

2024

# Bachelor of Medicine Bachelor of Surgery

## Entry Information for International Applicants



*James Cook University's Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) course is a six year undergraduate course. James Cook University's MBBS equips students with the skills to make an impact, and prepares them to graduate with confidence to take on any challenge after undertaking placements in diverse communities.*

### 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.

Students are based in either Cairns or Townsville for the first three years of the course. 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 Townsville.

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).*

### Important Dates

**1 MARCH 2023** Application opening date for JCU International Application Form. Applications will be accepted for 2023 entry from this date.

**31 AUGUST 2023** Closing date for all applications and supporting documents. Application and supporting documents received after this date will not be accepted.

**19 FEBRUARY 2024** JCU Academic Year begins

## Submissions

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

The Written JCU International Application Form must be submitted along with all other required documents via a [JCU Agent](#) or [online application](#) on or prior to the closing date.

Applicants who apply via a JCU Agent are recommended to submit their complete application to their nominated agent at least one week prior to the deadline. The application closing date is 31 August 2023. Applications received after this date will NOT be accepted.

## Summary of selection process

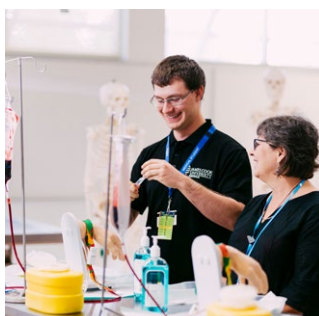
Applicants will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Academic performance in Year 12 studies and/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 2024, the College of Medicine and Dentistry has available approximately 40 places in the MBBS course for International applicants. Candidates will be selected for interview on the basis of their written 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 2023

- Provide 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: International Admissions, [internationaladmissions@jcu.edu.au](mailto:internationaladmissions@jcu.edu.au), by 5pm (AEST), 31 August 2023.



### 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 copy of your Year 12 Certificate or equivalent.
- If you have commenced or completed further studies please include a copy of your academic record to date.
- The most recent grade point average (GPA) score will be used to assess applicants who have commenced or completed tertiary studies. For 2023, 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.

### UCAT AND GAMSAT

Please note that James Cook University, College of Medicine and Dentistry does NOT use the University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT) or Graduate Medical School Admissions Test (GAMSAT) as part of their selection process.

### INTERVIEWS

Selection of applicants to be interviewed is 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 AND OUTSIDE OF AUSTRALIA

Applicants selected for interview will be sent an email outlining their allocated time and date for interview. Applicants will be responsible for organising their own zoom and internet facilities to participate in their scheduled interview.

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## 2024 ENTRY INFORMATION FOR INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS

### SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS

Offers for a place in the Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery course are made by International Admissions. Applicants are advised to ensure they are appropriately informed regarding visa processing times with the [Department of Home Affairs](#).

### UNSUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS

Applicants who are unsuccessful will be notified by International 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 nonschool 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 you were born in one of the following countries: Australia, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, South Africa, UK or USA and your first language is English, 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 65 and a minimum score of 65 in three of the four communicative skills (listening, reading, writing and speaking) and 58 in one component.

**OR TOEFL (internet based)** with a minimum total score of 94 (23 in speaking, 24 in listening and reading and 27 in writing).



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

English (3/4, C), Mathematical Methods (Units 3/4, C), Chemistry (Units 3/4, C); or equivalent.

For international equivalents contact International Admissions via email: [internationaladmissions@jcu.edu.au](mailto:internationaladmissions@jcu.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.

For information on covid-19 vaccination requirements, please visit the [JCU Pre-Placement website](#).

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 (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.

## Inherent requirements and reasonable adjustments

Inherent requirements are the fundamental abilities, attributes, skills and behaviours needed to successfully complete the course. Find your course requirements under [Inherent Requirements](#).

## 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

### INTERNATIONAL ADMISSIONS

Phone: 1800 246 446 (freecall)  
Email: [internationaladmissions@jcu.edu.au](mailto:internationaladmissions@jcu.edu.au)

### COLLEGE OF MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY

[jcu.edu.au/college-of-medicine-and-dentistry](http://jcu.edu.au/college-of-medicine-and-dentistry)

### JAMES COOK UNIVERSITY HANDBOOK

[jcu.edu.au/course-and-subject-handbook](http://jcu.edu.au/course-and-subject-handbook)

### JAMES COOK UNIVERSITY ACCOMMODATION

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