



Lateral Entry Scheme for UNSW Medicine

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The Lateral Entry Scheme for UNSW Medicine is a graduate entry stream into the Bachelor of Medical Studies (BMed)/ Doctor of Medicine (MD) program, restricted to domestic UNSW Bachelor of Medical Science (BMedSci) students. Students apply during their BMedSci year 2. Successful applicants are then required to complete the BMedSci degree and complete a Science (Honours) year prior to entry into the MD component of the Medicine program.

Eligibility

Applicants eligible for this scheme must meet the following criteria:

1. Be a domestic applicant (Australian citizen, Australian permanent resident or New Zealand citizen)
2. Be in their 2nd year of the BMedSci program **at UNSW Sydney**
3. Must have completed all 16 core courses of the BMedSci at UNSW by the end of year 2 (no transfer credit for any of these courses from institutions other than UNSW)
4. Must sit UCAT ANZ in year 2 of the BMedSci and reach at least the 50th percentile (overall score)

Application process

1. Apply and sit UCAT ANZ during year 2 of the BMedSci
2. Lodge a Lateral Entry Scheme application before the submission deadline (30th September) through the Medicine Application Portal (MAP) in year 2 of the BMedSci
3. Attend an interview in December (by invitation only)

Selection for interview

Applicants are selected for an interview based on:

- [Weighted average mark](#) of all 13 core courses completed by the end of T2 in year 2 of the BMedSci
- UCAT ANZ overall score (excluding the Situational Judgement Test component)

Applicants are ranked by combining these results. Approximately 30 interview places are offered to the highest-ranking applicants.

Selection for offer

Applicants are offered a place through the Lateral Entry Scheme based on:

1. [Weighted average mark](#) of all 16 core courses completed by the end of Year 2
2. UCAT ANZ overall score (excluding the Situational Judgement Test component)
3. Interview score

These components are combined according to the selection algorithm employed for the UNSW Medicine program. Applicants are ranked and offers for a Commonwealth Supported Place will be made to the top 10 applicants in January.

After offers are released

A student's offer for lateral entry will be contingent on successful completion of the BMedSci and Science (Honours), **at class II division 1 or above**. All Lateral Entry students are required to follow the enrolment advice below:

Enrolment in Year 3 of the Bachelor of Medical Science program (3991):

- Students are required to complete 24 Units of Credit (UOC) of Level 2 or Level 3 courses from the disciplines of Anatomy, Genetics, Microbiology, Pathology, Pharmacology and/or Physiology

- Refer to the [program handbook](#) for their program requirements and ensure they continue to meet the specialisation requirements for the BMedSci program.
- Maintain a WAM of 65+ in Year 3 of the BMedSci program

Science (Honours) (4500):

- Students are responsible for lodging an Honours application via [UNSW Apply Online](#) by 30 November in Year 3 of the BMedSci program. Information on the Science (Honours) program including eligibility criteria can be found [here](#).
- Contact the [Nucleus Student Hub](#) for help with their enrolment into an Honours Thesis. It is recommended that the Science (Honours) research specialisation is in one of the following subject areas; Anatomy, Biology, Biotechnology, Genetics, Medical Science, Microbiology, Molecular and Cell Biology, Neuroscience, Pathology, Pharmacology or Physiology.
- During the Honours year, along with enrolment into a research component, students will be required to complete two bridging courses towards the MD program:
 1. PHCM9041 – Foundations in Public Health and Healthcare
 2. MFAC1601 – Introductory Clinical & Communication Skills
 Students are advised to contact the Nucleus Student Hub for assistance with enrolling into the bridging courses.

Commence the MD program (3805) Year 3:

Upon the successful completion of the Science (Honours) (4500) program **at class II division 1 or above** & PHCM9041 and MFAC1601, students will be enrolled into the UNSW Medicine program (3805) by the Nucleus Student Hub.

The program will commence in Summer (MS1) in January, where students will commence in the following bridging course:

- MFAC2510 – Graduate Entry Bridging

Course sequence

Program	Year	Courses
Medical Science (3991)	1	1. BABS1201 Molecules, Cells and Genes 2. CHEM1011 Chemistry A or CHEM1031 Higher Chemistry A 3. SCIF1111 Perspectives in Med Science or SCIF1131 Introductory Skills for Science 4. ANAT1521 Anatomy for Medical Science 5. MATH1041 Statistics for Life & Social Sciences 6. Science Elective Course* 7. BIOS1101 Evolutionary & Functional Biology or BABS2204 Genetics or BABS2202 Molecular Cell Biology 1 8. CHEM1021 Chemistry B or CHEM1041 Higher Chemistry B
	2	9. MICR2011 Microbiology 1 10. PHSL2101 Physiology 1A 11. ANAT2241 Histology: Basic and Systematic 12. BIOC2101 Principles of Biochem (Adv) 13. PHSL2201 Physiology 1B 14. BIOC2201 Principles of Mol. Biol (Adv) 15. PATH2201 Processes in Disease 16. PHAR2011 Introductory Pharmacology and Toxicology
	3	Directed Electives, Free Electives, General Education Electives
Science Honours (4500)	4	Research program PHCM9041: Foundations in Public Health & Health Care Systems (bridging course) MFAC1601: Introductory Clinical & Communication Skills (bridging course)
Doctor of Medicine (3805)	5	MFAC2510 Graduate Entry Bridging Course (6 weeks full-time in January) MFAC2505 Integrated Clinical Studies A MFAC2506 Integrated Clinical Studies B MFAC2511 Phase 2 Portfolio Examination MFAC2512 Phase 2 Integrated Clinical Examination
	6	MFAC3501 – MFAC3505 Clinical courses

7	MFAC3506 – MFAC3509 Clinical courses MFAC3515 Pre-internship course MFAC3511 Phase 3 Portfolio Examination MFAC3512 Phase 3 Biomedical Sciences Viva Examination MFAC3513 Phase 3 Integrated clinical Examination
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*Science Elective Prefixes

Aviation	AVIA
Biological Earth and Environmental Sciences	BIOS, BEES, CLIM, ENVS, GEOS, MSCI
Biotechnology and Biomolecular Sciences	BABS, BIOG, BIOT, INOV, MICR
Chemistry	CHEM
Computer Science	COMP
Data Science	DATA
Food Science	FOOD
Materials Science and Engineering	MATS
Mathematics and Statistics	MATH
Medical Sciences	ANAT, NEUR, PATH, PHAR, PHSL, SOMS
Psychology	PSYC
Physics	PHYS
Optometry and Vision Science	OPTM, VISN
Science Faculty	SCIF

Potential to undertake a PhD

Students with an interest in undertaking further research after completion of their Science (Honours) year may defer taking up their provisional place in the MD program. These students can apply for a PhD and will be eligible to apply for postgraduate research scholarships. They will commence the PhD once they successfully complete the Science (Honours) (4500) and will enter the Medicine program after completion of the requirements for the PhD.

To undertake a PhD prior to commencing the MD program, students must:

- Lodge an application for a PhD by following the [HDR Application Process](#)
- Defer their place in the MD program by sending a request to mh.admissions@unsw.edu.au with evidence of their offer for a PhD.

More information

Details on how to apply, important dates, and FAQ's can be found on [our website](#).

For any questions, students can contact the Student Experience Team at MH.Admissions@unsw.edu.au.