MBBS Admission Requirements

There are three categories of applicant for the MBBS:

**“Local Applicants”** – this category includes
- Australian citizens and permanent residents
- New Zealand citizens

**“International on shore Year 12”**
- Any onshore International applicant who is currently a Year 12 student at an Australian institution.

**“International Applicants”**
- All other International applicants (either residing in Australia or offshore) NOT currently undertaking Australian Year 12 studies at an Australian institution.

There are three admission requirements that local applicants and International Onshore Year 12 applicants must meet in order to be considered for a place in MBBS. Please note the thresholds mentioned below may be subject to change:

1. Australian Tertiary Academic Rank (ATAR) (or equivalent) or Grade Point Average (GPA)
2. Undergraduate Medical Admission Test (UMAT)
3. Multistation Mini Interview (MMI) for those applicants who meet the academic and UMAT thresholds
MBBS/BA Admission Requirements

The School will take up to three local students into the combined seven-year MBBS/BA course. Whilst the application process is identical to the MBBS, students will need to achieve an ATAR (or equivalent rank) of 99.85.

Requirement 1 – Academic Rank

Applicants must meet one of the following thresholds:

- ATAR (or equivalent) of 95.40 for non-Greater Western Sydney [GWS] applicants or 93.55 for GWS applicants; OR
- GPA of 5.5 or more on a 7 point scale for students who have completed a degree or have completed a minimum of one year’s full time study in a degree course.

For those who are in year 12 at the time they apply, a predicted ATAR (or equivalent) as well as UMAT results will be used to decide who will be invited to interviews. In order for a predicted ATAR to be used, all current year 12 applicants must lodge a Prediction of Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) (or equivalent) form by the advertised deadline. This form will be available online from July, 2010.

For those with combined degrees, grades in both degrees will be included. The degree may be in any discipline, from a University recognised for this purpose by the University of Western Sydney.

NOTE: The School of Medicine is not able to advise applicants if their qualifications meet the required rank. All queries in relation to qualifications and how they are converted should be directed to the UWS Admissions Office via email to admissions@uws.edu.au.

Requirement 2 - UMAT

Applicants must register to sit the UMAT at a time determined by ACER. For details about registration and dates for the UMAT please see the ACER web page or contact ACER directly. Note that there is no flexibility with these dates.

UMAT Contact Details:
Web: http://umat.acer.edu.au/
Phone: (03) 9277 5746 International: (+61 3) 9277 5746
Fax: (03) 9277 5757 International: (+61 3) 9277 5757
Email: umat@acer.edu.au

The threshold level of achievement the University will require in UMAT will be determined each year depending on the performance of all applicants competing for a place in the MBBS course and will not be disclosed. GWS applicants may have a slightly lower threshold than non-GWS applicants.

Applicants who meet both academic and UMAT thresholds are subsequently invited to interview. Final rankings for offers into MBBS will be based on interview performance, plus UMAT scores (with a greater emphasis being on the interviews).
**Requirement 3 - MMI**
The interview will take the format of a Multistation Mini Interview (MMI). This will involve the applicant being asked a series of questions; each question will be asked by a separate interviewer in a separate interview station. Applicants will have approximately eight minutes to respond to the question before being asked to move to the next interview station.

**Interview Venue**
MMIs will be held at the University of Western Sydney’s Campbelltown Campus.

**Interview Dates**
Tuesday 30 November to Friday 3 December 2010.
A supplementary round of interviews will be held in late January 2011 for Interstate applicants, plus those applicants who meet the ATAR threshold but whose predicted ATAR did not. Whilst January interviews will not be available to applicants who are unable to attend the December interviews, interstate applicants may choose to attend the December interviews if eligible.

**It is the applicant’s responsibility to ensure they are available for interview. No alternative arrangements will be made for applicants who are unable to attend during the scheduled time.**

Applicants who are invited to attend an interview but who fail to attend at the specified date, time and location will be regarded as having withdrawn their application. Only those candidates who have attended an interview will be considered for final selection.

Full instructions will be included with your invitation to interview.

**Local Applicants - How to Apply**
A local applicant is someone who is either:

- An Australian Citizen
- An Australian Permanent Resident
- A New Zealand Citizen (NZ permanent residents must apply as an International applicant unless currently sitting an Australian Year 12)

Applicants in this category apply by:

1. sitting UMAT
2. submitting an application to the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC)
3. submitting a registration form directly to the UWS School of Medicine (forms available online from July 2010),
4. for school leavers, submitting an ATAR (or equivalent) prediction form.
1. UMAT
Register and sit the UMAT, conducted by the Australian Council for Education Research (ACER). **UMAT has strict deadlines for registration and sitting the test.** For details about registration and dates for the UMAT please see the ACER web page or contact ACER directly.

UMAT Contact Details:
Phone: (03) 9277 5746 International: (+61 3) 9277 5746
Fax: (03) 9277 5757 International: (+61 3) 9277 5757
Email: umat@acer.edu.au

2. UAC - Submit an application directly to the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC)
Lodge an application with the Universities Admissions Centre NSW and ACT (UAC), ensuring you include: UAC Code CSP 705750 – Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery.

UAC have strict guidelines and dates for the lodgement of all applications; please see the UAC Guide for full details or contact UAC directly.

UAC Contact Details:
Web: [http://www.uac.edu.au](http://www.uac.edu.au)
Phone: 02 9752 0200
UAC InforLine 1900 957 500

3. MBBS Registration Form directly to the UWS School of Medicine
The MBBS Registration form will be available online in July 2010 and will be located on this site. Completed forms must have reached the School of Medicine by 5pm AEST on 30 September 2010. Late applications cannot be considered.

Applicants who submit a registration form on time will receive an auto-confirmation – please keep this for your records.

4. Prediction of Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) Form
If you are currently completing Year 12 you must also submit a Prediction of Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) (or equivalent) form which will be located on this site in July 2010.

This form must be completed by the Principal of your High School (or their delegate) and submitted to the School of Medicine by the due date indicated on the form. The completed form may be scanned and emailed to medstudent@uws.edu.au or faxed to (02) 4620 3888.
5. Declaration for Greater Western Sydney (GWS) Applicants
The University has a commitment to the Greater Western Sydney community in which it is located. To that end, a proportion of the places available in this course will be allocated to applicants from the Greater Western Sydney area. Applicants whose residence falls within a GWS postcode AND have lived within that GWS defined area for at least five consecutive years immediately prior to course commencement are eligible to be considered for these places.

The GWS declaration forms part of the online registration form.

Any candidate found to have falsified information regarding their GWS eligibility may be subsequently excluded from the course.

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Applicants - How to Apply

After reading below, please contact Cris Carriage, Indigenous Program Officer, School of Medicine, at c.carriage@uws.edu.au or telephone (02) 4620 3637 for further information.

Indigenous students with an interest in completing the Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery are strongly encouraged to apply. The School recognises the large Indigenous population in Greater Western Sydney and the need for more Indigenous doctors. It will endeavour to meet a target of eight Indigenous students each year.

Indigenous applicants for Medicine at UWS should apply directly to the School using the Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) Registration form. The registration form will be available online on this site in July 2010.

Indigenous applicants should have successfully completed at least the equivalent of the NSW HSC. It is desirable, but not essential, to sit the UMAT.

The most important criteria for admission will be assessment of the applicant’s desire to study medicine and their likelihood of succeeding in the course. These will be determined by the School on a case by case basis.

Indigenous Applicants should follow the steps below when applying:

Universities Admissions Centre (UAC)
It is not compulsory for Indigenous Applicants to lodge an application with the Universities Admissions Centre NSW and ACT (UAC), although you may wish to. UAC have strict guidelines and dates for the lodgement of all applications; please see the UAC Guide or contact UAC directly:

UAC Contact Details:
Web: http://www.uac.edu.au
Phone: 02 9752 0200
Or UAC InfoLine 1900 957 500

MBBS Registration Form

The MBBS registration form will be available online in July 2010 and will be located on this site. Completed forms must have reached the School of Medicine by 5pm AEST on 30 September 2010. Late applications cannot be considered.
International Onshore Year 12 Applicants – How to Apply

International onshore applicants who are currently undertaking Year 12 at an Australian institution should apply the same way as Local Applicants i.e, they need to

- Apply to UAC (International)
- Apply to ACER to sit the UMAT test
- Apply directly to the School of Medicine
- Submit a predicted ATAR (or equivalent) form

Those candidates who are eligible will be invited to interview in December 2010 or January 2011.

Successful candidates will be advised via UAC.

IMPORTANT: International onshore applicants who are NOT currently undertaking Year 12 studies should apply the same way as International Applicants (see below).

NOTE: Students, including New Zealand citizens, who will not be Australian citizens or permanent residents at the time of enrolment may not be automatically entitled to registration, internship, and access to a provider number in Australia. If they wish to stay in Australia after graduation, they should make their own enquiries regarding their situation related to these matters as they lie beyond the control of the University.
International Applicants - How to Apply

CRICOS Course Code: 0602189
CRICOS Provider Code: 00917K

NOTE: Students, including New Zealand citizens, who will not be Australian citizens or permanent residents at the time of enrolment may not be automatically entitled to registration, internship and access to a provider number in Australia. The School will offer approximately 20 places for 2011. The annual fee for 2010 is approximately AUD 37,000, but this may be indexed in line with inflation for later years.

For further information and to access the application form that must be submitted, please check the UWS International website or contact the UWS International Office via email internationalstudy@uws.edu.au.

The requirements for off-shore International applicants to be considered for admission to the medical course are:

- achieve a scholastic performance in the final year of secondary school equivalent to an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank of 95.40 (International Baccalaureate 36) or higher (the University can advise what the equivalent performance is in other qualifications such as Cambridge A levels; for those who have completed a minimum of one year’s full time study in a recognised Bachelor’s degree, the grade point average in the degree must be at least 5.5 on a 7 point scale)
- all international students must have a good command of written and spoken English. Medicine has strict English Language requirements. International students must have completed the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) or equivalent examination (Academic Module) and achieve a minimum score of 6.5 in each of the four components, and an overall score of at least 7.0 OR applicants must have successfully completed six years of education, including all assessable items, in English only.
- sit the International Student Admissions Test (ISAT), a scholastic aptitude test created and administered by the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER), which is run several times each year in many countries. For details see the ACER website.

The School will seek to provide access to early cultural support and assistance with colloquial Australian English.

Transfer requests - How to Apply

UWS will consider applications from students who have partly completed a medical degree program at another university – either within Australia or overseas. Such applications will be considered only where applicants have compelling reasons for wishing to transfer and are in good academic standing. Students who resided in New South Wales but subsequently accepted a medical school placement outside of New South Wales are unlikely to be successful in transferring to the UWS MBBS.

Overseas-qualified medical practitioners are not eligible to apply via this method. They are advised to contact the Australian Medical Council.
Transfer requests must be submitted as follows:

1. Complete and submit the Transfer application form (available online in July, 2010 via the School website) by September, 2010. Applications received after this time cannot be considered;
2. Have completed UMAT in 2010 and/or 2009 (applications may still be considered without a UMAT score)
3. Submit certified copies of transcripts for current medical degree progression
4. Submit documented reasons for transfer application by 30 September – for applicants within Australia or New Zealand, this must include a letter of support from the Dean of the Medical School where you are currently enrolled.

**Admission Types and Prerequisites**

The School of Medicine will have approximately 120 places within the four different categories of Commonwealth Supported, Medical Rural Bonded Scholarship Scheme (MRBS), Bonded Medical Places (BMP) and International.

**Commonwealth Supported Places (CSP)**
A CommonwealthSupported Place is a higher education place for which the Commonwealth Government makes a contribution towards the cost of the student’s education. Students placed into this category have no bonding or government funded scholarship attached to their enrolment. For more information, please see [http://www.goingtouni.gov.au](http://www.goingtouni.gov.au). The School offers approximately 75 unfettered CSPs each year.

**Medical Rural Bonded Scholarship Scheme (MRBS)**
The MRBS is a Commonwealth Government initiative to deliver more doctors and improved services to rural communities. Upon completion of the MBBS, students who have entered into a contract with the Commonwealth Government for the scholarship, agree to practice for six years in rural areas of Australia. The School offers approximately four MRBS places each year. The MRBS places are offered after students have commenced the course. For further information regarding the conditions and monetary value of the Scholarship please contact the Department of Health and Ageing on:

Freecall: 1800 248 720  
Email: MRBscholarships@health.gov.au  

**Bonded Medical Places (BMP) Scheme**
This scheme was devised by the Commonwealth Government to provide bonded medical places across all existing medical schools, creating additional CSP places that would not otherwise be available. The School offers approximately 26 BMPs each year.

Students who accept a BMP in the medical course agree to work in a district of workforce shortage for a period of five years upon completion of their subsequent vocational training. To obtain further information on the BMP, please contact the Department of Health and Aging on:

Freecall: 1800 987 104  
Email: BMPScheme@health.gov.au  
Special Enrolment Requirements

Prohibited Employment Declaration (PED) - (compulsory part of enrolment in the MBBS)
The PED form will be made available to students as they enrol online using the UWS MyStudentRecord (MySR) enrolment system. Under the Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act, 1998, it is an offence for a ‘prohibited person’, as described on the form, to apply for, undertake or remain in child-related employment. (‘Employment’ includes undertaking practical training as part of an educational or vocational course). The PED must be completed as part of the standard enrolment process. It is necessary for all medical students to complete this form prior to commencement of studies as clinical placements begin from the first session of the course. Any student found to have falsified their declaration will be excluded from the course. There are also other penalties which are imposed for non-compliance under the Child Protection Act.

Criminal Record Check (CRC): (Compulsory part of the enrolment in the MBBS).
All students attending any kind of fieldwork, research or clinical placement in a NSW Department of Health facility are required to have a Clearance for Clinical Placements Card before they can attend placements. You must consent to a Criminal Record Check being carried out before this card is issued.

Students must indicate compliance as part of the online enrolment process. They can then attend the student centre on campus during the first week of the course with 100 points of identification. The $30 fee for lodgement of the form can be paid online using the UWS iPay system.

Adult Vaccination Record (Compliance is compulsory for enrolment in the MBBS)
To be enrolled in this course, students must comply with the current occupational screening and vaccination policy of NSW Health at course commencement.

An Adult Vaccination Card will be mailed to you from the School of Medicine upon confirmation of your enrolment. The card is provided to students on behalf of the NSW Department of Health.

The purpose of the vaccination record is to ensure the health and safety of all patients and students in health care settings and provide a safe and healthy work environment for all students and employees. Once completed as per instructions, students will be required to carry the card whenever attending a clinical placement.

It is the student’s responsibility to ensure all vaccinations are carried out. The School of Medicine is not able to make bookings or offer advice on what types of vaccinations are required. Any queries should be directed to your local Public Health Unit or GP. Alternatively you may wish to contact the NSW Department of Health directly.

NSW Health Contact Details:
Website: http://www.health.nsw.gov.au
Phone: 02 9391 9000
Medical students are required to have commenced their course of immunisations prior to commencement of studies. Comprehensive instructions are included with your card. It is recommended that you take the accompanying circular from the NSW Health Department with you when visiting your doctor for any necessary vaccinations. Please note that some immunisations require annual update.

**Infectious Diseases**
All enrolled medical students at UWS are required to establish their infectious or immune status via completion of the adult vaccination record (as identified in Adult Vaccination Record above).

Infectious diseases are those conditions that are notifiable under the Public Health Act and include conditions that are blood borne, such as HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis and those which are air borne, such as Legionella and Tuberculosis. Any student who has a communicable disease may place clients at risk.

Healthcare workers who are:
- HIV antibody positive
- Hepatitis B e-antigen positive
- Hepatitis B DNA positive
- Hepatitis C PCR positive

must NOT perform exposure prone procedures (EEP). Students are required to carry their Adult Vaccination Record card whenever they attend clinical practice and be able to produce it on demand. Students without their card will be withdrawn from the clinical facility immediately and this may affect final results. Any student who falsifies the infectious disease status may be excluded from the course. To obtain further information on UWS Infectious Diseases Policy, please visit [http://policies.uws.edu.au/view.current.php?id=00102](http://policies.uws.edu.au/view.current.php?id=00102).

**Senior First Aid Certificate: (Compulsory for this to be current for Years 1 and 2 of the MBBS).**

Students undertaking a medical course must have successfully completed a WorkCover accredited Senior First Aid Course prior to the completion of the first semester of study. Once completed, students are required to take the original certificate to a Student Centre, with their Student ID card. The Student Centre staff will check the credentials and process the requirement onto your student record.

Students are requested to check their MySR Account approximately 48 hours later to ensure enrolment in the units affected by not having a First Aid Certificate have been confirmed.

**Health Records and Information Privacy Act (HRIPA) 2002**
In September 2004, new privacy legislation regarding health records and information came into force. This legislation formalises the principle of ‘patient confidentiality’. All medical students are required by law to read a summary of the legislation and to sign an undertaking that they will comply with it (compliance form will be available on-line at the time of enrolment). This must occur before commencement of the Autumn Teaching Session. Please visit the [Health Records and Information Privacy Act](http://policies.uws.edu.au/view.current.php?id=00102) for further information.
National Police Criminal Record History Check (NCRHC)

This is separate from the CRC above. It is a requirement that any student visiting a government funded aged care facility as part of their course must attain a NCRHC. Once you have completed the form, you will need to lodge it at your closest police station. Please ensure you take 100 points of identification with you. The cost of lodging this form is currently $52.

Accepting your Offer
If you are made an offer into the MBBS you will be able to accept your offer online. It is important that you accept your offer by the advised date or your offer may lapse and become available to other applicants. If you experience problems or have any queries in regards to accepting your offer you should contact the UWS Admissions team directly (1300 897 669).

Enrolling Online
All UWS students must enrol online via MyStudentRecord (MySR). In order for this to take place students must first activate their MyUWS account via the above link.

Scholarships
Please click here for information on UWS scholarships.

Deferred Admission
Applicants who have successfully gained a place in the MBBS may apply to defer their admission for one year. Instructions on how to apply for deferral will be included in the UAC offer.

Asked Questions

Do I qualify as a Greater Western Sydney (GWS) applicant?

Applicants who have lived at one of the GWS designated postcodes for a minimum of five consecutive years prior to course commencement are eligible to apply as a GWS applicant.

What is the ATAR threshold?

The 2010 ATAR (or equivalent) threshold for 2011 entry is 95.40 for all non Greater Western Sydney applicants and 93.55 for Greater Western Sydney applicants.

My ATAR (or equivalent) does not meet the threshold, but I am currently studying a degree at a recognised University – how should I apply?

If you are currently studying a university degree (but do not expect to complete the degree by the end of the year) – please apply as a School leaver (non-current).

If you have either completed your degree OR expect to complete by the end of the year, please apply as a graduate.
I am applying as a Graduate – should I send you evidence of my GPA?

No. We will receive your academic standing in the form of a ranking, directly from UAC, at the end of the year.

What is the UMAT threshold?

The UMAT threshold is not made public to applicants since it is determined each year according to the performance of all other applicants for the course. GWS applicants may have a lower UMAT threshold than non-GWS applicants.

Do my qualifications reach the required ATAR or GPA rank?

The School of Medicine is not able to advise if an applicant's qualifications equate to the required ranks. All queries in relation to qualifications and how they are converted should be directed to the UWS Admissions Office via admissions@uws.edu.au

How will I be advised if I am invited to attend a MMI?

You will be advised via email if you have been invited to attend a MMI at the University of Western Sydney.

Do I have to have all my vaccinations completed prior to commencing studies?

Students need only have commenced their vaccinations prior to the commencement of studies. It is recommended that if you have accepted and enrolled into the MBBS that you commence your vaccinations as soon as possible as patient contact commences in the second week of teaching.

Do I have to have my first aid certificate prior to commencing studies?

Students undertaking the MBBS must have successfully completed a WorkCover accredited Senior First Aid Course prior to the completion of the first semester of study. Once completed, students are required to take the original certificate to a Student Centre, with their Student ID card.

Other Information

Registration with the NSW Medical Board
The following is for your information – you do not need to take any action with respect to the NSW Medical Board at this stage. In compliance with the Medical Practice Act, all medical students at the University of Western Sydney will be registered as a prerequisite to undertaking the medical degree. Registration occurs automatically on initial enrolment and is updated annually by the University.

The Student Register contains details of name, address, medical school and year of study. No fee is charged for student registration. You can obtain further details from the NSW Medical Boards website http://www.nswmb.org.au. You can also find important information with respect to UWS responsibility to report any impaired students to the Board. (‘Impaired’ covers a wide-range of issues that may impact on a student’s ability to work safely and effectively within the health system).
**Indemnity Issues**
For information only: UWS insurances indemnify enrolled students engaged in approved course related activities. Click [here](#) for information on student insurances.

**Clinical Placement of Students**
Year 1 and 2 students will attend short (half day) placements at Campbelltown, Camden, Mount Druitt or Blacktown Hospitals for their early training in clinical skills. Whilst every effort is made to place students close to their residential address, it may not always be possible to do so. Students should expect that they will need to travel during the course of their studies to attend clinical placements.

**Forms**
All forms will be available on this site from July 2010.

- Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) Registration (which includes a field for those eligible applicants who wish to apply as a Greater Western Sydney applicant).
- Prediction of Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR)
- Application to transfer between Medical Schools.

**Bachelor of Medical Research**
This course gives students who are enrolled in the UWS MBBS the opportunity to take leave of absence from the normal medical course for 12 months full time or 24 months part-time, after successfully completing years 1 and 2 of MBBS in order to gain a more detailed experience in medical research than is provided in the normal medical course. Years 1 and 2 of the B Med Res are identical to years 1 and 2 of MBBS. It is expected that students will return to the medical course on completion of the intercalated year, which will complete the requirements for the B.Medical Research, but the degree is also available as an exit point for those who do not wish to resume MBBS.