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1.0 Purpose

This schedule outlines the approved First Peoples Admission schemes for the University and relates to the Admissions Policy and Admission Procedures.

2.0 Scope

These admission pathways relate to admission to specific undergraduate and postgraduate programs. Applicants for these pathways must identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and be able to provide confirmation of their Aboriginality either at time of application, prior to interview, or upon request. As defined by the Commonwealth Parliament as someone who:

- is of Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent
- identifies as an Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person; and
- is accepted as such by the community in which they live or have lived.

3.0 Schedule

3.1 First Peoples Admission Pathway

Applicants who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander on their QTAC or UAC application, may be eligible for admission via the First Peoples Admission Pathway for eligible undergraduate programs.

GUMURRII Student Support Unit is responsible for making contact with applicants who may be eligible for this pathway. Applicants are required to meet a minimum academic hurdle which is:

- a minimum ATAR /Rank of 50.00 or complete an AQF (Australian Qualifications Framework) Certificate II or 2 years full-time employment.

During the application process, GUMURRII staff may request a:

- personal resume, including referees, evidence of achievements and experience.
- certified confirmation of Aboriginality and/or Torres Strait Islander status (Refer Section 2.0).
- personal statement requesting applicants to tell a story about why they wish to study and what it means to them.

Applicants may be requested to attend an interview following the submission of the above documentation. Offer will be based on the personal statement in addition to the documentation or in combination with a successful interview. Interviews may be held throughout the admission cycle.

Program inclusions are approved annually by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Education).

3.2 First Peoples Admission Guidelines for competitive undergraduate Health programs

This pathway provides admission for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander applicants into competitive Health programs who do not meet the published ATAR Rank for admission. Applicants are required to apply via QTAC identifying as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander.

Applicants are required to meet any subject prerequisites and a minimum ATAR or equivalent rank from study as detailed below. Eligible applicants will be identified in late December and invited to complete a culturally sensitive interview in early January and required to provide the following:

- personal resume, including referees, evidence of achievements and experience;
- certified confirmation of Aboriginality and/or Torres Strait Islander status;
- brief statement outlining reasons for wanting to study in your chosen field of education.

PROGRAM	SELECTION CRITERIA
Bachelor of Dental Health Science ¹	<p>ATAR/Rank 90.00 or above.</p> <p>All applicants will be invited to participate in a Multiple Mini Interview (MMI), unless their GPA is known, and their admission rank is lower than Rank 90.00.</p> <p>All applicants with a Griffith University Dental Admissions Process (GUDAP) interview score no lower than 1 Standard Deviation below the mean and with an ATAR/Rank equivalent no lower than 90.00 will be invited to participate in a culturally appropriate interview in the first week in January, provided their Proof of Aboriginality has been confirmed.</p> <p>Offers will be made on the basis of 50% GUDAP Interview score and 50% academic merit as well as the recommendation from the Culturally Appropriate Interview.</p>
Bachelor of Medical Science (Pathway to Doctor of Medicine)	<p>ATAR/Rank 99.00 or above.</p> <p>Not applicable to mature applicants as this is a school leaver Program².</p>
Bachelor of Midwifery	ATAR/Rank from secondary or approved tertiary study ³ of 80.00 or above.
Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (Honours)	ATAR/Rank from secondary or approved tertiary study ³ of 87.00 or above.
Bachelor of Paramedicine	ATAR/Rank from secondary or approved tertiary study ³ of 92.00 or above.

Bachelor of Physiotherapy	ATAR/Rank from secondary or approved tertiary study ³ of 87.00 or above.
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1. For Dental Health Science, all applicants will be invited to the Multi Mini Interview (MMI) unless it is known that they do not meet the minimum academic requirement.
2. Recent school leaver means a school leaver within the last 3 years for 2024 admission to the Bachelor of Medical Science and within the last year for 2025 admission to the Bachelor of Medical Science and who have not previously attempted tertiary study at diploma level or higher.
3. Approved tertiary study means study that is complete or incomplete at AQF Level 7 (Bachelor's degree) or higher, or complete at AQF Level 5 or 6 (Diploma and Advanced Diploma).

3.3 First Peoples Admission Guidelines for the Doctor of Medicine

Griffith Health is committed to closing the gap in health outcomes by improving the cultural capability of Australia's health workforce through quality education and training. The Griffith graduate entry medical program (MD) welcomes applications from Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students from diverse academic backgrounds via our First Peoples Health Pathway.

Doctor of Medicine applications are submitted via the Graduate Entry Medical School Admissions System (GEMSAS) operated by VTAC.

Applicants applying for the [Doctor of Medicine](#)⁴ via the First Peoples Pathway for Medicine are not required to complete any additional admission related tests such as GAMSAT and are not required to complete Griffith University Multiple Station Admissions Assessment (GUMSAA), but are required to meet the following criteria and attend a successful interview.

- Must have completed or be in the final year of completing a Bachelor or other key degree⁵ with a GPA 5.0 or above on a 7-point scale using the approved admission schedule.

Applicants will be assessed based on their academic achievement, in addition to their participation in a cultural, social support and academic needs interview with representatives from GUMURRII Student Success Unit, the Office of the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Indigenous, Diversity and Inclusion) and the Program Director for the Doctor of Medicine. Eligible applicants will be required to provide the following:

- Certified confirmation of Aboriginality and/or Torres Strait Islander status (refer section 2.0).
- Personal resume, including referees, evidence of achievements and experience.
- Brief statement outlining reasons for wanting to study the Doctor of Medicine program.

4. The Doctor of Medicine is an AQF Level 9 extended Masters program.

5. A key degree is a Bachelor degree, Honours degree, Masters (coursework or research) or a PhD.

4.0 Definitions

For the purposes of this procedure and related policy documents, the following definitions apply:

GEMSAS: Graduate Entry Medical School Admissions System.

Health related: Area of study is in the field of health.

Key degree: A tertiary qualification which is accepted basis on which to seek admission to the University's Doctor of Medicine degree. These are Bachelor degrees, Honours degrees, Masters degrees and PhDs.

VTAC: Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre.

5.0 Information

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6.0 Related Policy Documents and Supporting Documents

Legislation	Griffith University Act 1998 Higher Education Support Act 2003 Higher Education Standards Framework (Threshold) 2021
Policy	Admission Policy
Procedures	Admission Procedure