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Application Know-How 2021 Intake

Doctor of Medicine
Doctor of Dental Surgery
Doctor of Physiotherapy
Doctor of Optometry

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**Information is current for the 2021 Intake*



In this session we will review

- Selection criteria
- Graduate Access Melbourne Scheme
- Guaranteed Entry Pathway
- Fee information
- Application processes and deadlines

Doctor of Medicine (MD) Selection Criteria

Four years full-time - 400 Credit points

- An **undergraduate degree** in any discipline, with studies to have been completed within the last 10 years (or where the undergraduate degree is more than 10 years old, a Grad Dip/Masters/PhD within 10 years of 1 Jan 2021); and
 - Successful completion of **prerequisite** studies in anatomy, physiology and biochemistry consisting of at least one subject at second-year level of each (within 10 years of commencing MD);
 - Performance in the Graduate Australian Medical Schools Admission Test (**GAMSAT**) or for international students who are located overseas only, either the GAMSAT or the North American Medical Colleges Admission Test (**MCAT**). All sections in the GAMSAT will be weighted equally; and
 - Multi-mini Interview (**MMI**)
- Offers will be made on the basis of a combined ranked list where the **interview will contribute 50%, GPA will contribute 25% and GAMSAT (or MCAT) will contribute 25% to the final ranking after interview.**

All international applicants residing in Australia at the time of application must sit the GAMSAT. MCAT scores cannot be used by onshore applicants.



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MD – Clinical Zone Allocation

- Applicants are asked to choose their preferred clinical school zone (i.e. rural or metropolitan). Allocation to zones is based on a random order list and applicant preference, although those whose MD offer results from their rural origins will be allocated to the rural zone. Government regulations prevent international students from being placed in the rural clinical school zone.
- A successful applicant's acceptance of their offer of a place in the course is also acceptance of their allocated clinical school zone.
- Successful applicants will also be asked to express their preferences for the specific clinical school they would like to attend within their allocated zone. Information on each clinical school is available from:

<https://mdhs-study.unimelb.edu.au/degrees/doctor-of-medicine/clinical-experience#clinical-experience>

<http://bespoke-production.s3.amazonaws.com/mdhs/assets/1c/6fb4905d5b11e8870e0bc0190e8f1f/Clinical-School-Allocation-v4.1.pdf>

Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) Selection Criteria

Four years full-time - 400 credit points

- An **undergraduate** degree in any discipline, with studies to have been completed within the last 10 years (or where the undergraduate degree is more than 10 years old, a Grad Dip/Masters/PhD within 10 years of 1 Jan 2021);
 - Successful completion of **prerequisite** studies in anatomy, physiology and biochemistry at second-year level (within 10 years of commencing DDS); and
 - Performance in the Graduate Australian Medical Schools Admission Test (**GAMSAT**) or, for international students residing overseas, performance in the **United States DAT** (Dental Admission Test) or the **Canadian DAT** (Dental Aptitude Test) or the **UK GAMSAT** (the Graduate Medical School Admissions Test) or the **UK BMAT** (Biomedical Admissions Test). **All sections in the GAMSAT will be weighted equally.**
- **MCAT scores are no longer accepted for entry to the DDS.**
- **All international applicants residing in Australia at the time of application must sit the GAMSAT. DAT and BMAT scores cannot be used by onshore applicants.**

Doctor of Physiotherapy (DPT) Selection Criteria

Three years full time - 300 credit points

- An **undergraduate** degree in any discipline, studies to have been completed within the last 10 years (or where the undergraduate degree is more than 10 years old, a Grad Dip/Masters/PhD within 10 years of 1 Jan 2021).
- Successful completion of **prerequisite** University subjects in human anatomy and in human physiology (one subject of each) each (within 10 years of commencing DPT); and
- Multi-mini Interview (**MMI**).

Doctor of Optometry (OD) Selection Criteria

Four years full-time - 400 credit points

- An **undergraduate degree**;
- **Three subjects at second or third year level (or equivalent) from one or more relevant biological science disciplines**;
- **Completion of the GAMSAT, MCAT or OAT (Optometry Admission Test - USA)**;
Result is valid for 2 years

MD, DDS & DPT Grade Point Average (GPA) Calculation

The GPA will be measured by considering the last 3 years of the applicant's undergraduate coursework studies.

Weightings will be applied according to GPA calculations

- **Final Year :** **x 2**
- **Final Year -1:** **x 2**
- **Final Year -2:** **x 1**

Results for 2020 subjects completed before the COVID-19 pandemic will be included for 2021 entry – all other 2020 subject results will be excluded.

MD, DDS & DPT Grade Point Average (GPA) Calculation

- The method for calculating the GPA for domestic and international applications is the same. Applicants may wish to calculate their GPA using the GPA calculator on GEMSAS website:

<https://applygemsas.edu.au/gemsas/#/gpa-calc>

- Results in exchange subjects and specified and/or unspecified credit will be used in the GPA where possible.

Doctor of Optometry Weighted Average Mark Calculation

The Weighted Average Mark will be measured by considering the final two years (or full-time study equivalent to 200 points) of their tertiary studies.

For students who have completed their degree in 2019 or prior, the following weighting will be applied:

- 100 points of final year level subjects: weighted by a factor of 2
- 100 points of penultimate year level subjects: weighted by a factor of 1

For students who are currently enrolled in an undergraduate degree and expected to finish at the end of semester 1 2020, the following weighting will be applied:

- Final year level subjects: weighted by a factor of 2
- Penultimate year level subjects: weighted by a factor of 1

Doctor of Optometry

Weighted Average Mark Calculation



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For students who are currently enrolled in an undergraduate degree and expected to finish at the end of semester 2 2020, the following weighting will be applied:

- Penultimate year level subjects: weighted by a factor of 1

Results for 2020 subjects completed before the COVID-19 pandemic will be included for 2021 entry – all other 2020 subject results will be excluded.

- The method for calculating the Weighted Average Mark is the same for local and international applicants.

Prerequisite Assessment for MD, DDS & DPT

Approved prerequisites can be found at

<http://mdhs-study.unimelb.edu.au/prerequisites>

Not on list?

➤ Submit online Prerequisite Assessment Form to the following website:

<http://mdhs-study.unimelb.edu.au/prerequisites>

Deadline for submitting prerequisites for assessment:

➤ **MD & DDS: 1 May 2020 (domestic)**

➤ **DPT: 12 July 2020 (domestic)**

Bachelor of Biomedicine will automatic fulfil prerequisites if you have completed the following two second year core subjects:

- BIOM20001 Molecular and Cellular Biomedicine (25 cps)
- BIOM20002 Human Structure and Function (25 cps)

Prerequisite Assessment for MD 2022 Intake

- “For the MD 2022 intake, applicants will not be required to complete prerequisite subjects for the Doctor of Medicine. Applicants for the 2021 intake are still required to complete these prerequisites.”
- These changes are in lieu with the proposed updates to the curriculum:
<https://medicine.unimelb.edu.au/news-and-events/towards-2022-the-new-doctor-of-medicine>



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Prerequisite Assessment for OD

Approved prerequisites can be found at

<http://mdhs-study.unimelb.edu.au/degrees/doctor-of-optometry/entry-requirements#entry-requirements>

Not on list?

Submit subjects to be assessed along with subject descriptions to mdhs-gradcw-admissions@unimelb.edu.au for review.

Deadline for submitting OD prerequisites assessments:

➤ **One Round only: 31 July 2020 (domestic)**



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Graduate Access Melbourne (GAM)

- Graduate Access Melbourne provides access to applicants whose personal circumstances have had a sustained adverse effect on their academic achievement at tertiary study or who are members of a specified group known to be under-represented in higher education. The six GAM categories are:
 - Recognition as an Indigenous Australian
 - Previous status as a refugee or current holder of a Humanitarian Visa
 - Rural or isolated background
 - Disadvantaged socio-economic circumstances
 - Disability or chronic medical condition
 - Personal difficulties

<https://study.unimelb.edu.au/how-to-apply/special-entry-access-schemes/access-melbourne-graduate>

Graduate Access Melbourne

How to Apply for MD, DDS, DPT & OD

- GAM online application: GAM applications must be submitted online directly to the University of Melbourne on or before the course application deadlines via the following link:
https://theuniversityofmelbourne.formstack.com/forms/2021_graduate_access_melbourne
- Email GAM supporting documentation to md-dds-dpt@unimelb.edu.au on or before the course application deadlines.
 - MD & DDS deadline: **11 June 2020**
 - DPT deadline: **12 July 2020**
 - OD deadline: **31 July 2020**

Guaranteed Entry Pathway

Students who have completed or are currently completing their undergraduate degree at the University of Melbourne may be eligible for the **Guaranteed Entry Scheme**. Please view the eligibility criteria for these pathways to determine if you are eligible via the following **Guaranteed Entry Scheme** webpage:

<https://students.unimelb.edu.au/further-study/guaranteed-entry>

All students who commence their undergraduate degree at the University of Melbourne after the 2016 intake will be required to pass on the first attempt any subject course prerequisites taken at the University of Melbourne.

Weighted Average Mark (WAM) is calculated for guaranteed entry applicants:

Sum of (Mark x credit points for subjects)
Sum of (Total credit points for subjects)

Guaranteed Entry Pathway How to Apply

- **Domestic and international MD, DDS, DPT & OD guaranteed entry applicants (including Chancellor's Scholars) –**

Apply via the future students website:

<https://prod.ss.unimelb.edu.au/student/SM/eApplications/eAppLogin.aspx?r=&f=%23UM.EAP.CI2LOGIN.WEB>

Domestic Guaranteed Entry closing date:

MD, DDS and OD: 11 June 2020

DPT: 12 July 2020

International Guaranteed Entry closing date:

MD: 26 June 2020

DDS: 31 July 2020

OD : 31 July 2020

DPT: 5 July 2020

Guaranteed Australian full-fee wishing to apply for a CSP in MD, DDS & OD must sit the GAMSAT and apply via GEMSAS.

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander for MD, DDS, OD and DPT

- Applicants of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) descent are given priority access to MD, DDS, OD and DPT at the University of Melbourne.
- Eligible Indigenous applicants are not required to undertake GAMSAT.
- Eligible MD, DDS and OD Indigenous applicants who wish to apply to the University of Melbourne under the Pathway will be required to submit an application directly via the University's formstack: https://theuniversityofmelbourne.formstack.com/forms/2021_atsi
- Closing date for MD, DDS ATSI applicants: 5:00pm AEST on **11 June 2020**.
- Closing date for OD ATSI applicants: 5:00pm AEST on **31 July 2020**.
- Please note that this direct application form is for Indigenous applicants only. Applicants who are not of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent should apply via GEMSAS.
- DPT ATSI should submit application directly via the future student website by **12 July 2020**:
<https://study.unimelb.edu.au/how-to-apply/graduate-coursework-study>

Tuition Fees - CSP

Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP) & HECS-HELP for domestic students

- Fees are subsidised by Australian government
- Limited number of CSPs for graduate courses
- Eligible students can defer fees to HECS-HELP loan



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HECS-HELP Loans

Australian citizens and permanent humanitarian visa holders in CSP

NZ citizens who hold a Special Category Visa and:

- First began residing in Australia at least 10 years ago as a minor
- Have been in Australia for at least:
 - a total of eight out of the past 10 years; and
 - a total of 18 months out of the last two years

Defer payment of fees to HECS-HELP loan with government

From 1 Jan 2020 there is a combined HELP limit of approximately \$150,000 for medicine, dentistry or veterinary science courses.

CSP Student Contribution Rates – 2020 Intake

		2020 Annual student contribution amount for 1 Equivalent Full-Time Student Load (EFTSL)
Band 3	Law, Accounting, Administration, Economics, Commerce	\$11,155 per standard year* \$1,394 per standard subject (12.5 credit points)
	Dentistry, Medicine , Veterinary Science	
Band 2	Computing, Built Environment, Other Health	\$9,527 per standard year* \$1,190 per standard subject (12.5 credit points)
	Allied Health	
	Engineering, Surveying	
	Agriculture, Mathematics, Statistics, Science	
Band 1	Humanities	\$6,684 per standard year* \$835 per standard subject (12.5 credit points)
	Behavioural Science, Social Studies, Education	
	Clinical Psychology, Foreign Languages, Visual and Performing Arts, Nursing	

*For students commencing in 2020



2021 Intake - Full Fee

International Full Fee

- *Doctor of Medicine* \$92,448 per 1 EFTSL
- *Doctor of Dental Surgery* \$92,448 per 1 EFTSL
- *Doctor of Physiotherapy* \$56,064 per 1 EFTSL
- *Doctor of Optometry* \$55,232 per 1 EFTSL

Domestic Full Fee

- *Doctor of Medicine* \$77,888 per 1 EFTSL
- *Doctor of Dental Surgery* \$77,152 per 1 EFTSL
- *Doctor of Physiotherapy* \$45,248 per 1 EFTSL
- *Doctor of Optometry* \$47,616 per 1 EFTSL



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WHAT IS FEE-HELP?

- **FEE-HELP IS A LOAN SCHEME THAT ASSISTS ELIGIBLE AUSTRALIAN DOMESTIC FEE PAYING STUDENTS TO PAY THEIR TUITION FEES.**
 - Eligible students are *Australian citizens*, some *New Zealand Special Category Visa Holders* and *Permanent Humanitarian Visa Holders* enrolled on a full-fee basis in an award course.

EFFECTIVE FROM 1 JANUARY 2020+

Combined HELP loan limit

- From 1 January 2020, a combined HELP loan limit replaced the FEE-HELP limit.
- Only HECS-HELP loans incurred during 2020 are included in the this limit.
- FEE-HELP, VET FEE-HELP or VET Student Loans taken out prior to 2020 are also included.

Renewable HELP balance

- Repayments (compulsory or voluntary) starting from the 2019-20 income year will top up a person's HELP balance - up to the current HELP loan limit.

My HELP Balance

- All students can check their HELP usage and balance on the following government website using their CHESSN:

<https://myhelpbalance.gov.au/>



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HELP LOAN LIMITS (2021 Intake)

- **\$152,700** for **MEDICINE, DENTISTRY** and **VETERINARY SCIENCE** students - undertaking a course leading to initial registration in these respective fields.

Note - *Doctor of Medicine* and *Doctor of Dental Surgery* fall under this limit.

- **\$106,319** for all **other** students

Note – *Doctor of Clinical Dentistry, Doctor of Physiotherapy, Doctor of Optometry* fall under this limit.

Amounts indicated here are the 2020 limits, the limits for 2021 will not be known until Sept 2020.

- Fee related questions can be emailed to:
 - sa-can@unimelb.edu.au

MDHS Tuition Fees 2021 Intake (Australian domestic Full Fee)

The total indicative cost of commencing the following courses in 2021:

➤ <i>Doctor of Medicine</i>	\$335,707
➤ <i>Doctor of Dental Surgery</i>	\$332,535
➤ <i>Doctor of Optometry</i>	\$205,231
➤ <i>Doctor of Physiotherapy</i>	\$142,644

All above courses have a total indicative cost which exceeds their respective HELP loan limit. The shortfalls / gaps are required to be paid upfront to the University as per the due date determined by the respective subject's *Study Periods*.



Quotas

Indicative intake for 2021*

Doctor of Medicine	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ 240 (171 CSP and 69 Bonded Medical Places Scheme. 30 places of Extended Rural Cohort is included in this figure)➤ 105 (45 domestic full-fee and 60 international full-fee)
Doctor of Dental Surgery	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ 98 (domestic and international full-fee)
Doctor of Physiotherapy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ 120 places (domestic and international full-fee)
Doctor of Optometry	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Around 60 places (domestic and international full-fee)

*These figures are subject to change

Application Process Doctor of Medicine & Doctor of Dental Surgery

- **Domestic applicants** via the Graduate Entry Medical School Admissions System (GEMSAS): <http://www.gemsas.edu.au/>

Domestic MD offers will be made in the following order

1. Commonwealth Supported Place
2. Bonded Medical Place
3. Domestic Full-Fee Place

Applications for **MD & DDS** opened on **7 May** and close on **11 June 2020 at 5pm.**

- **International applicants** Apply direct to the University or through an Overseas Representative:

<https://study.unimelb.edu.au/how-to-apply/graduate-coursework-study/international-applications>

MD: Applications are currently open and close on **26 June 2020.**

DDS: Applications are currently open and close on **31 July 2020.**

Ensure that you have met the prerequisites.

Application Process Doctor of Physiotherapy

- Applications for the DPT are currently open.
Apply online via:
<https://study.unimelb.edu.au/how-to-apply/graduate-coursework-study>
- Deadline for domestic applications **12 July 2020**
- Deadline for international applications **5 July 2020**
- Ensure that you have met the prerequisites.

Application Process Doctor of Optometry

- **Domestic applicants** via the **GEMSAS**

<http://www.gemsas.edu.au/>

OD domestic applications close: **31 July 2020**

- **International applicants** apply online direct to the University or through an Overseas Representative:

OD international applications close: **31 July 2020**



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GEMSAS 2021 Intake Admissions Guide

GEMSAS is for domestic applicants only.

Three 2021 Admissions Guides are on GEMSAS website:

- Medicine Admissions Guide
- Dentistry Admissions Guide
- Optometry Admissions Guide

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The GAMSAT Consortium offers an on-line application and matching system for domestic applicants to Australian graduate-entry medical schools. GEMSAS increased the number of preferences available for applicants to medical schools from three to six, and provides a more equitable and transparent allocation process. GEMSAS also manages applications for the University of Melbourne Dentistry and Optometry courses.

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2020-21 GEMSAS Applications Coronavirus COVID-19 update

Registrations and applications for entry to Medicine at all GEMSAS medical schools and for Optometry and Dentistry at the University of Melbourne will open in early May 2020, and applications for Medicine and Dentistry will close at 5pm (AEST) on 5 June.

2021 Admissions Guides

[GEMSAS Medicine Admissions Guide](#)
[GEMSAS Dentistry Admissions Guide](#)
[GEMSAS Optometry Admissions Guide](#)

In light of the pandemic further changes may be necessary, please keep checking the universities website for updates.

A GPA calculator is available for use on our application page: <https://applygemsas.edu.au>

Go to the Online Admissions Centre →

MD, DDS & DPT

2021 International Admissions Guide

MD, DDS & DPT 2021 International Admissions Guide on each school website:

<https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/graduate/doctor-of-medicine/how-to-apply/#apply-now>

<https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/graduate/doctor-of-dental-surgery/#apply-now>

<https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/graduate/doctor-of-physiotherapy/#apply-now>

Admissions Guide for International Applicants – 2021 Intake

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<https://mdhs.unimelb.edu.au/>



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The University of Melbourne, Victoria 3010 Australia

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/uom.HealthHub>

Other Upcoming Events

**All upcoming Information Sessions &
Expos are published online at:**

<http://mdhs.unimelb.edu.au/study/meet-us>

MD Student Experience Webinar – June 3:

<http://go.unimelb.edu.au/n4nj>