

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander: First Peoples Selection and Admissions Guidelines for Griffith Health Programs

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Description	This document sets out the application process, eligibility and selection criteria for the admission of Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander: First Peoples into specific Griffith Health programs.

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1. DEFINITIONS

The following terms used have the meanings shown:

- **Health related qualifying degree:** A program equivalent to AQF level 7 or 8 recognised by Griffith Health and specified in *Schedule A* for the purpose of admission into the Griffith University Doctor of Medicine only.
- **Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC):** QTAC acts on behalf of the University to process admissions
- **Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC):** VTAC acts on behalf of the University to process admissions into the Doctor of Medicine only.

2. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

Through admission, the University seeks to provide access to persons from diverse backgrounds so that the student cohort reflects the diversity in the wider community. The University has approved entry pathways for the admission of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander: First Peoples into the Doctor of

Medicine as specified in Schedule A and selected Griffith undergraduate Health programs as specified in [Schedule B](#).

3. ELIGIBILITY

A quota of places available to applicants of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent is determined annually by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Education). Applicants for these places are required to provide confirmation of Aboriginality with their application. As defined by the Commonwealth Parliament as someone who:

- i. is of Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent;
 - ii. identifies as an Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person; and
 - iii. is accepted as such by the community in which they live or have lived.
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4. SELECTION CRITERIA

Applicants will be assessed on the basis of their academic achievement, in addition to their participation in an:

- assessment of cultural, social support and academic needs interview (representatives from GUMURRII Student Success Unit, the office of the Pro Vice Chancellor (Indigenous) and the relevant Griffith Health School and/or program)

The admission criteria for the Doctor of Medicine is further specified in Schedule A and for each identified Griffith undergraduate Health program in [Schedule B](#).

5. APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications are to be submitted via QTAC for undergraduate programs.

Doctor of Medicine applications are submitted via the Graduate Entry Medical School Admissions System (GEMSAS) operated by VTAC. In addition to the requirements in [Section 4](#), the following requirements also need to be met:

- Identify as Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander (refer [Section 3](#)).
 - Personal resume, including referees, evidence of achievements and experience.
 - Brief statement outlining reasons for wanting to study in their chosen field of education.
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6. REVIEW AND APPEALS

The review and appeals process is outlined in the [Student Review and Appeals Policy](#) and the [Student Review and Appeals Procedures](#). Further information can also be found [here](#).

SCHEDULE A: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander First Peoples Admission Criteria for the Doctor of Medicine only

Applicants applying for the Doctor of Medicine* with a Griffith Health related qualifying degree as listed below in this schedule (Schedule A) are not required to complete any additional admission related tests but are required to meet the following criteria:

- Students must have completed or be in the final year of completing a Griffith health related qualifying degree as detailed below with a GPA of 5.0 or above on a 7 point scale using the approved admission schedule.

Criteria for applicants with any other degree NOT listed in this schedule (from Griffith University or another university)

Applicants applying with a qualifying degree not listed below in schedule A are **not** required to complete Griffith University Multiple Station Admissions Assessment (GUMSAA), but are required to complete Graduate Medical Schools Admission Test (GAMSAT), as well as meet the following criteria:

- GAMSAT score of at least 50 (minimum of 50 in each subsection)
and
- Must have completed or be in the final year of completing a qualifying degree with a GPA 5.0 or above on a 7 point scale using the approved admission schedule.

*The Doctor of Medicine is an AQF Level 9 extended Masters program.

Griffith University approved qualifying Health related degrees for Doctor of Medicine applicants

1031/1094 Bachelor of Biomedical Science
1093 Bachelor of Health Science
1171 Bachelor of Exercise Science
1172 Bachelor of Exercise Science / Bachelor of Business (Sport Management major)
1210 Bachelor of Science (Biological Sciences major)
1225 Bachelor of Exercise Science / Bachelor of Psychological Science
1242 Bachelor of Pharmaceutical Science
1259 Bachelor of Oral Health in Dental Science
1260 Bachelor of Oral Health in Dental Technology
1344 Bachelor of Exercise Science
1355 Bachelor of Nutrition and Dietetics
1358 Bachelor of Biomedical Science with Honours
1370 Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Science
1392 Bachelor of Biomedical Science with Honours
1395 Bachelor of Pharmacy
1354 Bachelor of Midwifery
1161/1162/1165 Bachelor of Nursing
1415 Bachelor of Public Health in Health Promotion and Public Health Nutrition
1440 Bachelor of Public Health
1533 Bachelor of Paramedicine
1574 Bachelor of Dental Technology
1577 Bachelor of Dental Health Science
1580 Bachelor of Dental Technology/Bachelor of Dental Prosthetics
1638 Bachelor of Dental Prosthetics
1613 Bachelor of Dental Hygiene

SCHEDULE B: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander First Peoples

Admission Criteria for Griffith Undergraduate Health programs listed in this schedule.

NB no part of Schedule A applies to the programs listed in Schedule B.

All eligible applicants will participate in an interview in the first week in January, provided their Proof of Aboriginality has been confirmed.

Undergraduate (AQF Level 7) Health Programs

Program Name	Prerequisite	School Leaver Selection Criteria	Non School Leaver - Selection Criteria Health Related Degree (from Griffith University or another University) Selection Criteria
Bachelor of Dental Health Science	English, English as an Additional Language, Literature or English & Literature Extension (Units 3&4, C)	All applicants will be invited to participate in a Multiple Mini Interview (MMI) in the School of Medicine and Dentistry.	All applicants will be invited to participate in a Multiple Mini Interview (MMI) in the School of Medicine and Dentistry, unless their GPA is known, and their admission rank is lower than ATAR 96.00
		ATAR/Rank 96.00 or above.	Students must have completed one year of full-time equivalent of study in a health related degree, from Griffith or another University, with an admission rank no lower than ATAR 96.00.
		All applicants with a Multiple Mini Interview (MMI) score no lower than 1 Standard Deviation below the mean and with an ATAR/Rank equivalent no lower than 96.00 will participate in an interview in the first week in January, provided their Proof of Aboriginality has been confirmed.	
Culturally Appropriate Interview Offers		Offers will be made on the basis of 50% Mini Multiple Interview (MMI) score and 50% academic merit as well as the recommendation from the Culturally Appropriate Interview.	
Bachelor of Medical Science (Pathway to Doctor of Medicine)	English, English as an Additional Language, Literature or English & Literature Extension (Units 3&4, C)	ATAR/Rank 99.00 or above	Not applicable as this is a school leaver program.
Bachelor of Midwifery	English, English as an Additional Language, Literature or English & Literature Extension (Units 3&4, C)	ATAR/Rank 87.00 or above	Students must have completed, one year of full time equivalent of study in a health related degree with an admission rank no lower than ATAR/Rank 87.00.
Bachelor of Physiotherapy	English, English as an Additional Language, Literature or English & Literature	ATAR/Rank 87.00 or above	Students must have completed one year of full time equivalent of study in a health related degree with an admission rank no lower than ATAR/Rank 87.00

	Extension (Units 3&4, C)		
Bachelor of Paramedicine	English, English as an Additional Language, Literature or English & Literature Extension (Units 3&4, C); One of Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Psychology, General Mathematics or Mathematical Methods (Units 3&4, C).	ATAR/Rank 92.00 or above	Students must have completed one year of full time equivalent of study in a health related degree with an admission rank no lower than ATAR/Rank 92.00.