Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (Honours)

Admissions information for local applicants
2016 entry
If you aspire to be a doctor, Monash provides you with the opportunities to reach those goals.

Course outline
The Monash School of Medicine is internationally recognised for providing a world-class education with a comprehensive and interdisciplinary approach to medical training. Monash’s medical program, the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (Honours) (MBBS) is designed for those committed to professional training, academic excellence as well as personal and professional development. From the early years of the program students learn the fundamental medical sciences in the context of patient care. Clinical case studies ensure that there is a major focus on clinical issues.

The curriculum is designed as an integrated program incorporating four themes:
- Personal and Professional Development;
- Population, society, health and illness;
- Scientific basis of clinical practice; and
- Clinical skills.

Units are taught from an interdisciplinary approach by staff from a range of departments across the Faculty. Later in the course, clinical teaching builds upon and reinforces this strong scientific foundation with an emphasis on clinical communication skills.

See the handbooks for more detail about course structure: www.monash.edu/pubs/handbooks/

Take your medical degree to the next level
If you are looking to further challenge your learning experience, the Honours degree of Bachelor of Medical Science allows you to work on a research topic with Australian and internationally recognised researchers.

This twelve-month program, offered to MBBS students and graduates, can be an important part of developing a commitment to be at the forefront of medical research.

During this time you will be immersed in a setting that will introduce you to research practice where you will learn skills relating to data analysis and the communication of scientific ideas. Projects are offered across an array of research streams.

For further information visit: www.med.monash.edu/bmedsc

Monash medical school commenced 1961

Over the years the faculty has grown and we are now at the forefront of research and education in the medical field.
One medical program – two entry points

Direct Entry: 5 years

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**Commonwealth Supported Places (CSP)**

Direct Entry: 151 places available,
Graduate Entry: 56 places available.

**Extended Rural Cohort (ERC) – Direct Entry only**

About 30 CSP places are available under the Extended Rural Cohort stream. The ERC stream within the MBBS enables students to undertake extended clinical training across rural and regional Northern Victoria.

Detailed information about the ERC can be found at: www.med.monash.edu/medical/northernvic

**Bonded Medical Places (BMP)**

The federal government requires that all Australian medical schools allocate approximately 25 per cent of their CSP places as BMP. At Monash this means that there are approximately 60 Bonded Medical Places in the Direct Entry program and a further 19 places for Graduate Entry.

By indicating a preference for a BMP, upon accepting an offer, the student will be required to sign a contract provided by the Commonwealth Government. Students accepting a BMP will be required to work in a designated area of medical need at the completion of their training, including specialist training. Applicants must be an Australian Citizen or Permanent Resident at the time of application to be eligible to apply for a BMP. Monash advises potential students to seek early legal advice. NOTE: Only NZ citizens who have a New Zealand Special Category Visa dated 26 February 2001 or earlier are eligible for BMP.

For further information free call: 1800 987 104, email: BMPscheme@health.gov.au or visit www.health.gov.au/bmpscheme
To be eligible, the applicant must have resided (according to principal home address) for at least five years in areas classified as RA 2-5 (consecutively or cumulatively) since beginning primary school (ASGC-RA: Australian Standard Geographic Classification - Remoteness Areas).

NOTE: For the most accurate results when checking your rural status via the Doctor Connect website, we recommend that you type in your full address including street number and street name, not just a postcode or suburb.

www.doctorconnect.gov.au/locator

Australian Indigenous applicants to the medicine course may apply to be considered for a place in the course via the Dean’s Indigenous List (DIL). Information will be made available to all timely VTAC applicants in October 2015, setting out eligibility requirements for the Dean’s Indigenous List. Further information about support for Indigenous students at Monash can be found at: www.monash.edu/study/life/indigenous

All domestic applicants are required to sit the UMAT (Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test). www.umat.acer.edu.au

NOTE: Onshore international students who think that their citizenship status might change during the application process should sit both the UMAT and the ISAT (http://isat.acer.edu.au/)

The Direct Entry program is only available to current Year 12 (or equivalent) students or applicants who have completed Year 12 no more than two years prior and have not commenced any form of other tertiary studies during that time.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Applicants who have commenced tertiary study (including at Certificate IV level) are ineligible for the direct entry program.

The interview format is a Multiple Mini Interview (see information box on page 6 for more details).

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All applicants will be contacted in October 2015 requesting them to provide further information as part of the Dean’s Rural and Dean’s Indigenous lists. It is important that applicants check their emails during this period and respond to the request in a timely manner.
HOW DO I APPLY

Applicants must submit their preferences to Victorian Tertiary Admission Centre (VTAC) by the timely application closing date of 30 September to be considered for Medicine at Monash.

Telephone: 1300 364 133  Web: www.vtac.edu.au

JASON HA

Third year medical student Jason Ha lives by the old adage that you must look after yourself before you can look after others.

Jason followed this philosophy while completing high school and continues to follow it now that he is at university believing that it couldn’t be truer in a course like medicine.

“I really love the clinical aspect of the course and the people I’ve met have made my medical journey so worthwhile. There is a great community feel amongst the Monash medical students and it is humbling to think that the people I’ve met will remain my friends for life.”

However, Jason has found that there have been times when he missed the variety offered at high school. To counter this – and to help maintain a healthy balance in life – Jason has attempted to find as many different things to get involved in during his course including undertaking a Diploma of Languages and joining the Monash Medical Orchestra.

“Music has always been something I’ve enjoyed, so joining the Monash Medical Orchestra was perfect – it is run by medical students, with medical students in mind, and everything works with our schedules to ensure we can participate in the orchestra and meet our academic requirements.”

Apart from the Monash Medical Orchestra, Jason is also involved in the Ancora Imparo Leadership Program, organising the Melbourne AMSA (Australian Medical Students’ Association) convention, helping to put together the Torque Global Health initiative, and doing accompaniment for his choir.

“All of these activities have helped to enrich my degree and my uni life, and along the way, I’ve learnt heaps and met lots of amazing people. Medicine is an intense course, and it’s hard to appreciate how much it will change the lives of others – not to mention your own life too!”

Jason’s advice: “While every step of this journey has been rewarding, it’s important to maintain a balance and ensure your identity is not entirely focussed on a final goal of becoming a doctor. For me that means I always have something to look forward to when the study can be a little overwhelming. And it definitely puts everything into perspective.

So stay balanced, stay focused, and stay positive!”

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Graduate Entry

Entry requirements: 2016 and beyond

GAMSAT

Applicants are required to undertake the GAMSAT for entry in 2016. www.gamsat-ie.org

For 2017 entry and beyond, the GAMSAT will not be required for Monash University’s Graduate Entry Medical program.

ACADEMIC RECORD

2016

Applicants must have completed, or be in the process of completing, a bachelor degree with a substantial biomedical science component, or one of the allied health degrees listed on the website (below) with a weighted Grade Point Average (wGPA) of 5.5 out of 7.0.

2017 and beyond

From 2017 onwards, only applicants with a specified Monash University degree will be eligible for entry into our Graduate Entry Medical program. Fifty of the 75 places will be reserved for students undertaking Monash’s Bachelor of Biomedical Science.

To find our more visit the website: www.med.monash.edu.au/medicine/admissions/grad-entry/mbbs-pathways.html

INTERVIEW

2016

Applicants will be invited to attend a Multiple Mini Interview (MMI). Only those applicants who attend an interview will remain eligible to be offered a place in the MBBS program.

2017

Applicants will be invited to attend an interview and/or aptitude test based on their academic record.

What is a Multiple Mini Interview (MMI)?

At Monash we use an eight station Multiple Mini Interview (MMI). Each circuit comprises a series of scenarios and associated questions focusing on applicants’ personal qualities including:

- Motivation
- Communication Skills
- Critical Thinking
- Ethical and Empathetic reasoning

Each applicant is given two minutes reading time followed by eight minutes to answer five questions relevant to the scenario. At the completion of the eight minutes, there is a further two minute change over and reading time for the next scenario.

The MMI format allows the Faculty to determine which applicants possess the personal qualities required to succeed in the MBBS program as well as the qualities that we are looking for in health care professionals.

IMPORTANT NOTE: It is vital that applicants are aware of the interview dates and make themselves available during these times. Only those applicants who attend an interview will remain eligible for a place in the MBBS program. The Faculty does not run interviews outside of the allocated times.

Special requirements

Students must satisfy extra requirements including Immunisations, Police Check and Working with Children Check.

For more information visit: www.med.monash.edu/medical/central/year1-mbbs-info.html

Graduate Entry Rural Scheme

Applicants who have resided in a rural area (RA2-RA5) for at least five years (consecutively or cumulatively), including those from the Gippsland region, are eligible to be considered via the rural scheme.

When applying via GEMSAS applicants should select the appropriate postcode and supply the dates involved as well as any supporting documentation.

If eligibility requirements are met, this may increase an applicant’s chance of being offered an interview.

Eligible degrees for 2017 entry:

- Bachelor of Biomedical Science (including double degrees)
- Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours)
- Bachelor of Physiotherapy (Honours)
- Bachelor of Science (dependent on the completion of designated units. See list on the website)
HOW DO I APPLY

2016 entry
Applicants must submit their applications to Graduate Entry Medical School Admission System (GEMSAS)
Web: www.gemsas.edu.au

2017 entry
Applications will be direct to Monash University

Dates may be subject to change.

PATRYCK LLOYD-DONALD
Patryck Lloyd-Donald’s goal to pursue a career as a doctor grew from his love of science, but also his desire to interact with people.

Patryck commenced his Medical studies at Monash in 2011 as part of the Extended Rural Cohort (ERC), and is now the 2015 Monash rural health club (WILDFIRE) Vice-President.

“After four years of medical school, I realise that my albeit naive electronic ‘tick’ for the Extended Rural Cohort stream of the medical program has been one of the best decisions I could have made in terms of my overall educational experience and my future career as a doctor,” he said.

Patryck believes that studying Medicine as part of the ERC means that the small clinical group of around 30 students quickly became like a family.

“I have experienced a great deal of personal growth in a number of very different clinical areas of medicine,” he explained. “For instance I have assisted in complex theatre cases, delivered a woman’s first child and excised skin lesions independently.”

As well as the hands on clinical skill development, Patryck has been able to participate in advocacy and health policy programs including representing rural medical students on a national level, presenting to a branch of the federal Department of Health and Aging, and opening discussions with international health leaders through his role on the Academic Team for the 2015 Australian Medical Student Convention.

Patryck is now taking a year’s intermission from his medical degree to complete the Bachelor of Medical Science (BMedSci) allowing him to undertake Intensive Care research at the Austin Hospital.

“On a deeper level, my medical degree has taught me to think critically, to be a voice through student advocacy, to think about the broader impact of ‘Medicine’ within society and to be aware of the future of healthcare.

It has also allowed me to be at the cutting-edge of technological advancement through my own research.”

Patryck has achieved all of these academic, clinical and personal milestones while “having an absolute blast with my friends, sporting teammates and peers, both inside and outside of my medical cohort”.

Patryck’s advice: “If you really want to ‘learn’ medicine (in theory AND in practice), explore meaningful, extracurricular activities, contribute to research, and enjoy studying, definitely consider studying Medicine at Monash.”
Further information:
Direct entry MBBS visit:
www.study.monash/courses/find-a-course/2016/medicine-and-surgery-4531
or www.med.monash.edu/medical/central/domestic.html

Graduate entry MBBS visit:
www.study.monash/courses/find-a-course/2016/medicine-and-surgery-4532
or www.med.monash.edu.au/medicine/admissions/grad-entry/

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