



# Bachelor of Medicine Bachelor of Surgery

## Information for 2020 Entry International Applicants

*James Cook University's Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) course is an undergraduate course and is primarily for school leavers (i.e. applicants who have completed year 12 or equivalent in the last two years). A limited number of places may be available for non school leavers.*

### Overview

This program aims to produce graduates of the highest academic standards, who can progress to medical practice and to further studies in medical specialties. Graduates will be uniquely qualified in the fields of rural/remote and Indigenous health and tropical medicine.

The course is based in Townsville for the first three years. Health service placements are undertaken in every year of the course, including placements in rural areas. Students in Year 4 of the course are based in Townsville or Cairns. The majority of students in Years 5 and 6 of the course relocate for the entire two years to other College of Medicine and Dentistry teaching sites in Cairns, Mackay or Darwin.

Upon graduation, graduates are not guaranteed an internship place in Australia. In the final year of enrolment, students may be required, at their own cost, to complete an English test for purposes of registration with the Medical Board of Australia.

*This course is accredited by the Australian Medical Council (AMC).*

### Submissions

Please read the information below before applying for the Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) course at James Cook University.

The Application Form and International Undergraduate Application Form for selection into the James Cook University course of Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery are to be returned to:

**Admissions**  
**Student Centre, Building 134**  
**James Cook University Douglas Campus**  
**Townsville QLD 4811 Australia**

Applications can be submitted via a JCU Agent or directly via email to [internationaladmissions@jcu.edu.au](mailto:internationaladmissions@jcu.edu.au) on or prior to the closing date.

The application closing date is 31 August 2019. Applications received after this date will NOT be accepted.

### Important Dates

**28 February 2019** Application opening date for JCU Application Form. Applications will be accepted for 2020 entry from this date.

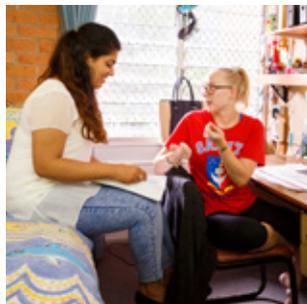
**31 August 2019** Closing date for JCU Application Form and International Undergraduate Application form. Applications received after this date will not be accepted.

**31 August 2019, 4pm (AEST)** Prediction of Academic Achievement (PAA) sheet to be received by Admissions.

**14 February 2020** Compulsory International Student Orientation

**17 February 2020** JCU Orientation week begins

**24 February 2020** JCU Academic Year begins



## Summary of selection process

Applicants will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Academic performance in Year 12 studies or in subsequent tertiary studies
- Evaluation of the written component of the application form
- Demonstration at interview of attributes suited to a career in medicine

In 2020, the College of Medicine and Dentistry has available approximately 30-40 places in the MBBS course for International applicants. Candidates will be selected for interview on the basis of their application and academic results. Applicants will be selected for entry into the James Cook University MBBS course based on their performance at interview and their academic results.

### Information for those studying Year 12 or equivalent in 2019

- Provide certified documentation of your Year 12 examination results.
- The Prediction of Academic Achievement (PAA) sheet is to be completed by your School Principal/Vice-Principal/Guidance Officer or Director of Studies (or equivalent) and emailed to: Admissions, [internationaladmissions@jcu.edu.au](mailto:internationaladmissions@jcu.edu.au), by 4pm (AEST), 31 August 2019.

### Information for those who are not studying Year 12 or equivalent this year

- If you have not commenced any further studies since completing Year 12, please include a certified copy of your Year 12 Certificate or equivalent.
- If you have commenced or completed further studies please include a certified copy of your academic record to date.
- Uncertified copies of examination results will not be accepted.
- The most recent grade point average (GPA) score will be used to assess applicants who have commenced or completed tertiary studies. For 2019, a GPA of 5.75 on a 7 point scale was required to be considered for an interview.
- An applicant's other studies/qualifications that do not generate a GPA score will not be considered when determining the rankings for interview.

NB: Some candidates may be considered for an early interview.

### UMAT

Please note that James Cook University, College of Medicine and Dentistry does NOT use the Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT) as part of their selection process.

### Interviews

A limited number of applicants will be invited for interview. Selection of applicants to be interviewed will be based on evaluation of the application together with all available information regarding academic performance. Information regarding an applicant or an application is confidential and cannot be released to members of family or friends.

### Applicants within Australia

Applicants within Australia selected for interview will be sent an email outlining their allocated time and date for interview. Applicants must attend the interview at the allocated time and date. Changes to allocated times/dates cannot be considered. All interviews for Australian resident students will be conducted at the College of Medicine and Dentistry in Townsville.

Applicants will be responsible for their own travel and accommodation arrangements. The College of Medicine and Dentistry is unable to assist with accommodation but information about accommodation can be found under Contact Details in this document.

### Applicants outside Australia

Applicants from outside of Australia selected for interview outside of Australia will be sent an e-mail outlining the details and date of their Interview. The Division will also be conducting interviews in selected regions overseas.

Applicants will be responsible for organising their own videoconferencing facilities to participate at the scheduled interview time allocated by the College of Medicine and Dentistry. Skype, MSN and Yahoo chat are not acceptable. Information regarding an applicant or an application is confidential and cannot be released to members of family or friends.

## Successful applicants

Offers of a place in the Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery course are made by Admissions. Applicants are advised to check with an Australian Embassy or High Commission regarding the length of time required to obtain a student visa from their country.

## Unsuccessful applicants

Applicants who are unsuccessful will be notified by Admissions. An applicant who has been unsuccessful in obtaining a place in the Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery this year, but who is strongly motivated towards a career in the medical field, might consider undertaking a Bachelor degree in Medical Laboratory Science, Biomedical Sciences, Nursing Science, Pharmacy, Physiotherapy, Speech Pathology or Occupational Therapy. Undertaking such a degree may lead to an applicant ultimately being accepted into a medical program, through one or other following paths:

- after graduation, being accepted for a graduate-entry medical program at one of the Universities which have a graduate-entry medical degree (in Queensland, the University of Queensland and Griffith University); or
- obtaining acceptance in a future year into James Cook University's MBBS through one of the limited number of places made available for non-school leavers.

Unsuccessful applicants considering undertaking studies in one of the above degrees with a view to eventual acceptance into a medical program, should however be aware that the number of places available for non-school leaver entry into the James Cook University's MBBS is very limited, and it would be inappropriate and most unwise for an unsuccessful applicant to see that eventual outcome as any more than a possibility.



## English language requirements

Unless your education was undertaken in one of the following countries: Australia, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, South Africa, UK or USA you will be required to meet the following English Proficiency requirement (Tests must be less than 2 years old at time of admission).

### English Language Test Minimum Scores

**IELTS (academic module)** with a minimum overall score of 7 and a minimum score of 7 in three of the components and 6.5 in one component (listening, reading, writing and speaking) in one sitting,

**OR PTE Academic** with a minimum overall score of 72 and a minimum score of 72 in each of the four communicative skills (listening, reading, writing and speaking),

**OR TOEFL (internet based)** with a minimum total score of 100 and a minimum writing score of 23,

**OR TOEFL (paper based)** with a minimum score of 557 plus a minimum Test of Written English score of 5.5.

In the final year of enrolment, students may be required, at their own cost, to complete an English test for the purposes of registration with the Medical Board of Australia.

More information regarding registration can be found on the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) website:

[www.ahpra.gov.au](http://www.ahpra.gov.au)

## Pre-requisite subjects

For entry into James Cook University's Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery degree, applicants must have successfully completed four semesters and achieved an exit level of at least Sound Achievement in English, Mathematics B and Chemistry or interstate or overseas equivalent. The study of Physics and Biology is highly desirable.

For international equivalents contact Admissions via e-mail: [internationaladmissions@jcu.edu.au](mailto:internationaladmissions@jcu.edu.au)

If you are unsure of the Australian pre-requisite requirement please contact the Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) at the website address: [www.qtac.edu.au](http://www.qtac.edu.au)

## Vaccinations

Students must provide evidence of being immune to hepatitis B and that they have been vaccinated or evidence that they are not susceptible for the vaccine preventable diseases (VPD) of Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR); Varicella and Pertussis.

Professional experience placement is a requirement of this course and students may be engaged in roles where there is contact that would allow transmission of a VPD. Students are required to comply with the above requirement prior to commencing their first Professional Experience Placement or by the end of the first teaching period of their studies (or whichever is sooner), otherwise their enrolment will be terminated.

The College of Medicine and Dentistry recommends additional vaccinations and students will receive information regarding these vaccinations at the commencement of their first year. Information on the pre-placement requirements for the Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery can be found at **Preparing for Professional Experience Placement**.

This course may have specific admission requirements such as immunisation, the requirement to obtain a Suitability to work with Children Card, federal police check and/or other requirements that Students must comply with. Students must complete all Professional Experience Placement requirements by the prescribed deadlines and maintain currency of all requirements in order to stay admitted to the course.

## Professional Experience Placement

Professional experience placement is a formal component of this course and prepares you for registration and/or accreditation as a professional in your field. Visit **Preparing for Professional Experience Placement** for more information.

## Working with children

Queensland law contains provisions designed to ensure that persons who are to work with children and young people are first assessed on their known police and disciplinary information. The **Working with Children Check** is a screening process that assesses your suitability to work with children and young people. A person whose application is approved will be issued with a Blue Card.

Because the requirements for completion of the James Cook University Medicine degree include requirements for students to undertake placements and because a student will undertake one or more placements which involve coming into contact with young people, initial enrolment and continuing enrolment in the Medicine course are conditional upon the following:

- I. Eligibility of the student for a Blue Card at the time of first enrolment;
- II. Maintenance of that eligibility throughout the duration of the course; and
- III. Actual acquisition of a Blue Card prior to commencement of placement.

In the event that a student becomes ineligible for a Blue Card, at any time between the date of first enrolment and the date of completion of the course, the student's enrolment in the course may be terminated. Therefore, persons who have reason to believe that they might have difficulty in obtaining a Blue Card should clarify the position in that regard before deciding to apply for enrolment in the Medicine course. A person who will or may not be able to obtain a Blue Card should not make application for enrolment in the course.

## Contact details

### Admissions

Phone: 1800 246 446 (freecall)

Email: [internationaladmissions@jcu.edu.au](mailto:internationaladmissions@jcu.edu.au)

[www.jcu.edu.au/international](http://www.jcu.edu.au/international)

### College of Medicine and Dentistry

[www.jcu.edu.au/medicine](http://www.jcu.edu.au/medicine)

### James Cook University Handbook

<https://www.jcu.edu.au/course-and-subject-handbook>

### James Cook University Accommodation

[www.jcu.edu.au/accommodation](http://www.jcu.edu.au/accommodation)