed outside the 10 year period are considered for admission if they have completed or are due to complete the equivalent of 1 or 2 semester's full time postgraduate tertiary studies – Graduate Certificate or Graduate Diploma – within 10 years of the projected commencement date.

The undergraduate degree and Masters (by coursework) GPA is calculated over the entire duration of the degree, and is not divided into years. All subjects studied while enrolled in the degree program are included in the calculation, whether or not they counted towards the award of the degree. Any other study for which credit was given towards the degree must be included. Where the degree was completed as part of a combined degree or parallel degree program, all subjects studied towards both degrees are included in the calculation of the GPA. Grades, not percentages, are used in all GPA calculations by the University of Queensland (UQ).

PhD and Masters (by research) receive a converted GPA of 7.0. Honours (by research) receive a GPA as per the Honours category in the conversion table on page 17.

The GPA for Bachelor degrees with 'on-course Honours' (typically 4- or 5-year degrees) may be calculated using whichever method gives the highest result. That is, either the converted coursework GPA calculation based on the subject results, or from the Honours category.

GPA calculations are often incomplete at the time of offers. You are advised not to apply if your GPA does not or will not meet the required minimum. The GPA is not used to rank applicants, but is used as a tiebreaker when necessary.

### GAMSAT

Applicants must achieve a minimum score of 50 in each Section. Applicants will be ranked in order of merit by their GAMSAT Overall Score, and offers will be made accordingly.

### Interview

UQ no longer interviews applicants for the graduate program.

### Offers

When selected for UQ's applicant pool, applicants will be directly contacted by QTAC, who will gather preferences for offer types. QTAC will be processing all applications and releasing the major offer round in August 2009. (NB: 40 places will be to study at UQ's Ipswich campus). Those unsuccessful in the applicant pool will be forwarded to their next preference school in order to be considered for interviews.

### Transfers

Students who have completed the first 2 years of a graduate medical program elsewhere in Australia maybe permitted into the MBBS program at UQ.

### Advanced Standing

Unless a student is entering the program in the transfer circumstance, no credit will be granted for previous studies.

### Failure to Enrol

An offer of a place is only available in that year's intake. An applicant who accepts an offer but does not enrol must reapply to undertake the program in a subsequent year.

### International Students

International students may apply with either GAMSAT or MCAT scores. Selection is based on the same criteria as for local applicants. Applicants with MCAT scores must have achieved minimum scores of 8/8/M/8 to be eligible.

## The University of Sydney Sydney Medical School

### Contact details

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W: [www.medfac.usyd.edu.au/futurestudent/index.php](http://www.medfac.usyd.edu.au/futurestudent/index.php)

### Places available in 2010

163*	CSP
8	MRBS
57	BMP
55	International

\* includes up to 6 places reserved for combined degrees i.e. BSc(Adv)/MBBS, BMedSc/MBBS, BA(Adv)(Hons)/MBBS, BMusStudies/MBBS

### Bachelor Degree/GPA

All applicants must have a GPA of 5.5 or above at the time of application in order to be considered. Calculations are not rounded up, i.e. a GPA of 5.49 does not meet the entry requirement. The GPA will be calculated on the last three full-time years, or six semesters, of the most recent Bachelor degree, including an Honours year if undertaken. Each year is weighted equally. Applications from those who have undertaken an appropriate two-year Bachelor degree in an accelerated program (e.g. three semesters per year) are only eligible to apply after completion of the full degree.

Applicants with a PhD or a Master by research degree<sup>#</sup> from a recognised institution, and whose GAMSAT results have met the standard requirements, will be deemed eligible for interview regardless of their undergraduate GPA. The PhD or Masters degree by research must have been conferred less than 10 years before 1 January of the year in which the applicant intends to commence the USyMMP. Applicants must submit the original proof of award of a PhD or a Master degree by research at the time of application. Otherwise these applications will be processed as standard applications.

Applicants with PhD by research will have 3 percentage points added to their total final score (determined by School). There will be no extra points for other types of doctorates or Masters degrees.

<sup>#</sup>Some Master by research degrees may require a limited amount of coursework, however, the research component must comprise 2/3 or more of the overall course requirements. The proof of award must indicate that the degree met this requirement.

### GAMSAT

Applicants must have achieved a minimum score of 50 in each Section to be considered for interview.

The minimum GAMSAT Overall Score is determined annually once applications have been received. The minimum Overall

Scores acceptable in 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009 were 58, 59, 61, 61 and 59 respectively.

### Interview

Applicants who meet the minimum GPA requirement and GAMSAT cut-off are invited for interview. The interview format is a Multiple Mini Interview (MMI).

The total number of interviews is approximately 1.5 to 2 times the number of places available. Interviews will be conducted in Sydney from 28 September. A presentation on the MMI and an MMI demonstration are available on the website at [www.medfac.usyd.edu.au/futurestudent.php](http://www.medfac.usyd.edu.au/futurestudent.php)

Applicants who have applied to both Medicine and Dentistry will be required to attend one interview only. Interview results will be considered by both Faculties.

**Note:** all correspondence will be by email.

### Offers

Applicants are required to meet or exceed a minimum MMI score. They will then be ranked on the basis of GAMSAT performance (50%) and MMI performance (50%). Applicants most highly ranked will be offered places first, according to their preferences for the different place types (applicants are required to number their preferences when making an online interview booking). If a particular type of place is no longer available, the next preferred available place will be offered.

For information about Transfer, Advanced standing, Enrolment in another medical program, Failure to enrol and Change of immigration status please refer to the Sydney Medical School website at: [www.medfac.usyd.edu.au/futurestudent/med/index.php](http://www.medfac.usyd.edu.au/futurestudent/med/index.php).

Note: Offers of admission are made by the Dean. At the University of Sydney the Dean of a Faculty is responsible for the admission of candidates to courses within that Faculty, subject to the policies of the Senate and the Academic Board and the authority of the Vice-Chancellor: clause 37.2 of the University of Sydney (Amendment Act) Rule 1999.

The Dean in exercising his responsibility in making any decision will abide by University policies in relation to admission to Sydney Medical School award courses, including those that specify that applications for admissions are considered according to the criteria detailed in the course resolutions and handbook.

### International Students

Selection is based on the same criteria as for local applicants. International applicants with MCAT scores should have achieved minimum scores of 8/8/M/8 to be considered for interview.

### Information Evening

Medicine and Dentistry Information Evening 2009

When: Wednesday 27 May 2009, from 5.00pm

Where: Eastern Avenue Auditorium, University of Sydney

Registration for the Information Evening will be open from Friday 8 May at [www.medfac.usyd.edu.au/futurestudent/med/index.php](http://www.medfac.usyd.edu.au/futurestudent/med/index.php).

## The University of Western Australia Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry & Health Sciences

The course length is four years plus a bridging component (26 weeks). The bridging component commences in late April 2010.

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W: <http://admissions.meddent.uwa.edu.au>

### Places available in 2010

Approximately 65 CSP, of which:

- » up to 25% are available for rural applicants;
- » 25% are BMP places;
- » up to 7 are MRBS places (the 7 MRBS are allocated across undergraduate and graduate entry medicine);
- » a small number of places are available for indigenous students.

### Bachelor Degree/GPA

Applicants must have achieved a GPA of at least 5.5 at time of interview selection. While applicants need to calculate the GPA in the manner described in this booklet, UWA will recalculate the GPAs of all interviewed applicants so that all subjects studied within the last 3 full-time-equivalent years of study are considered in GPAI only. Please see our website for further details on our recalculation method.

The Faculty includes 2009 results in the final GPA calculation. Therefore applicants currently completing their studies will be required to submit Semester 2 results to the Faculty. Applicants who wish Semester 1 results to be included in their GPA for interview selection, will need to send copies of their final semester results directly to the Faculty no later than 17 July 2009. Copies may be sent by fax or email. Students who submit Semester 1 results by 17 July will have their GPA recalculated prior to assessment for interview offers.

The Faculty calculates the GPA based on the most recent three full academic years of study (including Bachelor, Honours, Graduate Diploma, and Masters by coursework). The Faculty will therefore also recalculate the GPA of applicants who have undertaken such qualifications (whether complete or incomplete) in their most recent three full years of study. These recalculations will be made prior to interview selection. Because of this, applicants with postgraduate qualifications (or additional undergraduate results) should indicate this study on the application form, and attach the relevant transcripts along with their undergraduate ones.

Completed Masters by research and PhDs are not included in the GPA calculation. Instead the Faculty will add a small bonus to the overall GPA for applicants with these qualifications. Incomplete Masters by research and PhDs are not considered in the GPA unless transcripts show final marks for units within the degree. Applicants in this situation should contact the Faculty for advice.

### GAMSAT

Applicants must reach the minimum threshold in each of the three Sections of GAMSAT (likely to be at least 50), as well as the Overall Score minimum threshold. The Faculty determines thresholds annually. Applicants who receive one Section score marginally below 50 should contact the Faculty for advice.

### Interview

Selection for interview is based equally on GAMSAT Overall Score and GPA. Structured interviews will be held in Perth, in September or October. Approximately 90 applicants will be interviewed.

### Offers

Applicants are ranked by combining and equally weighting standardised scores calculated from the: GAMSAT Overall Score; GPA (includes any 2009 Semester 1 and 2 results); and interview score.

All interviewees must apply through TISC in order to be eligible for an offer. TISC applications close 30 September 2009 (late applications are not accepted). Please see [www.tisc.edu.au](http://www.tisc.edu.au) for further information.

Some preliminary offers will be made in December with subsequent offers made in mid January and early February.

### Deferral

Applicants to UWA are usually permitted to defer their offer of a place for one year, but are not permitted to undertake tertiary study during that year. Please contact the University for further information/conditions.

### International Students

UWA will not admit international students in 2010.

### Indigenous and Rural Students

Indigenous applicants should apply through the Centre for Aboriginal Medical and Dental Health ([www.camdh.uwa.edu.au](http://www.camdh.uwa.edu.au)). Applicants may also apply through the usual selection process (via ACER).

Rural applicants are encouraged to contact Mrs Sue Pognault at [sue.pognault@uwa.edu.au](mailto:sue.pognault@uwa.edu.au)

### Information Evening

The Faculty will host a GEMP information evening on Wednesday 20 May 2009 at 7.00pm in the Murdoch Lecture Theatre, UWA (Crawley Campus).

## The University of Wollongong Graduate School of Medicine

Contact details:

T: 1300 367 869 (within Australia)  
+61 2 4221 3218 (International)

E: [uniadvice@uow.edu.au](mailto:uniadvice@uow.edu.au)

W: [www.uow.edu.au/gsm](http://www.uow.edu.au/gsm)

### Places available in 2010

72 at Wollongong or Shoalhaven Campus, comprised of:

51 CSP

3 Medical Rural Bonded Scholarships

18 Bonded Medical Places

12 International

### Bachelor Degree/GPA

All applicants must have a weighted Grade Point Average (GPA) of 5.0 or above on a 7 point scale or 2.8 or above on a 4 point scale at the time of application, to be eligible to apply. The GPA score required to receive an offer for interview may fluctuate annually.

### GAMSAT

Applicants need to have gained a minimum score of 50 for each of the three Sections of GAMSAT and an Overall minimum score of 50 to be eligible to apply. The GAMSAT score required to receive an offer for interview may fluctuate annually.

### Portfolio

A portfolio demonstrating personal qualities, achievements, ties and commitment to regional, rural or remote communities must be submitted directly to UOW GSM by 5 June 2009, regardless of the UOW ranking on the preference form.

The portfolio will be used by the GSM to rank eligible applicants for interview.

Please access the UOW GSM homepage for guidelines to completing the portfolio.

Please note that all activities highlighted in the portfolio require a current email contact for verification.

### Interview.

Scores from applicants' GPA, GAMSAT and portfolio (including rurality score) are used in the calculation to determine final ranking for an invitation to interview, for approximately 110 domestic candidates annually.

Interviews are conducted by formally trained interviewers in a multi-stationed format at the Wollongong Campus during the week 28 September - 2 October. Interviewees are rated on personal qualities including their communication skills, empathetic and ethical approach, reflective manner, teamwork and decision making skills.

At the time of interview applicants will need to indicate their preferred campus (Wollongong or Shoalhaven) for their 4-year candidature. This preference will be considered but not guaranteed. Student campus preference will have no bearing on offers made. Extenuating circumstances for campus preference may be considered.

### Offers

On completion of the interview process the GSM Admissions Committee will engage in a process aimed at ranking all applicants for offer.

Ranking for offer to 72 domestic applicants is determined by a calculation utilizing their interview and portfolio scores. The candidates' GPA and GAMSAT results are not revisited at this stage. Student campus preference and place type have no influence on decisions for offer.

Offers are made early to mid October with a small number of subsequent offers in December and January (if required). Offers are made for specific status, campus and year only.

Offers to successful candidates completing a degree in 2009, will be made conditional to their maintenance of the minimum required GPA. Documentary evidence must be produced for the offer to be ratified.

### International Students

Applicants must be in their final year or have a completed bachelor degree from either:

- » An Australian university listed in the Australian Qualifications Framework at: AQF Register (Accreditation), subcategory (ii); OR
- » An overseas university listed in: the National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition Guide; ENIC-NARIC network.

### Bachelor Degree/GPA

GPA of 5 or above on a 7 point scale or 2.8 or above on a 5 point scale, from a recognized institution.

### GAMSAT / MCAT

Applicants need a minimum score of 50 for each of the three Sections of GAMSAT and an Overall minimum score of 50 to be eligible to apply. The GAMSAT score required to be considered to receive an offer for interview may fluctuate annually. International applicants who use MCAT must have gained a minimum overall score of 24 and 'M' in a written sample on the MCAT.

### Interview

- » A modified version of the domestic interview process utilizing available technology between Australia and an applicant's home country.

### Portfolio

International applicants are also required to submit a completed UOW GSM Admissions Portfolio. While international applicants are not required to demonstrate ties to regional, rural or remote areas, any experiences in these communities should be identified on the portfolio, as they would be viewed as desirable by the GSM.

## The University of Sydney Faculty of Dentistry Bachelor of Dentistry

### Contact details

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E: [admissions@dentistry.usyd.edu.au](mailto:admissions@dentistry.usyd.edu.au)

W: [www.dentistry.usyd.edu.au/student/bdent.php](http://www.dentistry.usyd.edu.au/student/bdent.php)

### Places available in 2010

60 CSP

20 International

### Bachelor Degree/GPA

All applicants must have a GPA of 4.0 or above at the time of application in order to be considered. The GPA is calculated on the last three full-time years, or six semesters, of the most recent Bachelor degree, including an Honours year if undertaken. Applicants who have undertaken an appropriate two-year Bachelor degree in an accelerated program (e.g. three semesters per year) may only apply after completion of the full degree.

### GAMSAT

Applicants must have achieved a minimum score of 50 in each Section to be considered for interview.

The minimum GAMSAT Overall Score is determined annually once applications have been received. The minimum Overall Score leading to an offer of interview for entry in 2009 was 57. The Faculty reserves the right to vary the GPA/GAMSAT minimum requirements at any time during the admissions process.

### Interview

Applicants who meet the minimum GPA requirement and GAMSAT cut-off are invited for interview. The interview format is a Multiple Mini Interview (MMI). Applicants who have applied to both Medicine and Dentistry will be required to attend one interview only. Interview results will be considered by both Faculties. The total number of interviews is approximately 1.5 to 2 times the number of places available. Interviews will be conducted in Sydney from 28 September. The Multiple Mini-Interview (MMI) will last 72 minutes and will consist of different mini interview stations.

### Offers

The applicants most highly ranked will be offered places first. Progressive offers will be made as vacancies occur.

### International Students

Selection is based on the same criteria as for local applicants. Applicants with MCAT scores should have achieved minimum scores of 8/8/M/8. Applicants using the DAT or CDAT must achieve a minimum score of 15 in each of the sections to be considered for interview.

NB: Dentistry will accept MCAT scores from sittings up until 13 June 2009.

The Faculty will also consider other relevant factors when assessing applications to ensure applicants demonstrate academic achievement and a previous successful completion of studies. Full details of the Admissions Policy are available in the Faculty Handbook.

Note that, in accordance with University Rules, Deans are responsible for the admission of candidates into courses in faculties subject to the policies of the Senate and the Academic Board and the authority of the Vice-Chancellor.

### Information Evening

Medicine and Dentistry Information Evening 2009

When: Wednesday 27 May 2009, from 5.00pm

Where: Eastern Avenue Auditorium, University of Sydney

Registration for the Information Evening will be open from

Friday 8 May at <http://www.medfac.usyd.edu.au/futurestudent/med/index.php>.



## The University of Sydney Faculty of Pharmacy Master of Pharmacy

Applications to the Master of Pharmacy close on 28 August 2009.

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### Places available in 2010

up to 10 CSP

40 Domestic full-fee paying

International (number of places determined annually)

All numbers of places are subject to confirmation.

### Bachelor Degree/GPA

Applicants must have completed or be in the final year of a Bachelor degree at the time of application, and have achieved a minimum GPA of 5.5. The GPA is calculated on the last three full-time years of the most recent Bachelor degree, including an Honours year if undertaken.

### GAMSAT

Applicants are required to achieve a minimum GAMSAT score of 50 in each of the three Sections, and a minimum Overall Score that will be determined annually by the Faculty on receipt of applications.

### Essential prerequisites

There are 7 essential prerequisites worth a total of 54 credit points. Applicants must have completed at least 42 out of the 54 credit points before commencing the Master of Pharmacy degree. Outstanding prerequisites must be completed by the end of the first year of the Master of Pharmacy. All prerequisites must have been completed within the last five years or, if the prerequisites are part of your previous degree, the degree must have been completed in the last five years. See the Faculty website [www.pharm.usyd.edu.au/future\\_students/cw\\_degrees/reg\\_degree/mapharm.shtml#essential](http://www.pharm.usyd.edu.au/future_students/cw_degrees/reg_degree/mapharm.shtml#essential) for details.

### Pharmacy Case Study Scenario

Interviews are not part of the selection process for the Master of Pharmacy.

Shortlisted applicants will be invited to complete the Pharmacy Case Study Scenario in October 2009.

### Offers

Applicants will be ranked on a combination of the following:

- » GAMSAT score;
- » GPA;
- » completed essential prerequisites;
- » score in the Pharmacy Case Study Scenario.

Offers of admission will be made to the highest ranked applicants in November 2009.

### International Students

International students are welcome to apply and will be required to meet the admissions criteria outlined above. Either GAMSAT or MCAT scores are acceptable. Those applying with MCAT must have received a grade of M or better in the writing sample and 8 in the sections given numerical scores. In addition, TOEFL or IELTS scores are required for applicants whose Bachelor degree was not completed in an English medium university. Original copies of your official TOEFL or IELTS results must be submitted to ACER as part of your application.

NB: Pharmacy will accept MCAT scores from sittings up until 6 August 2009.

### GPA calculator closed

Local Pharmacy applicants may request access to the GPA calculator after 5.00pm AEST Friday 5 June, and up until their application deadline. Just email your request to [gmac@acer.edu.au](mailto:gmac@acer.edu.au) and include the transaction ID number from your online application.

# Undergraduate Academic Record Form

Surname
Given names

University degree (expected/received and date)	GPA year	Subject name (and number if available)	Calendar year	Scale used	Actual grade	Converted GAMSAT grade (=G)	Unit value of subject (=U)	GAMSAT points (G x U=P)
Recognised University	1	Psychology 1	2003	F	C	4.0	8	32.0
BSc received 2006	1	Intro Chemistry	2003	F	A	6.5	8	52.0
	1	Physics 1	2003	F	A	-	8	-
	1	Biological Sciences 1A	2003	F	A	6.5	4	26.0
	1	Biological Sciences 1B	2003	F	B	5.5	4	22.0
	1	Earth Sciences 1A	2003	F	C	4.0	4	16.0
	1	Earth Sciences 1B	2003	F	HD	7.0	4	28.0
	1	Physiological Basis for Behaviour	2003	F	C	4.0	8	32.0
	1	Learning Processes	2003	F	C	4.0	8	32.0
	2	Psychology 2	2004	F	B	5.5	8	44.0
	2	Study of Personality	2004	F	C	4.0	8	32.0
	2	Evolution and Heredity	2004	F	F	0	8	0
	2	Behaviour and Neurology	2004	F	C	4.0	8	32.0
	2	Population Ecology	2004	F	C	4.0	8	32.0
	2	Earth Sciences 2A	2004	F	A	6.5	4	26.0
	2	Earth Sciences 2B	2004	F	C	4.0	4	16.0
	2	Evolution and Heredity	2004	F	B	5.5	8	44.0

## GPA Form

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<b>Surname</b>	<b>Given names</b>

### GPA 1

GPA year	Calendar year	Subject	Unit value (=U)	GAMSA points (=P)	
1	2003	Psychology 1	8	32.0	
1	2003	Intro Chemistry	8	52.0	
1	2003	Biological Sciences 1A	4	26.0	
1	2003	Biological Sciences 1B	4	22.0	
1	2003	Earth Sciences 1A	4	16.0	
1	2003	Earth Sciences 1B	4	28.0	
1	2003	Physiological Basis for Behaviour	8	32.0	
1	2003	Learning Processes	8	32.0	
<b>Total</b>			<b>UI = 48</b>	<b>Pi = 240.0</b>	<b>GPA1 = 5.00</b>

### GPA 2

GPA year	Calendar year	Subject	Unit value (=U)	GAMSA points (=P)	
2	2004	Psychology 2	8	44.0	
2	2004	Study of Personality	8	32.0	
2	2004	Evolution and Heredity	8	0	
2	2004	Behaviour and Neurology	8	32.0	
2	2004	Population Ecology	8	32.0	
2	2004	Earth Sciences 2A	4	26.0	
2	2004	Earth Sciences 2B	4	16.0	
2	2004	Evolution and Heredity	8	44.0	
<b>Total</b>			<b>UI = 56</b>	<b>Pi = 226.0</b>	<b>GPA2 = 4.04</b>

### GPA 3

GPA year	Calendar year	Subject	Unit value (=U)	GAMSA points (=P)
2	2005	Psychology 3	8	
2	2005	Study of Personality		
2	2005	Evolution and Heredit		
2	2005	B		
2				
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## GPA Form

Surname	Given names
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### GPA 1

GPA year	Calendar year	Subject	Unit value (=U)	GAMSA points (=P)	
Total			UI =	Pi =	GPA1 =

### GPA 2

GPA year	Calendar year	Subject	Unit value (=U)	GAMSA points (=P)	
Total			UI =	Pi =	GPA2 =

### GPA 3

GPA year	Calendar year	Subject	Unit value (=U)	GAMSA points (=P)	
Total			UI =	Pi =	GPA3 =

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