



FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

SELECTION CRITERIA OF MBChB STUDENTS
2022 FOR 2023

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Applications to be considered for admission to the 2023 academic year open on 1 April and close 30 June 2022. **No late applications will be considered.**
- In order to register for a first bachelor's degree at the University, a candidate should have completed the National Senior Certificate (NSC) or an equivalent qualification, and meet the minimum requirements for admission to bachelor's degree study.
- Candidates must also comply with the particular subject and level requirement as well as with the minimum Admission Point Score (APS) for the relevant study programme.
- The APS calculation is based on a candidate's achievement in six 20-credit recognised subjects by using the NSC ratings that is the "1 to 7 scale of achievement", as explained in the table below. Thus, the highest APS that can be achieved is 42.
- Life Orientation is a 10-credit subject and is excluded from the calculation when determining the APS.

Rating code	Rating	Marks %
7	Outstanding achievement	80-100%
6	Meritorious achievement	70-79%
5	Substantial achievement	60-69%
4	Adequate achievement	50-59%
3	Moderate achievement	40-49%
2	Elementary achievement	30-39%
1	Not achieved	0-29%

- Grade 11 results (English % + Mathematics % + Physical Science + next three best marks in recognised 20-credit subjects, excluding Life Orientation, Mathematical Literacy and Mathematics paper III/6) will count 100% in determining the Merit Point Score (MPS) of candidates for provisional selection (provided the minimum admission requirements are also met). **Value added attributes (e.g. job shadowing, community service, leadership, etc.) are not considered.**
- Grade 11 results are used in the provisional admission of prospective students.
- The final NSC or equivalent qualification results will be the determining factor with regard to final admission of those offered provisional places or placed on a waiting list.
- The decision of the selection committee is final.
- **Applicants who are neither offered a provisional place nor are on the waiting list will not be reconsidered after the final NSC or equivalent qualification results are available.**

Degree programmes	English Home Language or English First Additional Language	Mathematics	Physical Sciences	APS
Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery (MBChB) 10130003	5 (60-69%)	6 (70-79%)	5 (60-69%)	35

FACULTY-SPECIFIC ADMISSIONS REGULATIONS

- The Faculty of Health Sciences seeks to admit students with the academic credentials, which have been shown to predict for success.
- Places are reserved in specific categories to ensure an equitable representation of demographically defined designated groups. Selection thus takes place in different categories as indicated in this document.
- For purposes of selection in the Faculty of Health Sciences, the “Designated Group” category includes South African Black African or South African Coloured African candidates. The “Open” category refers to all applicants including applicants from the Designated Group who compete first in the Open category and then in the Designated Group category if unsuccessful in the Open category.
- Target numbers are specified for all categories as applicable to each programme. Where insufficient applications are received from qualifying applicants in a certain category, the selection committee may decide not to fill all places or to fill the places from qualifying applicants in another category.
- A limited number of places are made available to citizens from countries other than South Africa*, with those from SADC countries being given preference. Permanent residents of RSA are not categorised as foreign students. Applications from citizens from countries other than South Africa* may also be considered if they are:
 - citizens or permanent residents of countries which have relevant government to government agreements with South Africa
 - asylum seekers or refugees
- Citizens from countries other than South Africa* who do not comply with the conditions above may be considered if space is available.
- Applications of citizens from countries other than South Africa*, with medical schools are not considered for medicine (MChB).
- If an applicant has multiple citizenships which includes South African citizenship, s/he will be considered as a South African applicant.
- The final number of places allocated to new applicants will be determined on an annual basis taking into account the teaching facilities and resources available and, where necessary, the number of places allocated to students repeating modules in the first year of study.
- Only applicants who comply with the requirements set out in this document will be considered for selection. **However, the achievement of the minimum requirements does not guarantee admission as only a limited number of students can be accommodated.**
- Selection is based on merit. The faculty does not determine specific selection cut-off values for the different categories. Such values are generated by the competing students within a particular category in relation to the number of places available.
- A Merit Point Score (MPS) is used for ranking applicants for selection purposes.
- Only first-choice applicants will be considered.
- The top candidates will be selected provisionally up to or surpassing the allocated number, based on experience of the expected number of acceptances. A waiting list is created from the group of candidates with the next highest scores. The length of the waiting list is determined by experience of the number of places likely to become available and to prevent creating unrealistic expectations.
- All offers are provisional until the final exam results have been received. For applicants in the School leaver categories a provisional place will be confirmed as long as the NSC or equivalent scores do not fall by more than two points from the grade 11 APS score.
- After the final NSC or equivalent qualification results are received, provisional offers will be confirmed if the applicant still meets the required criteria. The MPS of those on the waiting list will be recalculated using the NSC or equivalent qualification results and if places become available they will be made offers.
- Places becoming available in any category after selection due to cancellation or forfeiture will be filled from the waiting list for the specific category.
- This waiting list will remain active until the end of the second week after the start of lectures.
- All successful candidates are admitted to the first year of study only. Registered students in the University Experienced categories may apply for credit for equivalent modules which they have completed.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Any false information or any deliberate omission of information, provided by an applicant in his/her application may result in immediate cancellation of the application, admission or registration.

*(Applicants who are not South African citizens)

SELECTION CATEGORIES

Places becoming available in any category after selection due to cancellation or forfeiture will be filled from the original ranked waiting list for the specific category. This list will remain active until the end of the second week after the start of lectures.

CATEGORY	SCHOOL LEAVERS (including those who have taken a gap year and had no university experience)
1	Open category – all school-leaving applicants first compete here
2	Successful completion of Semester 1 in the BSc: Biological Sciences field of study degree or an equivalent programme at UP. Applicable for selection to MBChB and BChD only. Candidates must pass all prescribed courses and may not have been registered at a university previously. Selection is based on academic performance in the first semester only and calculated from the weighted average of the scores in the prescribed modules.
8	Designated groups category: All South Africans or permanent residents of Black African or Coloured African descent who are not successful in category 1 will compete in category 8.
PREVIOUS UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE	
3	Open category: All applicants with university experience first compete here. A full academic record is required. All courses must have been passed. Unsuccessful applicants in category 17 may be considered.
9	Designated groups category: All South Africans or permanent residents of Black African or Coloured African descent who are not successful in category 3 will compete in category 9. A full academic record is required. All courses must have been passed.
17	Completed year 1 of the BSc extended programme at the University of Pretoria Mamelodi Campus. Places are reserved for MBChB. Applicants will be considered only once in this category after which unsuccessful candidates must compete in category 3 or 9. Provisional selection is made after the first semester. Successful candidates are admitted to the first year of study in the following year.
PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATION/APPLICANTS SPONSORED BY SANDF	
6	Admission in terms of provincial representation. Selection based on the highest MPS in categories of province of origin (where NSC written) of the applicant. Applicants sponsored by SANDF.

CALCULATION OF SELECTION SCORES AND SELECTION PROCESS

School-leavers category

- All applicants are required to meet the minimum criteria for admission to University. Applicants should hold a Full/Foreign exemption certificate or National Senior Certificate with admission to degree studies. Applicants with Immigrant exemption, but with only one language may be considered. (General rule G1: NSC certified by Universities South Africa (USAf) with an academic rating of 4 in four recognised 20-credit subjects).
- Provisional selection of candidates who apply during their final NSC or equivalent qualification year is based on a Merit Point Score (MPS)
- Except where otherwise indicated, the MPS is calculated as follows:
 - Grade 11 results (English % + Mathematics % + Physical Science + next three best marks in recognised 20-credit subjects, excluding Life Orientation, Mathematical Literacy and Mathematics paper III/6) will count 100% in determining the Merit Point Score (MPS) of candidates for provisional selection (provided the minimum admission requirements are also met).
 - All offers are provisional until the final NSC or equivalent qualification results have been received. The provisional place of applicants will be confirmed as long as the NSC or equivalent qualification scores do not fall by more than two points from the Grade 11 APS score and still meet the minimum admission requirements.
- Applicants who apply after completion of the final NSC or equivalent qualification, for example those who take a gap year, but with no other university exposure, will be provisionally selected based on their final NSC or equivalent qualification marks.
- Applicants will be considered in applicable categories.
- **Open category (category 1): All school-leaving applicants first compete here.**

- **Designated groups category (category 8): All South Africans or permanent residents of Black African or Coloured African descent school-leaving applicants who are not successful in category 1 will compete in category 8.**
 - Applicants from countries other than South Africa* must comply with all University and Department of Home Affairs regulations related to foreign students.
 - School of Tomorrow or Accelerated Christian Education candidates do not comply with the minimum requirements for degree study, as certified by Universities South Africa (USAf).
 - General Education Diploma (GED) candidates do not comply with the minimum requirements for degree study, as certified by Universities South Africa (USAf).
- *(Applicants who are not South African citizens)

Previous university experience category:

- Applicants with one or more completed year/s of university degree study, including completed undergraduate and postgraduate degrees from recognised tertiary education institutions, will be considered in applicable categories.
- **Open category (category 3): All applicants with university experience first compete here.**
- **Designated groups category (category 9): All South Africans or permanent residents of Black African or Coloured African descent with university experience who are not successful in category 3 will compete in category 9.**
- All courses (subjects/modules) must have been passed.
- Applicants who have completed only a three year Diploma or Certificate are not considered. These applicants will be considered in the School-leavers category provided they meet the minimum admission criteria.
- Applicants must hold a Full/Foreign exemption certificate or NSC or equivalent qualification with admission to degree studies.
- A calculation is used based on the number of completed subjects/modules. A minimum of 4 subjects/modules is required. The formula returns a score which has a maximum value of 80.
- For applicants in their first year of study the marks from the first semester will be used for selection. Applicants must be registered for a minimum of 8 semester subjects/modules for the year and must have a minimum of 4 subjects/modules with final marks at mid-year when selection is done (AIM and ELH or equivalent modules excluded). Candidates who do not comply with these requirements will unfortunately not be considered.
- Applicants are required to submit an official academic record (UP students excluded). Results printed from the university web, a statement of credits, a statement of test or examination results and progress reports will not be accepted as an official academic record. Failure to capture and upload the official academic record on their Student Portal on or before the due date will result in the application not being considered.
- For applicants in a year of study for which no marks are available at mid-year when selection is done, only the marks of the previous year/s will be used.
- All offers to applicants who are registered at a university are conditional and subject to the applicant passing all the subjects/modules registered for in the current year of study and maintaining the same academic level at which they were selected.
- To the calculated score the following is added for completed degrees:
 - Three-year bachelor's degree: +1
 - Honours degree or equivalent: +1
 - Master's degree 50% to 64%: +1
 - Master's degree 65% to 74%: +2
 - Master's degree with distinction: +3
 - PhD: +3

The **University Module Achievement Score (UMAS)** appears on page 6 of this document (formula used for applicants with previous university experience).

Mid-year selection criteria

- To be eligible for the mid-year selection students must comply with the following requirements:
 - General University and Faculty rules apply.

- National Senior Certificate (NSC) for degree studies or Full or Foreign exemption certificate.
- Mathematics 70% and APS =35 or more
- Only new first-year registered BSc students at UP with no previous tertiary (University, University of Technology or College) training/experience will be considered.
- Applicants from countries other than South Africa*, with medical schools will not be considered for admission.
- Students enrolled for the BSc Extended programme – Biological and Agricultural Sciences, do not qualify to apply for the mid-year intake.

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- Students must register for the following modules to be considered:
 - CMY 117: General chemistry (16)
 - PHY 131: General physics (16)
 - MLB 111: Molecular and cell biology (16)
 - MGW 112: People and their environment (6)
 - FIL 155: Science and worldviews (6)
 - MTL 180: Medical terminology (12)
- The abovementioned modules will enable selected students to continue with the MBChB first-year in the second semester. Students must pass all the first-semester modules mentioned above. No other module combination is acceptable. Modules passed in the first semester will be credited.
- A weighted average based on the results obtained in the final June examination is calculated. Students are ranked according to merit from the highest to the lowest.
- For the MBChB degree programme, a minimum of 30 places are reserved for the mid-year intake but this may increase should more places be available.
- **Fifty percent of these places are reserved for students from designated groups (all South Africans or permanent residents of Black African or Coloured African descent).**
- **All applicants will compete first for the other fifty percent of places and the designated group students who were unsuccessful will then compete for the remaining fifty percent of the places.**

Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery (MBChB) 10130003		
CATEGORY	PLACES	SELECTION PROCESS
1	School leavers Open	1. Merit Point Score: Grade 11 results (English % + Mathematics % + Physical Science or Life Sciences [where applicable] + next three best marks in recognised 20-credit subjects, excluding Life Orientation, Mathematical Literacy and Mathematics paper III/6) will count 100%. 2. All offers are provisional until the final NSC or equivalent qualification results have been received. The provisional place of applicants will be confirmed as long as the NSC or equivalent qualification scores do not fall by more than two points from the Grade 11 APS score and still meet the minimum admission requirements. 3. A minimum of 30 places is reserved in category 2 but this may increase should more places be available. Fifty percent of these places is reserved for students from designated groups. All applicants will compete first for the other fifty percent of places and the designated group students who were unsuccessful will then compete for the remaining fifty percent of places. 4. Scores for applicants in categories 3 and 9 are calculated as described under Previous university experience category on page 4. A minimum of 50% (HG) or 4 for Mathematics and Physical Sciences (or Physics and Chemistry) is required in the final NSC or equivalent qualification examinations or corrected at tertiary level. 5. Applicants who were unsuccessful in category 17 may be considered in category 3 and 9 as applicable.
8	School leavers: Designated Groups	
2	Midyear BSc Selection	
3	University experience Open	
9	University experience: Designated Groups	
17	BSc Extended programme: Biological & Agricultural Sciences	
6	SANDF sponsored applicants	
Total	300	

University Module Achievement Score (UMAS)

Calculation of the University Module Achievement Score (UMAS) for applicants with previous university experience

The UMAS of applicants is calculated as follows:

- For applicants in their first year of study the marks from the first semester (minimum of 4 subjects/modules, excluding AIM [Academic information management] and ELH [Academic English for Health Sciences] or equivalent modules).
- For applicants who have completed more than a year of tertiary studies and are currently registered (2022 academic year) their academic achievement during the last three semesters (first semester of 2022 and the two semesters of 2021 with a maximum of 20 subjects/modules).
- For applicants in a year of study for which no marks are available at mid-year, only the marks of the previous year(s) will be used (maximum of three semesters and 20 subjects/modules). The same will apply for students who have a completed degree(s) and are not registered in 2022.
- All courses (subjects/modules) must have been passed.

The UMAS calculation is based on the number of completed subjects/modules and the formula returns a score which has a maximum value of 80 (excluding bonus points).

Bonus points are added as follows for completed degrees:

Three-year bachelor's degree:	+1
Honours degree or equivalent:	+1
Master's degree (50%-64%):	+1
Master's degree (65%-74%):	+2
Master's degree with distinction:	+3
PhD:	+3

The grid below will be used to calculate the UMAS:

NUMBER OF UNIVERSITY SUBJECTS	Results/grades obtained per university subject/module			
	>75%	70 – 74%	60 – 69 %	50 – 59%
4	19.5	15.5	12.9	10.3
5	16.0	12.8	10.6	8.4
6	13.3	11.0	9.0	7.2
7	11.4	9.7	7.9	6.3
8	10.0	8.8	7.1	5.7
9	8.9	7.8	6.5	5.2
10	8.0	7.0	6.0	4.8
11	7.3	6.4	5.5	4.4
12	6.7	5.8	5.0	4.2
13	6.2	5.4	4.6	3.8
14	5.7	5.0	4.3	3.6
15	5.3	4.7	4.0	3.3
16	5.0	4.4	3.8	3.1
17	4.7	4.1	3.5	2.9
18	4.4	3.9	3.3	2.8
19	4.2	3.7	3.2	2.6
20	4.0	3.5	3.0	2.5
Total	80	70	60	50