Gippsland Medical School

Graduate-entry, Local applicants

Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS)

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Gippsland Campus
The Gippsland campus is the only non metropolitan campus of Monash University. Located in the Central Gippsland town of Churchill in Victoria, less than two hours south east of Melbourne by road or rail, the campus lies nestled in the foothills of the picturesque Strzelecki Ranges. Home to 2000 on campus students, 5000 off campus students and nearly 400 staff, the Gippsland campus offers a wide range of courses and excellent facilities and resources that make it a fantastic place to study and live.

Admission Requirements for Domestic Applicants
There are up to 65 places in the first year of the medicine course for Australian citizens and permanent residents, including 16 Bonded Medical Places and three Medical Rural Bonded Scholarship places.

Additional places are provided for international students.

The graduate medicine course at the Gippsland campus of Monash University is only available to applicants who have successfully completed an undergraduate degree.

Selection will comprise three components:

a) Grade Point Average (GPA)
A minimum weighted GPA of 5.0 (out of 7.0) is required. GPA is assessed on the last three full time equivalent years of the most recent undergraduate degree undertaken, with successive years weighted x1, x2 and x3, so that the greatest weight is given to the most recent results.

Honours year grades will be converted to GAMSA grades using the table provided in the GAMSA admissions guide. www.gamsat.acer.edu.au Bonus points are given to applicants with PhD or Masters by Research qualifications (0.2 and 0.1, respectively). The GPA does not form part of the ranking process, but rather is a hurdle requirement to be met in order to be eligible for ranking using the other two criteria.

b) Graduate Australian Medical School Admissions Test GAMSAT
The use of the GAMSAT means the selection process will conform to the timelines and procedures that have been put in place by the GAMSAT Consortium. As a minimum you will require a score of 50 in each of the three GAMSAT sections. A cut off for the total GAMSAT score is determined annually.

The GAMSAT is held once per year in March and registrations close late January/early February each year.

c) Interview
Letters inviting eligible applicants to be interviewed will be sent by the GAMSAT Admissions Centre in mid August. The Multiple Mini Interview (MMI) process involves a series of up to ten short interviews (eight minutes each) totalling less than two hours.

Approximately 125 applicants will be invited to attend an interview to be held in September at the Gippsland campus. Short listing for interviews will be based on a minimum weighted GPA of 5.0 (hurdle requirement) and then a ranked list based on GAMSAT results.

Additional information sent with the applicant’s GMAC application to ACER (see GMAC application website http://gmac.acer.edu.au/register) will be taken into account when ranking applicants for interview. The additional information includes details of rural/regional residence, Gippsland residence and details for Indigenous applicants.
Final selection
The final selection of applicants will be based on a combination of scores for GAMSAT and an interview. Offers will be made to applicants according to their ranking.

Medical Rural Bonded (MRB) Scholarships
The Commonwealth Government offers scholarships (Australia wide) to new medical students for the length of the course, in return for a legally binding commitment to practice in rural areas for a fixed period at the completion of training.

MRB scholarships can only be offered to Australian citizens or permanent residents.

For further information contact:
Telephone: 1800 248 720 (freecall)
Email: mrbscholarships@health.gov.au

Australian Indigenous applicants
Australian Indigenous applicants should obtain and complete a Centre for Australian Indigenous (CAIS) Supplementary form which can be downloaded from the Monash University website or by contacting:

Centre for Australian Indigenous Studies
Telephone: +61 3 9905 4200
Email: cais@arts.monash.edu.au
Web: www.arts.monash.edu.au

A number of Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences and Monash University scholarships are available to support Australian Indigenous students studying medicine.

Medical students
Health requirements
The Faculty has an Immunisation and Infection Risk Policy. www.med.monash.edu.au/current/immunisation/

Students are required to comply with this policy which includes a number of recommendations and procedures that ensures an acceptably low level of risk as they proceed through the course.

Police Check and Working with Children Check
It is essential that all MBBS students have current Working with Children Check, Police Check and hold a current Australian Level 2 first aid certificate.

All enrolled and prospective students are advised that they will be required to obtain both checks prior to undertaking their course. As the Working with Children Checks cover a five year period, most students will only need to obtain a free check at the commencement of Year A, whilst students must apply and pay for a Police Check annually. Note that community partner programs require a Police Check be renewed every six months.

More information about all of the above requirements will be distributed to successful applicants on induction day.

Course Outline
The four year graduate entry MBBS curriculum is designed as an integrated structure incorporating four themes, within which units are taught by staff from across the Faculty, and from a wide range of clinical environments, in an interdisciplinary fashion.

This course, leading to the degrees of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS), may be awarded at either pass or honours standard. Students are provided with the opportunity for self directed study, and given the time and opportunity to control their own learning, and to develop skills in problem solving and the critical appraisal of information.

For all years, semesters are 18 weeks in duration. The basic knowledge, skills and attitudes that form the curriculum will be related to clinical and other problems or issues. Learning in appropriate medical and other health professional contexts is an overarching principle of the curriculum.

Teaching locations
The majority of teaching in Year A of the course is conducted at the Gippsland campus at Churchill. Students then spend most of the next three years in regional teaching hospitals. The teaching hospitals associated with GMS are located across Gippsland and in metropolitan Melbourne at Frankston and the Mornington Peninsula. General practices and community health settings in these areas are also major venues for clinical experience.

In the same way that the undergraduate course is metropolitan—based with rural and regional outreach, the Gippsland medical course is rurally and regionally based with metropolitan outreach. There are also opportunities for rotations to Monash overseas campuses, particularly Malaysia.

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Medicine website:
www.med.monash.edu.au/medical/gippsland

Medicine handbook website:

Gippsland campus website:
www.gippsland.monash.edu.au

Applications
Applications for entry to medicine is through ACER. Australian Council Education Research
Graduate Australian Medical School Admissions Test
www.gamsat.acer.edu.au

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