Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander: First Peoples Selection and Admissions Guidelines for Griffith Health Programs

1. DEFINITIONS

The following terms used have the meanings shown:

- **Health related qualifying degree**: A program equivalent to AQF level 7 or 8 recognised by Griffith Health and specified in Schedule A for the purpose of admission into the Griffith University Doctor of Medicine only.

- **Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC)**: QTAC acts on behalf of the University to process admissions

- **Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC)**: VTAC acts on behalf of the University to process admissions into the Doctor of Medicine only.

2. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

Through admission, the University seeks to provide access to persons from diverse backgrounds so that the student cohort reflects the diversity in the wider community.
The University has approved entry pathways for the admission of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander: First Peoples into the Doctor of Medicine as specified in Schedule A and selected Griffith undergraduate Health programs as specified in Schedule B.

3. **ELIGIBILITY**

A quota of places available to applicants of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent is determined annually by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Education). Applicants for these places are required to provide confirmation of Aboriginality with their application. As defined by the Commonwealth Parliament as someone who:

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

4. **SELECTION CRITERIA**

Applicants will be assessed on the basis of their academic achievement, in addition to their participation in an:

- assessment of cultural, social support and academic needs interview (representatives from GUMURRII Student Success Unit, the office of the Pro Vice Chancellor (Indigenous) and the relevant Griffith Health School and/or program)

The admission criteria for the Doctor of Medicine is further specified in Schedule A and for each identified Griffith undergraduate Health program in Schedule B.

5. **APPLICATION PROCESS**

Applications are to be submitted via QTAC for undergraduate programs.

Doctor of Medicine applications are submitted via the Graduate Entry Medical School Admissions System (GEMSAS) operated by VTAC. In addition to the requirements in section 4, the following requirements also need to be met:

- Identify as Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander (refer section 3).
- Personal resume, including referees, evidence of achievements and experience.
- Brief statement outlining reasons for wanting to study in their chosen field of education.

6. **REVIEW AND APPEALS**

The review and appeals process is outlined in the Student Review and Appeals Policy and the Student Review and Appeals Procedures. Further information can also be found here.
# SCHEDULE A: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander First Peoples

## Admission Criteria for the Doctor of Medicine only

**For admission to the Doctor of Medicine commencing in 2023:** Applicants applying for the Doctor of Medicine* with a Griffith Health related qualifying degree as listed below in this schedule (Schedule A) are not required to complete any additional admission related tests but are required to meet the following criteria:

- Students must have completed or be in the final year of completing a Griffith health related qualifying degree as detailed below with a GPA of 5.0 or above on a 7 point scale using the approved admission schedule.

**Criteria for applicants with any other degree NOT listed in this schedule (from Griffith University or another university)**

Applicants applying with a qualifying degree not listed below in schedule A are not required to complete Griffith University Multiple Station Admissions Assessment (GUMSAA), but are required to complete Graduate Medical Schools Admission Test (GAMSAT), as well as meet the following criteria:

- GAMSAT score of at least 50 (minimum of 50 in each subsection) and
- Must have completed or be in the final year of completing a qualifying degree with a GPA 5.0 or above on a 7 point scale using the approved admission schedule.

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

### Griffith University approved qualifying Health related degrees for Doctor of Medicine applicants

- 1031/1094 Bachelor of Biomedical Science
- 1093 Bachelor of Health Science
- 1171 Bachelor of Exercise Science
- 1172 Bachelor of Exercise Science / Bachelor of Business (Sport Management major)
- 1210 Bachelor of Science (Biological Sciences major)
- 1225 Bachelor of Exercise Science / Bachelor of Psychological Science
- 1242 Bachelor of Pharmaceutical Science
- 1259 Bachelor of Oral Health in Dental Science
- 1260 Bachelor of Oral Health in Dental Technology
- 1344 Bachelor of Exercise Science
- 1355 Bachelor of Nutrition and Dietetics
- 1358 Bachelor of Biomedical Science with Honours
- 1370 Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Science
- 1392 Bachelor of Biomedical Science with Honours
- 1395 Bachelor of Pharmacy
- 1354 Bachelor of Midwifery
- 1161/1162/1165 Bachelor of Nursing
- 1415 Bachelor of Public Health in Health Promotion and Public Health Nutrition
- 1440 Bachelor of Public Health
- 1533 Bachelor of Paramedicine
- 1574 Bachelor of Dental Technology
- 1577 Bachelor of Dental Health Science
- 1580 Bachelor of Dental Technology/Bachelor of Dental Prosthetics
- 1638 Bachelor of Dental Prosthetics
- 1613 Bachelor of Dental Hygiene

**For admission to the Doctor of Medicine commencing in 2024 and after:** Applicants applying for the Doctor of Medicine* are not required to complete any additional admission related tests and are not required to complete Griffith University Multiple Station Admissions Assessment (GUMSAA), but are required to meet the following criteria:

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

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#A key degree is a Bachelor degree, Honours degree, Masters (coursework or research) or a PhD. Note: some key degrees must be completed by 31 July in the year of application.
**SCHEDULE B: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander First Peoples**

**Admission Criteria for Griffith Undergraduate Health programs listed in this schedule.**

*NB no part of Schedule A applies to the programs listed in Schedule B.*

All eligible applicants will participate in an interview in the first week in January, provided their Proof of Aboriginality has been confirmed.

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<td>Bachelor of Dental Health Science</td>
<td>English, English as an Additional Language, Literature or English &amp; Literature Extension (Units 3&amp;4, C).</td>
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<td>Students must have completed one year of full-time equivalent of study in a health-related degree, from Griffith or another University, with an admission rank no lower than Rank 90.00.</td>
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<td>Bachelor of Medical Science (Pathway to Doctor of Medicine)</td>
<td>English, English as an Additional Language, Literature or English &amp; Literature Extension (Units 3&amp;4, C).</td>
<td>ATAR/Rank 90.00 or above.</td>
<td>Offers will be made on the basis of 50% Mini Multiple Interview (MMI) score and 50% academic merit as well as the recommendation from the Culturally Appropriate Interview.</td>
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<td>English, English as an Additional Language, Literature or English &amp; Literature Extension (Units 3&amp;4, C).</td>
<td>ATAR/Rank 87.00 or above.</td>
<td>Students must have completed, one year of full time equivalent of study in a health related degree, or a completed AQF Diploma in a health-related area with an admission rank no lower than Rank 87.00.</td>
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<td>Bachelor of Physiotherapy</td>
<td>English, English as an Additional Language, Literature or English &amp; Literature Extension (Units 3&amp;4, C).</td>
<td>ATAR/Rank 87.00 or above.</td>
<td>Students must have completed one year of full time equivalent of study in a health related degree with an admission rank no lower than Rank 87.00.</td>
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**Undergraduate (AQF Level 7) Health Programs**

**Culturally Appropriate Interview Offers**

All applicants with a Multiple Mini Interview (MMI) score no lower than 1 Standard Deviation below the mean and with an ATAR/Rank equivalent no lower than 90.00 will participate in an interview in the first week in January, provided their Proof of Aboriginality has been confirmed.

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| Bachelor of Paramedicine | English, English as an Additional Language, Literature or English & Literature Extension (Units 3&4, C); One of Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Psychology, General Mathematics or Mathematical Methods (Units 3&4, C). | ATAR/Rank 92.00 or above. | Students must have completed one year of full time equivalent of study in a health related degree with an admission rank no lower than Rank 92.00. |