



Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences

# Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery

Information for International Applicants  
Central Program 2013 entry



## Introduction

Monash University offers a five-year undergraduate medical course which leads to conferment of the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) degree. This course is only offered to students that have not undertaken any tertiary study.

The medical curriculum provides a comprehensive interdisciplinary program organised to provide integration of structure and function within the biomedical sciences. It provides a continually expanding level of medical experience, starting in the first semester of the course. In the early years, the basic medical sciences are taught in the context of their relevance to patient care. Later in the course, clinical teaching builds upon and reinforces this strong scientific foundation.

An emphasis on clinical communication skills and early clinical contact visits to hospitals, medical practices, and community care facilities, is a feature of the Monash degree.

## MBBS course outline

The curriculum is designed as an integrated program incorporating four themes, within which semester-long units are taught by staff from a range of departments across the Faculty, in an interdisciplinary fashion.

During the early years of the course, the basic medical and behavioural sciences (anatomy, biochemistry, genetics, immunology, microbiology, pathology, pharmacology, physiology, psychology and sociology) are introduced within inter-disciplinary units. In all of these units there will be a major focus on clinical issues through clinical case studies.

In second year, students participate in community-based practice placements where they spend time working in community settings with clients of welfare agencies. In third year, students study integrated medicine and surgery – conducted in a full-time hospital setting in conjunction with a series of problem-based and case-based learning sessions led by experienced clinicians.

The fourth year is largely comprised of core clinical rotations in *Women's and Children's Health*, *General Practice* and *Medicine of the Mind* which is delivered as a hospital or community-based medical education program.

The fifth year of the course is structured as a series of clinical rotations, where students gain hands-on experience in a variety of disciplines and specific areas of interest in a range of metropolitan, rural and overseas settings.



## Case-Based Learning (CBL) and Problem-Based Learning (PBL)

A key integrating feature of the medicine course at Monash University is case teaching, known as Case-based Learning and Problem-based Learning. The CBL/PBL scenarios provide a context for the course objectives and content, creating for students an awareness of the relevance to medicine and medical practice of the curriculum and its components. Students are encouraged to discuss the situation presented in the case narrative, identifying thematic detail that may be relevant to both the case and to the week's curriculum content.

## International students

Approximately 65 international students are accepted into the MBBS at Clayton Campus each year, offering international students an opportunity to study medicine as a student in one of Australia's most respected and prestigious undergraduate medicine programs.

Admittance into the program is offered to international applicants on a full-fee basis.

In 2012, the fee for the first year of the five-year course was AUD\$59,800 for Clayton-based students or RM94,500 for Malaysia-based students. Additionally, other expenses students would expect to incur are accommodation, transport and living expenses, plus textbooks and stationery.

Applicants who expect to obtain permanent residency by the commencement of the course are advised to contact MBBS admissions for further information.

Entry requirements for local applicants can be found at:  
[www.monash.edu.au/study/coursefinder/course/0040/domestic-requirements.html](http://www.monash.edu.au/study/coursefinder/course/0040/domestic-requirements.html)

## Monash Malaysia MBBS

The Monash five-year medicine program is also offered at the Monash Malaysia campus. It follows the same curriculum and structure as the Clayton-based course and is recognised and accredited by the Australian Medical Council.

Applications can be found at:  
[www.med.monash.edu.my/for/Prospective-Students.html](http://www.med.monash.edu.my/for/Prospective-Students.html)

## Internship

The Faculty cannot guarantee international students internship placements in Australia. As a result, many of our international students elect to complete their internships in their home country. **Students should not have an expectation of gaining an internship in Australia.**

## Application procedure

Overseas-based and Foundation year applicants must contact Monash International Recruitment Services.

Web: [www.monash.edu.au/study/international/apply/apply-now.html](http://www.monash.edu.au/study/international/apply/apply-now.html)

Email: [study@monash.edu](mailto:study@monash.edu)

International Year 12 applicants studying in Australia should apply through VTAC online.

Web: [www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au)

Telephone: 1300 364 133

Only applicants who complete all three stages of the selection process (i.e. ISAT, interview and academic performance) will be considered for a place in the medicine course at Monash University.

# Admissions Requirements for the MBBS (CRICOS Code 01701M)

For international applicants, Monash University has a three-stage selection process for undergraduate medicine at Clayton and all three categories are weighted equally:

1. ISAT (International Student Admissions Test)
2. Interview
3. Year 12 or ATAR score

## 1. ISAT

The Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences will determine those applicants who are to be interviewed. Pre-selection will be based on overall performance in the ISAT.

Information regarding ISAT can be found at: [www.isat.acer.edu.au](http://www.isat.acer.edu.au). Applicants should register for and sit this test as early as possible in the year they apply for the medicine course. ISAT results contribute toward the overall ranking for entry into the course.

- Canadian applicants must sit ISAT by 4 May 2012;
- All other overseas-based applicants must sit by 18 May 2012;
- Australian-based Melbourne MUFY applicants must sit by 18 May 2012;
- Australian-based applicants must sit by 28 September 2012.

For all relevant 2012 application requirement deadlines, please refer to: [www.med.monash.edu.au/medical/central/important-dates.html](http://www.med.monash.edu.au/medical/central/important-dates.html)

Only those applicants who attend an interview will remain in the final ranked list and be eligible for a place.



## 2. Interview

Selection into the medical course is based upon a combination of the applicant's ISAT academic studies and performance at a modified MMI (Multiple Mini Interview).

This proven interview format allows the faculty to better determine which applicants possess the necessary personal qualities required to succeed in the MBBS course. The MMI format allows each applicant to be assessed by trained interviewers. MMI stations will comprise a series of scenarios and associated questions focusing on an applicant's relevant personal qualities including:

- motivation      ■ communication
- critical thinking    ■ ethical/empathetic reasoning
- Canada: 4–8 June 2012 (To be confirmed);
- Singapore: overseas applicants mainly Singapore-based\* 25–29 June 2012;
- Malaysia: applicants, mainly Malaysia based\* 2–6 July 2012;
- Melbourne-based MUFY: 7 August 2012;
- Australian-based applicants: 21–23 November 2012 (TBC).

\* Applicants from neighbouring countries will also be invited to interview at these times.



## 3. Academic Results

\*\*Prerequisites: Chemistry and English

Qualification examples	Chemistry	English	Year 12
IB	5 in standard or 4 at high level	5 in standard or 4 at high level or English B (ESL) 6 in standard level or 5 in higher level	Minimum 39 overall
GCE A Level	"A"	"B" in General Paper, or "A" in O Level English	Minimum 3 "A"s at A Level
VCE	≥ 30 Year 12 Chemistry	≥ 30 Year 12 English or ≥ 35 in ESL	Minimum ATAR 90
MUFY	≥ 80%	"A" and "B" ≥ 80%	Overall score ≥ 355

ENGLISH requirement – English results must be current. If you have more than one result within the last two years, *the most recent* will be considered for admission. If this result does not meet the requirements, you will be asked to take an English Language Test.

Applicants can also meet the English language requirement by taking a recognised English language test.

- **IELTS** – Applicants will need to achieve a minimum IELTS score of: Overall 7.0 or above, with no individual band less than 6.5.
- **TOEFL** – 600 with a TWE of 4.5; or an Internet based TOEFL score of 100 with 24 in Writing and no section lower than 20.

All overseas-based applicants must submit certified copies of the FINAL results to your agent or for direct applicants, directly to Monash. These are required by 3 January 2013. Offers will not be made on interim or predicted results.

## Timeline

<b>May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Canadian applicants must undertake the ISAT by <b>4 May 2012</b> and apply by <b>18 May 2012</b>.</li><li>■ Overseas-based international students and Australian-based MUFY applicants must sit ISAT by <b>18 May 2012</b>. Information regarding ISAT can be found at: <a href="http://www.isat.acer.edu.au/">www.isat.acer.edu.au/</a></li></ul>
<b>June</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Overseas-based interviews in Canada: 4 – 8 June 2012 (TBC).</li><li>■ Overseas-based applications close <b>8 June 2012</b>.</li><li>■ Overseas-based interviews in Singapore: 25 – 29 June 2012.</li></ul>
<b>July</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Overseas-based interviews in Malaysia: 2 – 6 July 2012.</li></ul>
<b>August</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Offers to off-shore applicants who have been interviewed and have their <b>final</b> results.</li><li>■ MUFY Interviews: 7 August 2012.</li></ul>
<b>September</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Australian-based Year 12 international applicants should apply through VTAC online by <b>28 September 2012</b>. Telephone: 1300 364 133 Web: <a href="http://www.vtac.edu.au">www.vtac.edu.au</a> <a href="#">VTAC Code 28253 (IFP)</a></li><li>■ Australian-based foundation year and overseas-based international applicants need to apply through Monash International Recruitment Services (IRS) by <b>28 September 2012</b>. <a href="#">International Offshore code: 0040</a></li><li>■ Australian-based applicants must sit ISAT by 28 September 2012.</li></ul>
<b>October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Australian-based applicants to receive notification of interview offer via email.</li></ul>
<b>November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Interviews for Australian-based applicants: 21 – 23 November 2012 (TBC).</li></ul>
<b>December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Year 12 results released (Victoria and interstate).</li></ul>
<b>January</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Australian-based MBBS offers made through VTAC and Monash IRS – mid January 2012;</li></ul>
<b>February</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ International enrolment in mid February 2013;</li><li>■ Orientation Week: 25 February 2013;</li><li>■ Compulsory attendance at MBBS Transition Program: 1 – 2 March 2013 (TBC);</li><li>■ Semester 1 commences – Monday 4 March 2013.</li></ul>

Please note. International students who, during the application process, become citizens or permanent residents of Australia (including New Zealand citizens) will no longer be eligible for a full fee international place and have their application terminated. Applicants who are applying for Australian Permanent Residency or Citizenship must notify Medicine Admissions of any changes to their residential status immediately.

### Further online information

Admission enquiries should be directed to:

Medicine Admissions Office  
Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences  
Building 15, Monash University  
Clayton, Victoria 3800, Australia

Telephone: +61 3 9905 2048

Fax: +61 3 9905 9327

Email: [mbbs.international@monash.edu](mailto:mbbs.international@monash.edu)

Monash Course Finder (course information and requirements):  
[www.monash.edu.au/study/coursefinder/course/0040](http://www.monash.edu.au/study/coursefinder/course/0040)

Monash University Undergraduate Handbook:  
[www.monash.edu.au/pubs/handbooks/undergrad](http://www.monash.edu.au/pubs/handbooks/undergrad)

International Admissions:  
[www.med.monash.edu.au/medical/central/international.html](http://www.med.monash.edu.au/medical/central/international.html)

Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Science website:  
[www.med.monash.edu](http://www.med.monash.edu)