



Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery

Admissions information for local year 12 applicants
Central Program – 2012 Entry



Monash University offers a five-year medical course that leads to the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) degree. The curriculum is a comprehensive interdisciplinary program organised to provide integration of structure and function within the clinical sciences. Medical experience starts in the first semester of the course and increases as the student progresses. In the early years, the basic medical sciences are taught in the context of patient care. Later, clinical teaching reinforces this strong scientific foundation.



Admission Requirements

The MBBS course at Monash University Clayton campus is only available to:

- current Year 12 students; or
- applicants who have completed VCE (or equivalent) no more than two years previously and have not undertaken any tertiary studies.

Selection procedure

Selection into the MBBS course is based upon a combination of the applicant's UMAT (Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test), academic studies and performance at a Multiple Mini Interview. Equal weighting is given to each of the three components.

Prerequisites for Year 12 students

Applicants studying Year 12 are required to obtain a study score equivalent to at least 35 in English (ESL) or 30 in any other English and a study score of at least 30 in Chemistry (VCE or equivalent). For applicants who have not studied Year 12 Biology, the Faculty provides a bridging program. For further information on this program please contact:

biology-bridging-course@monash.edu.au

UMAT

All local applicants are required to sit an aptitude test: UMAT (Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test). Registrations for the 27 July 2011 UMAT sitting close on Friday 3 June, 2011 at 5 pm Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST). To register online go to: <http://umatweb.acer.edu.au> Applicants who have sat for UMAT in two consecutive years can elect to use their best UMAT result.

Multiple Mini Interview (MMI)

Monash uses a Multiple Mini Interview (MMI). This interview format allows the faculty to determine which applicants possess the personal qualities required to succeed in the MBBS course. MMI stations will comprise a series of scenarios and associated questions focusing on an applicant's personal qualities including:

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

The Monash MMI consists of eight interview 'stations'. At each station the applicant will be interviewed for eight minutes followed by two minutes for changeover (i.e. ten minutes per station) with a 'circuit' taking approximately 90 minutes to complete.

Approximately 600 applicants will be invited (via email) to attend the MMI which will be held at Clayton campus. Pre-selection will be based on UMAT (i.e. the unweighted sum of the three section scores) although some interviews may be available based on a combination of UMAT and ATAR.

Applicants cannot request a late interview, except under extenuating circumstances supported by documented evidence.

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

Categories of places

In 2011, 250 local places were available and approximately the same number is expected to be offered in 2012. An additional 60 to 65 places are provided for international fee-paying students.

Commonwealth Supported Places (CSP) VTAC Code 28251

In 2011, 160 Commonwealth-supported places were available in the Monash MBBS course. The average student contribution amount for a CSP place in 2011 was \$9080 per annum.

Extended Rural Cohort (ERC) VTAC Code 28151

In 2011, 30 CSP places were available under the Extended Rural Cohort. Some of these places may be Bonded Medical Places (BMP). See below for more details about the BMP scheme. The ERC stream within the MBBS enables students to undertake extended clinical training across rural and regional Northern Victoria. Detailed information on ERC can be found at: www.med.monash.edu.au/medical/northernvic/

Bonded Medical Places (BMP) VTAC Code 28691

Sixty Bonded Medical Places were offered in 2011.

The federal government has advised all Australian medical schools that approximately 25 per cent of CSP places must be allocated as BMP. 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. Monash advises potential students to seek early legal advice. Students accepting a BMP will be giving permission for the Commonwealth Government to require them, at the end of their training, including specialist training, to practise in a designated area of medical need.

Telephone: 1800 987 104 (freecall)
Email: BMPscheme@health.gov.au
Web: www.health.gov.au/bmpscheme

Domestic Applicants

(Australian and New Zealand citizens and Australian permanent residents)

Entry Requirements – Domestic

Current Year 12

Selection into the MBBS course is based upon a combination of the applicant's UMAT (Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test), academic studies and performance at a Multiple Mini Interview. Equal weighting is given to each of the three components.

	UMAT	Interview	ATAR or equivalent
Dates	The UMAT test date is 27 July 2011	Interviews will take place early December to mid January. Final dates will be published on the admissions website: www.med.monash.edu.au/medical/central/requirements.html#admission	To be considered results must be available no later than 12 January 2011
Prerequisites	Pre-selection will be based on the UMAT result calculated as the unweighted sum of the three section scores. A minimum score of 150 is required to be considered.	Invitation to interview is based on UMAT. The faculty will determine a 'cut off' score on an annual basis. Only those applicants who attend an interview will remain in the final ranked list and be eligible for a place.	Minimum ATAR or equivalent of 90; Prerequisites: Year 12 school leavers or within two years with no tertiary study. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English study score 30 or over (35 for ESL); Chemistry study score 30 or over.
Further requirements			
Upon enrolment, a medical certificate specifying the student's current health and immunisation status is required. Students must satisfy the immunisation requirements specified by the Faculty before undertaking clinical placements. Students will also be asked to obtain a National Police Certificate (annual requirement) and a <i>Working with Children</i> check on enrolment in the program. It is highly recommended that students hold or attain by the end of first semester, a current registered Level 2 or Senior First Aid Certificate.			
Monash Excellence Scholarship	UMAT result based on the unweighted sum of the three section scores ≥ 150 .	mid January 2012	Must achieve an ATAR of 99.95 and be offered a Monash Excellence Scholarship
Fees	\$9080 AUD Annually (2011)		
Dean's Rural List (DRL)	Approximately 60 DRL applicants with a UMAT score slightly lower than the standard faculty-determined MBBS cutoff, will be invited to an interview after initial UMAT based invitations have been issued. 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 since beginning primary school (ASGC-RA: Australian Standard Geographic Classification – Remoteness Areas).		

Timeline:

June	Register for UMAT (by 5 pm AEST 3 June 2011) http://umatweb.acer.edu.au
July	Sit UMAT (27 July 2011)
August	Sunday 7 August 2011 – Clayton campus Open Day
September	Apply through VTAC by 30 September 2011 (including Scholarships and SEAS applications). Telephone: 1300 364 133 Web: www.vtac.edu.au Commonwealth Supported Places (CSP) VTAC Code 28251 Extended Rural Cohort (ERC) VTAC Code 28151 Bonded Medical Places (BMP) VTAC Code 28691
October (mid)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive notification of interview offer via email; Dean's Rural List / Medical Rural Bonded Scholarship (MRBS) applications required (directly to Monash)
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interview time slot allocation via email; (short-listed applicants will be allocated interview dates at Faculty discretion)
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend interviews (short-listed applicants will be allocated interview dates at Faculty discretion) Year 12 results released (Victoria)
January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend interviews in early January (including Monash Excellence Scholarship recipients) Year 12 results available (Interstate, IB+NZ) MBBS Offers made – mid January; Enrolment – late January
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Orientation Week: 20–24 February 2012 Compulsory attendance at MBBS Transition Camp: Friday 24 – Sunday 26 February 2012. Semester 1 commences: Monday 27 February 2012

Dean's Rural List*

Applicants to the medicine course may apply to be considered for a place in the course via the Dean's Rural List (DRL). Information will be made available to all timely VTAC applicants to the medicine course setting out the eligibility requirements for the DRL.*

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 since beginning primary school (ASGC-RA: Australian Standard Geographic Classification – Remoteness Areas).

The RA classification of many towns can be checked by consulting the website: www.doctorconnect.gov.au/internet/otd/Publishing.nsf/content/locator

Approximately 60 DRL applicants with a UMAT score slightly lower than the standard faculty-determined MBBS cut-off will be invited to an interview after initial UMAT based invitations have been issued.

Dean's Indigenous List*

Australian Indigenous applicants to the medicine course may apply to be considered for a place in the course via the Dean's Indigenous List.

Information will be made available to all timely VTAC applicants to the medicine course, setting out eligibility requirements for the Dean's Indigenous List.

Telephone: +61 3 9905 4200

Email: cais@arts.monash.edu.au

Web: www.arts.monash.edu.au/cais

Special consideration (SEAS)*

Students whose anticipated performance during their Year 12 examinations is adversely affected by severe illness or other compelling circumstances should apply for special consideration via the VTAC SEAS scheme*.

See the VTAC website for details:

Web: www.vtac.edu.au

**Applicants for SEAS and/or DRL/DIL should check their eligibility for both schemes.*

Monash Scholarship for Excellence

To recognise students who have excelled in their Year 12 academic studies applicants who receive a perfect ATAR of 99.95 (or equivalent) will be offered the opportunity to attend a late interview (held at the discretion of the Faculty) in January if they fulfil the following criteria:

- They are awarded the Monash Scholarship for Excellence;
- They have the Monash MBBS course listed as a preference through VTAC; and
- They have achieved a UMAT score ≥ 150 (based on the unweighted sum of the three section scores).

www.monash.edu.au/scholarships

Medical Rural-Bonded (MRB) Scholarships

Australian Citizens or Permanent residents who are offered CSP or ERC CSP places may be eligible for this scholarship.

In 2011, the Commonwealth Government offered scholarships (Australia-wide) of \$24,594 per annum to new medical students for the length of the course, in return for legally-binding commitment to practice in rural areas for a fixed period at the completion of training.

Monash University expects to offer seven undergraduate MBBS scholarship places in 2012. Details of application procedures for these scholarship places will be made available to timely VTAC applicants.

For further information contact:
Telephone: 1800 248 720 (freecall)
www.health.gov.au/mrbscholarships

Bachelor of Medical Science

MBBS students may interrupt their studies for one year to pursue an area of medical science research of particular interest to them.

Further information can be found at:
www.med.monash.edu.au/bmedsc/

Combined Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery and Bachelor of Laws

After completion of Year One of the MBBS, students may apply to undertake the combined MBBS/LLB degree. The degree is designed to be completed in seven years.

More information can be found at:
www.med.monash.edu.au/medical/central/combined.html

How do I apply?

All local applicants for the MBBS undergraduate program must apply through VTAC by 30 September 2011.

Telephone: 1300 364 133

Web: www.vtac.edu.au

Please note: MBBS cannot be added at Change of Preference in December.

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

Admissions

www.med.monash.edu.au/medical/central/prospective-students

Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Science's website:
www.med.monash.edu.au

Admission enquiries should be directed to:

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Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences

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