

## **Doctor of Dental Surgery [400 points]**

1. The Selection Committee will evaluate the applicant's ability to pursue the course successfully using the following criteria:
  - either
    - an undergraduate degree in any discipline, with studies to have been completed within 10 years of commencing the Doctor of Dental Surgery,
    - or
    - for applicants whose most recently completed undergraduate degree was completed 10 or more years before 1 January of the year in which the applicant intends to commence the Doctor of Dental Surgery, a Graduate Diploma, Master or PhD degree or equivalent completed within 10 years before 1 January of the year in which the applicant intends to commence the Doctor of Dental Surgery;
  - and
  - successful completion of pre-requisite studies in anatomy, physiology and biochemistry at second-year level or equivalent, with pre-requisite subjects to have been completed within 10 years of commencing the Doctor of Dental Surgery;
  - performance in the Graduate Australian Medical Schools Admission Test (GAMSAT) or, for international students residing overseas, performance in the North American MCAT (Medical College Admission Test), or the United States DAT (Dental Admission Test) or the Canadian DAT (Dental Aptitude Test) or the UK GAMSAT (the Graduate Medical School Admissions Test) or the UK BMat (Biomedical Admissions Test); all sections in the GAMSAT will be weighted equally.
  
2. The performance of applicants in their previous studies will be assessed using a Grade Point Average (GPA) computed in a manner approved by the Academic Board for the Doctor of Dental Surgery. The Selection Committee will give equal weight to the GPA and the GAMSAT (or MCAT or DCAT) in determining offers to be made.

3. The Selection Committee may conduct interviews and tests and may call for referee reports or employer references to elucidate any of the matters referred to above.

#### Notes

1. In considering students under special entry schemes the Selection Committee will consider aspects of disadvantage as set out from time to time in the University of Melbourne Graduate Access policy.
2. Students applying for the Doctor of Dental Surgery from the University of Melbourne New Generation undergraduate degrees who meet entry and course requirements for a guaranteed place are admitted subject only to meeting any minimum grade point average as prescribed by the Academic Board and completion of relevant pre-requisite subjects.
3. Applicants who need to satisfy the University's English language requirements via the IELTS (International English Language Testing System: Academic English only) or the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) must meet one of the following standards:
  - IELTS (Academic English only) 7.0 (written 7.0 with no band less than 6.0)
  - TOEFL (paper-based test) 600 + TWE 5.0
  - TOEFL (computer-based test) 250 + 5.0 essay rating
  - TOEFL (internet-based test) 100 + written score of 24 and no band less than 21

#### **Grade Point Average (GPA) Calculation for Selection into the Doctor of Medicine, Doctor of Dental Surgery and Doctor of Physiotherapy**

The quotas of places available for selection of applicants re-ranked on the basis of postgraduate study as prescribed under the Grade Point Average definition given below be set initially as follows:

- (a) Doctor of Medicine — up to 10 places,
  - (b) Doctor of Dental Surgery — up to 2 places,
  - (c) Doctor of Physiotherapy — up to 3 places;
- (ii) re-ranked applicants not selected on this basis who otherwise satisfy the selection criteria, will be considered on the basis of their undergraduate results;
- (iii) the Selection Committee is not required to fill the quotas and any unused places will be allocated as normal.

*GPA protocol for selection into the Doctor of Medicine, Doctor of Dental Surgery and Doctor of Physiotherapy.* Except for applicants eligible under the Guaranteed Pathway, the Grade Point Average (GPA) used to rank applicants on academic merit based on their tertiary previous studies will be computed in the following way.

1. Except as explicitly provided for under clause 3 below, the most recent bachelor degree results (including Honours) will be used for the

purposes of calculating the Grade Point Average (GPA) regardless of any subsequent graduate studies completed.

2. The Grade Point Average (GPA) will be measured by considering the last 3 years of the applicant's undergraduate coursework studies (including Honours). Weightings will be applied by weighting the first of the final three years by 1, the second year by 2 and the final year by 3.

3. The Selection Committee may re-rank applicants with a high level of performance in postgraduate studies in a cognate area subject to the following:

- postgraduate study must have been completed with ten years of commencement of the Doctor of Medicine, Doctor of Dental Surgery or Doctor of Physiotherapy;
- postgraduate study must be the equivalent of at least a one year full time program;
- postgraduate study must be in a discipline that builds upon studies completed at the undergraduate level;
- postgraduate study must be in a health related or biological sciences discipline.

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Note:

For the 2012 admission period, applicants disadvantaged by the change in selection criteria are permitted to apply under the selection criteria in place for the 2011 intake.

For the 2013 admission period, all applicants will be expected to comply with the criteria current at that time.