

**ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MBChB PROGRAM IN THE NELSON R MANDELA SCHOOL OF MEDICINE**

**1. NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE (GRADE 12) APPLICANTS**

The majority of places are selected from this category.

Only candidates who sit for the Grade 12 examinations during the year of application will be considered. To be eligible for placement in the MBChB programme, the candidate must have achieved a minimum of 65% in each of the following subjects:

- Mathematics
- Physical Science
- Life Sciences
- English

In addition, it is a legal requirement of the National Higher Education Department to have done Life Orientation for entrance into a University. In compliance with this, a level 4 pass has to be achieved in Life Orientation to be eligible to apply for placement. The award of places is subject to the race quotas determined by the Board of the School of Medicine.

Applicants will be ranked in order of performance based on the following criteria

- The arithmetic average of 6 subjects including, Mathematics, Physical Science, Life Sciences and English.
- In cases where the candidate has done more than 6 subjects, the highest scores of the remaining subjects will be used.
- Mathematics paper 3 will not be substituted for Mathematics.

**Pre-selection**

50% of the seats reserved for Grade 12 learners will be allocated based on the marks obtained in the Grade 11 end of year examinations.

- The subject criteria will be as defined for 'Grade 12's/Matriculants' above. Only candidates who achieve a 75% or greater aggregate in the end of year Grade 11 examinations will be considered for pre-selection.
- Candidates will be pre-selected on academic merit and in compliance with the racial quotas as determined by the Board of the School of Medicine.
- Final award of places will be based on the applicant maintaining or exceeding this performance in the final Grade 12 (Matriculation) examination.

## 2. INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The Nelson R Mandela School of Medicine is governed by a SADC agreement to accept applicants from countries without a medical school. Such applications are channelled via their respective Ministries.

## 3. MATURE STUDENTS

Candidates who have completed the Matriculation/Grade12 examination and exceeding the minimum standards for entry into the MBChB programme as defined above; and have done a year or more of a degree course at a recognised university in South Africa; and achieved outstanding results, will be considered. The Selection Committee shall consider a variety of courses to enhance the learning environment in the first year class.

The Medical School currently does not require applicants to write the National Benchmark Test for admission, because it disadvantages many learners, particularly in rural areas, who may not be able to access the Test venues due to logistic challenges.

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