

Bachelor of Medical Science (Vision Science)/Master of Optometry (Year 2 Entry)

This information is for students who are currently studying the Bachelor of Medical Science at Flinders University who wish to transfer into the Bachelor of Medical Science (Vision Science)/Master of Optometry.

Students who have completed the Bachelor of Medical Science or are graduates of another degree are NOT eligible to apply to transfer into Year 2 of the Bachelor of Medical Science (Vision Science)/Master of Optometry. Graduates should apply for entry to the 5-year double degree via SATAC (www.satac.edu.au) (Undergraduate SATAC code: 214931).

Entry Requirements

To be considered for Year 2 entry, students must have successfully completed the following topics in the Bachelor of Medical Science with an overall grade point average (GPA) of credit or above in this study:

- BIOL1102 Molecular Basis of Life; and
- CHEM1201 General Chemistry or CHEM1101 Chemical Structure and Bonding; and
- MMED1005 How Your Body Works: Human Physiology and Structure; and
- MDSC1102 Skills for Medical Scientists 1; and
- BIOL1101 Evolution of Biological Diversity; and
- CHEM1202 Chemistry for Life Sciences or CHEM1102 Modern Chemistry; and
- PHYS1702 Physics for Health Sciences; and
- HLTH1003 Legal and Ethical Aspects of Health Care.

The GPA achieved from any other topics within the Bachelor of Medical Science will **not** be taken into consideration.

Additional Requirements – Formal Interview

Applicants who meet the entry requirements for the Bachelor of Medical Science (Vision Science)/Master of Optometry Year 2 entry must participate in an interview. Applicants who are shortlisted will be contacted soon after the application closing date via their student email with further details.

Interviews will be conducted on Friday 27 November.

Rural and Remote Sub-quota

A sub-quota of up to 3 places will be available for students from rural and remote areas who wish to practice in rural and remote regions across Australia. To be considered for the rural and remote sub-quota you must submit with your internal transfer application the Statutory Declaration confirming you have lived in non-metropolitan areas of Australia (Remoteness Classifications RA2 to RA5) for at least 5 consecutive years, or 10 years cumulatively, from birth (i.e. during any period of your life).

The completed and signed statutory declaration must be uploaded to your internal transfer application in the Student System - not to SATAC.

You can check your eligibility in accordance with the definition above using the search tool at the Health Workforce Locator site: www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/health-workforce-locator/health-workforce-locator. Search the map and select filtered classification as "Australian Statistical Geographic Standard Remoteness Areas (2016)"

Indigenous Sub-quota

A sub-quota of one place will be available for an Indigenous student. Applicants who wish to be considered for entry into the degree through the Indigenous subquota need to provide evidence such as a certified copy of a community seal and/or a Statutory Declaration available on the internal transfer webpage. The Statutory Declaration must be supported by a representative from an Aboriginal community confirming the applicant is of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Island descent.

The completed and signed statutory declaration must be uploaded to your internal transfer application in the student system - not to SATAC.

Selection

Applicants who meet the entry requirements and attend an interview will be ranked using an overall selection score derived from their:

- academic performance in their degree as measured by their Grade Point Average (65%); and
- interview score (35%).

Offers will be made to applicants with the highest overall selection scores to fill places available. There be will up to six places available for 2021 transfer.

How to apply

Applications are to be submitted through the Student System. Instructions on how to submit an application are available at www.flinders.edu.au/internaltransfer.

Semester 1 2021 applications are now open and will close on Wednesday 18 November.

Timing of Offers

Offers will be made from December 2020 until all available places are filled.

Other Information

Successful applicants will be required to be registered as a student with the Optometry Board of Australia (OBA) under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act 2010. Flinders University arranges student registration by passing on student details directly to the OBA and no fees apply. Students are required to make declarations about their medical fitness, criminal convictions and any previous registration history which may impact their ability for student registration. Student registration is required for the duration of study in the course and if registration is suspended students will not be permitted to undertake the clinical training or professional experience placements required to complete the course. More information is available at www.ahpra.gov.au/Registration/Student-Registrations.aspx.

Graduates of Bachelor of Medical Science (Vision Science)/Master of Optometry are eligible to apply to the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) for registration with the Optometry Board of Australia as an Optometrist.

Contact us

For further information call 1300 354 633 (option 1) or email askflinders@flinders.edu.au.

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