

# Admission Schedule: First Peoples Pathways

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## 1.0 Purpose

This Schedule outlines the approved First Peoples Admission schemes for the University and relates to the *Admission Policy* and *Admission Procedure*.

## 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. Applicants will be identified and invited to complete a culturally sensitive interview 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;
- personal statement requirement.

Applicants will be identified for interview selection based on School reports and/or progress in their current and/or previous tertiary study. representatives from GUMURRII Student Success Unit, the Office of the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Indigenous, Diversity and Inclusion) and Griffith Health including the First Peoples Health Unit.

PROGRAM	SELECTION CRITERIA
Bachelor of Clinical Exercise Physiology (standard pathway only)	ATAR/Rank from secondary or approved tertiary study <sup>3</sup> of 84.00 or above. Does not include applicants applying via the Exercise Science Progression Pathway to the Bachelor of Clinical Exercise Physiology.
Bachelor of Dental Health Science <sup>1</sup>	<p>ATAR/Rank 90.00 or above.</p> <p>All applicants will be invited to participate in a Griffith University Dental Admissions Process (GUDAP) interview, 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 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 Dental Hygiene	ATAR/Rank from secondary or approved tertiary study <sup>3</sup> of 95.00 or above.
Bachelor of Dental Technology	ATAR/Rank from secondary or approved tertiary study <sup>3</sup> of 80.00 or above.
Bachelor of Dental Technology/ Bachelor of Dental Prosthetics	ATAR/Rank from secondary or approved tertiary study <sup>3</sup> of 80.00 or above.

Bachelor of Medical Science (Pathway to Doctor of Medicine)	ATAR/Rank 99.00 or above. Not applicable to mature applicants as this is a school leaver program <sup>2</sup> .
Bachelor of Midwifery	ATAR/Rank from secondary or approved tertiary study <sup>3</sup> of 80.00 or above.
Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (Honours)	ATAR/Rank from secondary or approved tertiary study <sup>3</sup> of 87.00 or above.
Bachelor of Paramedicine	ATAR/Rank from secondary or approved tertiary study <sup>3</sup> of 87.00 or above.
Bachelor of Physiotherapy (Honours)	ATAR/Rank from secondary or approved tertiary study <sup>3</sup> of 87.00 or above.

1. For Dental Health Science, all First Peoples applicants will be invited to a Griffith University Dental Admissions Process (GUDAP) interview unless it is known that they do not meet the minimum academic requirement.
2. Recent school leaver means a school leaver within the last year for admission to the Bachelor of Medical Science and who has 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). For Clinical Exercise Physiology, applicants will only be considered for the standard admission pathway (ie applicants with prior Exercise Science study must apply for the Exercise Science Progression Pathway).

### 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](#)<sup>4</sup> 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 degree<sup>5</sup> 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 Griffith Health including the First Peoples Health Unit 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.

### 3.4 First Peoples Admission Guidelines for the Master of Speech Pathology (Effective Trimester 1 2025)

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 Master of Speech Pathology welcomes applications from Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students from diverse academic backgrounds via our First Peoples Health Pathway.

Master of Speech Pathology applications are submitted via the Griffith University Postgraduate Coursework Program (Domestic) Direct Application.

Applicants applying for the [Master of Speech Pathology](#) via the First Peoples Pathway are required to meet the following criteria and attend a successful interview.

- Must have completed an undergraduate degree (not in speech pathology) with a minimum GPA of 4.5 using a 7-point scale (studies must have been completed within ten years prior to the commencement of the trimester to which a student is applying and whilst there are no prerequisite study areas for admission, desirable areas include: Psychology; Health Science; Public Health; Medical Science; Human Services; Education; Linguistics) **and**

Admission will not normally be granted for an undergraduate degree that has been completed more than ten years prior to the time of application for admission. If studies were completed more than ten years prior to the time of application, applicants must have:

- completed an undergraduate degree (not in speech pathology)\* **and**
- completed a minimum of 40 credit points (equivalent to Bachelor degree level or above) at a higher education institution within ten years of applying for admission with a GPA of at least 4.5

**OR**

- completed an undergraduate degree (not in speech pathology)\* with a GPA of at least 4.5 **and**
- completed a minimum of three years full-time equivalent professional experience within the five years prior to the commencement of the trimester to which a student is applying (examples of relevant experience include Health, Education, Psychology, Disability Services, Human Services, Social Work) and can demonstrate the ability to undertake postgraduate study.

\* Whilst there are no prerequisite study areas for admission, desirable areas include: Psychology; Health Science; Public Health; Medical Science; Human Services; Education; Linguistics.

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 Master of Speech Pathology and the First Peoples Health Unit. Eligible applicants will be required to provide the following:

- Certified confirmation of Aboriginality and/or Torres Strait Islander status (refer section 2.0);
- a curriculum vitae/ personal statement including referees (personal and employers; **and**
- a summary of relevant skills applicable and reasons for wanting to study speech pathology (maximum two pages) **and** evidence of achievements and experience.

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

6. 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	<a href="#">Griffith University Act 1998</a> <a href="#">Higher Education Support Act 2003</a> <a href="#">Higher Education Standards Framework (Threshold Standards) 2021</a>
Policy	<a href="#">Admission Policy</a>
Procedure	<a href="#">Admission Procedure</a>