

FAQ – BHSc

Bachelor of Health Sciences

Who can apply for admission to the BHSc?

School leavers

NCEA: Applicants must achieve a minimum rank score of **210** up to 5 approved subjects at Level 3, with a minimum of 18 credits from both table A and table B.

CIE: Applicants require a rank score of **210** and will be ranked according to their UCAS tariff score total accumulated over a maximum of 6 subject units at AS and A Level from subjects that match the NCEA approved subject list. In addition, applicants must have taken at least one subject from table A and table B. Full A levels are preferred.

IB Diploma: **29** points minimum

Alternative admissions

A candidate in this category is one who has left secondary school and undergone further formal education in a relevant degree programme for a minimum of one year of full time study.

This includes recent university graduates in a relevant degree, and those who have in the preceding year successfully completed Part I of The University of Auckland 's Bachelor of Health Sciences or Bachelor of Science (Biomedical Science) degrees.

Offers will be made to alternative admission candidates in each intake. Candidates are expected to achieve a minimum GPA of 3.7 (B-average) across their entire course of study.

MAPAS

This category is for students of Maori or Pacific descent. Up to 75 places will be offered to MAPAS candidates in each intake. Those applying under this scheme must be able to demonstrate a willingness to participate in their culture. Applicants may be school-leavers or alternative admissions students.

What subjects should I take if I am applying under the School Leaver Category?

In addition to meeting the Common Entry Standard, it is compulsory that you take at least one subject from the table A and one subject from the table B lists.

English is not a required subject, beyond university entry standard, but you will be required to demonstrate the ability to communicate well in written and spoken English. Many courses in the BHSc require strong academic writing and critical thinking skills, so taking subjects here these skills are development are recommended.

In addition, students wishing to apply for the medical programme at the end of their first year should have a strong background in Chemistry and Biology

What academic background do I need to apply under the Alternative Admissions category?

You can apply under this category if you have completed at least one year of the following:

- A relevant degree or tertiary qualification.
- The Faculty's Certificate in Health Sciences, offered to Maori and Pacific students under the MAPAS scheme.

Candidates are expected to achieve a minimum GPA of 3.7 (B- average) across their entire course of study.

If I am admitted under the Alternative Admissions category am I exempt from any courses?

Depending upon your previous course of study you may be able to apply for specified credit against some courses.

You may also be exempt from the general education requirements, but this would need to be reviewed on a case by case basis.

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Is there a mid-year intake for the Bachelor of Health Sciences?

This is totally dependent on admission numbers at the start of the year. We cannot guarantee there will be places available at mid year

Do I need to sit UMAT for BHSc entry?

No.

Are Australian students considered as International applicants?

No. Citizens and permanent residents of Australia and students from the Cook Islands, Tokelau or Niue who are New Zealand citizens, are eligible for enrolment on the same basis as New Zealand students.

What if I am an International Student?

The BHSc programme is available to independent full fee paying international applicants.

What are the BHSc entry requirements for competence in English?

The Bachelor of Health Sciences degree requires a high level of competence in written and spoken English.

If your entrance qualifications are from an overseas university and your first language is not English you will have to meet the University's English requirements for admission and provide evidence of one of the following:

- an IELTS academic module to 6.5 (with no band less than 6.0)
- TOEFL 575 (paper based) or 233 (computer based) with TWE 4.5 or
- a statement from your previous educational institution confirming that you have been taught in the medium of English, full time for a minimum of two years. This cannot include English language acquisition courses.

Postgraduate study: Can I do postgraduate study or research on completion of the Bachelor of Health Sciences degree?

Yes, there are many opportunities to take a variety of postgraduate qualifications, both in New Zealand and overseas, on completion of the Bachelor of Health Sciences. The School of Population Health offers a variety of postgraduate programmes in the both Health Sciences and Public Health.

Opportunities include an Honours programme, Postgraduate Diplomas, Masters Programmes and PhDs.

For further postgraduate information please see the postgraduate section of the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences website - <http://www.fmhs.auckland.ac.nz/faculty/postgrad/>

Does applying for the Bachelor of Health Sciences allow me to apply for the MBChB Medical Programme at the end of my first year?

Yes, the first year of the BHSc is one of only two pathways to be able to apply for the Medical Programme at the University of Auckland as an undergraduate.

If you do wish to apply for the medical programme at the end of your first year, you must take specific courses in your first year to be eligible.

How many students apply for the BHSc each year?

Over 2000 apply for semester one intake.

How many places are there in the BHSc each year?

We are taking approximately 300 students each year.

Applications Close 8th December

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