



THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME AUSTRALIA

Doctor of Medicine

Admissions Guide 2020 for International Students, Sydney Campus

Application Process

In 2020, a maximum of 10 places are available for International Students in the Doctor of Medicine (MD) on The University of Notre Dame Australia's (Notre Dame's) Sydney Campus.

International applicants for the Doctor of Medicine are required to submit the following*:

- Completed [international application form](#)
- Certified copies of academic transcripts
- Certified proof of [English language proficiency](#)
- Certified copies of GAMSAT or MCAT results
- [Notre Dame Portfolio](#)
- Additional documents as outlined in the international application form and as applicable

**International applicants should apply directly to the University, not through GEMSAS*

Applications can be submitted online at <https://www.notredame.edu.au/forms/apply> or emailed to international@nd.edu.au.

GAMSAT/MCAT

GAMSAT results are valid for two years. Your GAMSAT results will show a score for each of the three test Sections and an Overall Score. Notre Dame will assess applicants based upon their Overall Score. Applicants must score a minimum of 50 or greater to be eligible.

MCAT results are valid for two years. Applicants must score a minimum of 500 or greater to be eligible.

Selection criteria

Candidates will be selected for admission based on the following criteria:

- A Bachelor's degree that has been recognised as equivalent to an Australian Bachelor's degree, AQF Level 7 and which has been taught and assessed in English within the last 10 years, or to be in the final year of an eligible Bachelor's degree. While we recommend an undergraduate degree in the disciplines of Biomedical Science, Physiotherapy or Pharmacy, your undergraduate degree can have been completed in any discipline.
- An overall weighted Grade Point Average of 5.5 or higher on a 7 point scale, calculated from the applicant's most recent three years of undergraduate study.
- Personal qualities and motivation to study Medicine at Notre Dame assessed in the Notre Dame portfolio.
- Overall GAMSAT score of 50 or greater **or** overall MCAT score of at least 500.
- Eligible applicants will be interviewed by a panel from the School of Medicine and an International Recruitment Officer, either in person (preferred) or via video conference.



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Bachelor degree

All applicants must have completed, or be in the final year of a minimum three year full-time equivalent (FTE) undergraduate degree (including an Honours year if applicable) *either* from a Commonwealth-accredited institution (see <http://www.teqsa.gov.au/national-register>) or recognised by the Australian Department of Education and Training Qualifications Recognition Policy Unit (previously AEI) as equivalent to an Australian Bachelor degree at Level 7 of the Australian Qualifications Framework. Applicants who completed their degree more than ten years ago will not be eligible to apply.

The following degrees may also be used as qualifying degrees, subject to the conditions stated:

Vertical Double/Combined Degrees

An undergraduate/postgraduate combined degree consisting of at least a two year undergraduate plus one year postgraduate degree must be completed by 31 December 2018. Completion of only the undergraduate component of the overall combined undergraduate/postgraduate degree will be deemed insufficient, unless the applicant has been approved by the conferring institution to exit the qualification early with at least a 3-year FTE Degree. Where an undergraduate/postgraduate degree has been used as the qualifying undergraduate degree, and it is the most recent study undertaken, all available units will be used in calculating the GPA.

Accelerated degrees

An accelerated degree consists of three trimesters per year completed in two years. Applicants in their final year of an accelerated degree must be due to complete their degree by 31 December 2018. Where an accelerated degree is later completed as a standard duration undergraduate degree, the most recent three years of study will be used in the GPA calculation.

The following degrees cannot be used as qualifying degrees

Conversion degrees will not be used in the GPA calculation and cannot be used as a qualifying degree.

Applicants in the final year of study of qualifying degree

Applicants who apply using their current enrolled minimum 3-year full-time equivalent (FTE) undergraduate degree will be expected to successfully complete all requirements of the degree as at 31 December 2018. Where deferred or supplementary exams are scheduled after 31 December 2018, the applicant will be deemed not to have successfully completed all requirements of the degree as at 31 December 2018. As such, applicants must note the stipulated deadlines carefully if and when requesting deferred or supplementary exams. Where an applicant is in the final year of study, the final-year GPA will be calculated based on the completed units within the final year. For example, if 0.25FTE units have been completed and the applicant is expected to complete 0.75FTE that year in order to complete their degree, their final year GPA will be calculated using 0.25FTE of units. Offers to successful candidates completing their degree in 2018 will be conditional upon maintenance of a competitive GPA and documentary evidence of degree completion prior to 31 December 2018.

Grade Point Average (GPA)

Notre Dame will calculate a Grade Point Average (GPA) from submitted copies of academic transcripts. Applicants must have an overall weighted Grade Point Average of 5.5 or higher on a 7 point scale, calculated from the applicant's most recent three years of undergraduate study.



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An applicant's GPA will, subject to the exclusions below, be calculated on the most recent 3-FTE years of study of completed/completing degrees deemed equivalent to AQF level 7 or above. All grades/results (including fail grades, if applicable) from the most recent 3-FTE years of completed/completing study will be used.

Results used for the GPA calculation must contribute towards the degree, i.e. units completed that are not part of the awarding degree, will not be used for GPA calculations.

GPA's will be calculated using study at Bachelor and Honours (excluding professional honours only). Postgraduate qualifications and study below Bachelor AQF level 7 will not be considered for the purpose of GPA calculation.

Qualifications must be completed at a TEQSA-accredited institution (or for equivalent international qualifications, defined by the Australian Department of Education and Training Qualifications Recognition Policy Unit (previously AEI)).

For a Bachelor and Honours degrees, GPA years will be progressively weighted Final-minus-2 x 1, Final-minus-1 x 2 and Final x 3, to give greatest weight to the most recent results.

Recognition will be given to postgraduate degrees completed by 31 July 2019 through the scoring on the Notre Dame Portfolio. These qualifications will not be used for the purposes of GPA calculations.

Currency of qualification

Applicants whose qualifying degrees are older than 10 years, as at 31 July 2019, are not eligible to apply.

English language proficiency

Notre Dame accepts the following as meeting English proficiency entry requirements for the Doctor of Medicine:

English as primary language

- All primary and secondary education was taught and assessed solely in English in a recognised country*, or;
- You have a combination of secondary and tertiary qualifications, where you have undertaken:
 - At least two years of your secondary education was taught and assessed solely in English in a recognised country, and
 - Tertiary qualifications in a relevant professional discipline were taught and assessed solely in English in a recognised country, or;
- You have undertaken and satisfactorily completed at least six years' FTE continuous education taught and assessed solely in English in any of the recognised countries, including tertiary qualifications in a relevant professional discipline.

**Recognised countries include Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Republic of Ireland, South Africa, United Kingdom, or United States of America.*



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English language tests

IELTS Academic	7.0 overall, with no individual band score lower than 7.0
OET	B in all sections
PTE Academic	65 overall, with no individual band score lower than 65
TOEFL (iBT)	94, with no score lower than 24 in reading and listening, no score lower than 23 in speaking, and no score lower than 27 in writing

Portfolio

The Notre Dame Portfolio is an integral component of the selection process. It is the applicant's opportunity to submit details of personal and community experience and activities in support of their application. The Notre Dame Portfolio also asks applicants to outline their motivation for pursuing a career in Medicine and for studying at Notre Dame, including their understanding of and respect for the Objects of the University.

The Notre Dame Doctor of Medicine, International Applicant Portfolio form is available from [the Notre Dame website](#).

Interviews

The interview is designed to assess qualities considered by Notre Dame be associated with success in the Doctor of Medicine, as well as later practice.

Interviews are conducted by a panel from the School of Medicine and an International Student Recruitment Officer. Ideally interviews will be conducted face-to-face, although some interviews may be conducted over Zoom video conference.

Offers

Offers are made from end May onwards.

Offers will be made to international applicants for the Doctor of Medicine based on assessment of the following criteria:

- performance as indicated by GPA;
- performance in GAMSAT or MCAT;
- performance in Notre Dame portfolio; and
- performance in interview

Offers for both interview and course places are made via email to the email address provided by the applicant in his or her application.

Offers to successful candidates completing their degrees in 2019 will be conditional upon maintenance of a competitive GPA. Offers will be conditional until evidence is received that the applicant has achieved the required GPA as stated in the offer letter.

Frequently asked questions

My degree is more than 10 years old; am I still eligible to apply?

No.



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I've completed a postgraduate degree, will it be included in my GPA?

Your GPA will be calculated from the most recent three years of your undergraduate degree. Having completed a higher degree will be taken into consideration as part of the portfolio submission.

Am I eligible for Advanced Standing/Recognition of Prior Learning?

No advanced standing will be granted for the Doctor of Medicine.

Can I transfer to Notre Dame's Fremantle campus?

Under no circumstances will any offer of a place to a new commencing student be transferable between Notre Dame's Sydney and Fremantle campuses.

Portfolio FAQ

Can I have the same experience under multiple headings?

Applicants choose for themselves which aspects of their experiences are relevant to which categories, and how best to articulate those aspects according to the categories.

Can I leave an experience section blank?

Applicants may provide up to four individual examples in each section. While you are able to leave a section blank, you are encouraged to be as thorough and concise as possible.

Can I complete the experience sections but leave the Personal Statement blank?

No. The Personal Statement is a compulsory component of the application. Applicants who do not submit a Personal Statement will not be considered.

Should I include experiences that will take place in the future?

No. Applicants should only include past experiences. Experiences that are planned for the future will not be considered.

The person I have listed to verify my experience is currently overseas. What information should I provide?

Please provide both current phone and email contact details. It is vital that you confirm these details before submitting your application.

Who should I select to verify my experience?

The person you choose must be able to verify your experience. You are strongly encouraged to list a manager or supervisor where applicable.

The person I have listed to verify my experience has left the company / gone on leave / is not contactable. Can I update my verifier and/or their contact details?

To update verification contact details please contact the International Office at international@nd.edu.au

When will the people I have listed to verify my experiences be contacted?

Verifiers may be contacted at any point in the application process.

Can I choose more than one person to verify an experience?



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Only one person should be provided to verify an experience.

My experience cannot be verified by a person. Can I provide supporting documentation to verify my experience?

We recognise that some activities may be difficult to verify and while we might review and consider these as applicable, they should not form a major part of your application. Applicants are welcome to submit supporting documentation that verifies the experiences listed in their portfolio. However, they must still provide the contact details of a referee who can verify their experiences. If the University is unable to verify the significant experiences listed in your application they may not be considered.

Contact us

For more information contact the International Office:

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