

Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery

Information for International Applicants Central Program 2012 entry

Introduction

Monash University offers a five-year undergraduate medical course which leads to conferment of the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) degree. This course is only offered to students that have not commenced any prior tertiary study.

The medical curriculum provides a comprehensive interdisciplinary program, organised to provide integration of structure and function within the biomedical sciences. It provides a continually expanding level of medical experience, starting in the first semester of the course. In the early years, the basic medical sciences are taught in the context of their relevance to patient care. Later in the course, clinical teaching builds upon and reinforces this strong scientific foundation.

An emphasis on clinical communication skills and early clinical contact visits to hospitals, medical practices, and community care facilities, is a feature of the Monash degree.

MBBS course outline

The curriculum is designed as an integrated program incorporating four themes, within which semester-long units are taught by staff from a range of departments across the Faculty, in an interdisciplinary fashion.

During the early years of the course, the basic medical and behavioural sciences (anatomy, biochemistry, genetics, immunology, microbiology, pathology, pharmacology, physiology, psychology and sociology) are introduced within inter-disciplinary units. In all of these units, there will be a major focus on clinical issues through clinical case studies.

In second year, students participate in community-based practice placements where they spend time working in community settings with clients of welfare agencies. In third year, students study integrated medicine and surgery—conducted in a full-time hospital setting—in conjunction with a series of problem-based and case-based learning sessions led by experienced clinicians.

The fourth year is largely comprised of core clinical rotations in *Women's and Children's Health* and *General Practice and Medicine of the Mind* which is delivered as a hospital or community based medical education program.

The fifth year of the course is structured as a series of clinical rotations, where students gain hands-on experience in a variety of disciplines and specific areas of interest through a range of metropolitan, rural and overseas settings.

Case Based Learning (CBL) and Problem Based Learning (PBL)

A key integrating feature of the medicine course at Monash University is case teaching, known as Case Based Learning and Problem Based Learning. The CBL/PBL scenarios provide a context for the course objectives and content, creating for students an awareness of the relevance to medicine and medical practice of the curriculum and its components. Students are encouraged to discuss the situation presented in the case narrative, identifying thematic detail that may be relevant to both the case and to the week's curriculum content.

International students

Approximately 65 international students are accepted into the MBBS at Clayton Campus each year, offering international students a chance to study medicine as a student in one of Australia's most respected and prestigious undergraduate medicine programs.

Admittance into the program is offered to international applicants on a full-fee basis.

In 2011, the fee for the first year of the five-year course was AUD\$56,800 for Clayton-based students or RM93,600 for Malaysia-based students. Additionally, other expenses students would expect to incur are accommodation, transport and living expenses, plus textbooks and stationery.

Applicants who expect to obtain permanent residency by the commencement of the course are advised to lodge an application for a CSP place via VTAC, in addition to their direct application. Entry requirements for local applicants can be found at: www.monash.edu.au/study/coursefinder/course/0040/domestic-requirements.html

Monash Malaysia MBBS

The Monash five-year medicine program is also offered at the Monash Malaysia campus. It follows the same curriculum and structure as the Clayton-based course and is recognised and accredited by the Australian Medical Council.

Due to the limited number of places available at the Clayton campus, international and Malaysian-national students are encouraged to also apply for Monash Malaysia to maximise their chances of securing a place in the MBBS degree.



Entry requirements

Selection procedures

Selection into the medical course is based upon a combination of the applicant's ISAT (International Student Admissions Test), academic studies and performance at a modified Multiple Mini Interview of approximately 20 minutes duration.

This proven interview format allows the faculty to better determine which applicants possess the necessary personal qualities required to succeed in the MBBS course. The MMI format allows each applicant to be assessed by trained interviewers. MMI stations will comprise a series of scenarios and associated questions focusing on an applicant's relevant personal qualities including:

- motivation;
- communication;
- critical thinking and
- ethical/empathetic reasoning.

The Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences will determine those applicants who are to be interviewed. Pre-selection will be based on overall performance in the ISAT.

Information regarding ISAT can be found at: www.isat.acer.edu.au. Applicants should register for and sit this test as early as possible in the year they apply for the medicine course. ISAT results contribute towards the overall ranking for entry into the course.

Overseas-based Year 12 applicants must sit ISAT by 20 May 2011. Australian-based international students must sit ISAT by 30 September 2011. For all relevant 2011 application requirement deadlines, please refer to: www.med.monash.edu.au/medical/central/important-dates.html

Selected applicants will be invited to attend an interview which will be held in Malaysia and Singapore during late June to early July 2011. Australian-based interviews will be held at Monash University, Clayton campus in late November 2011.

Only those applicants who attend an interview will remain in the final ranked list and be eligible for a place.

Prerequisites

International applicants must have satisfactorily completed and demonstrated a high level of academic achievement in a secondary qualification at least equivalent to the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE). Chemistry and English are the prerequisite subjects required.

To be competitive for entry, results need to be at least equal to or greater than 3 A's at 'A Level' including an A for Chemistry, IB results of 39 overall or greater, a MUFY overall score of 360 or greater, or the equivalent ATAR result of 95 or greater.

English requirements

The Faculty requires that students are proficient in both written and spoken English. The successful completion of a subject at least comparable to Cambridge GCE 'O' Level English with a grade of 'A' or at least a 'B' in the General Paper, or excellent results in a recognised English Test (IELTS being the preferred test) is required. An overall IELTS score of 7.0 or greater (with no individual band less than 6.5) must be achieved.

Successful Applicants

Students must hold or attain by the end of first semester of the MBBS course, a current registered level 2 or senior first aid certificate.

Internship

The Faculty cannot guarantee international students internship placements in Australia and many of our international students elect to complete their internships in their home country.

Application procedure

The closing date for applications for international applicants studying outside of Australia is 10 June 2011, applicants should contact Monash International Recruitment services for an application form.

Web: www.monash.edu.au/study/international/apply/apply-now.html
Email: study@monash.edu

International applicants studying in Australia should apply through VTAC online (as an international applicant) and have until the end of September 2011 before applications close.

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

Only applicants who excel in all three stages of the selection process (ie ISAT, interview and academic performance) will be considered for a place in the medicine course at Monash University.

Further online information

Admission enquiries should be directed to:

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Monash Course Finder
(course information and requirements):
www.monash.edu.au/study/coursefinder/course/0040

Monash University Undergraduate Handbook
www.monash.edu.au/pubs/handbooks/undergrad

International Admissions
www.med.monash.edu.au/medical/central/international.html

Faculty of Medicine,
Nursing and Health Science website
www.med.monash.edu

