Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander: First Peoples Selection and Admissions Guidelines for Griffith Health Programs

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Description
This document sets out the application process, eligibility and selection criteria for the admission of Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander: First Peoples into specific Griffith Health programs.

**Related documents**
- Undergraduate Programs Admission Policy
- Postgraduate Programs Admission Policy
- Conflict of Interest Policy
- Statement Regarding Integrity of Student Admissions, Scholarships and Prizes Processes and Decision Making at the University
- Student Administration Policy
- Credit for Prior Learning Policy
- Structure and Requirements of Qualifications Awarded by Griffith University
- Fees and Charges Policy
- Student Review and Appeals Policy
- Student Review and Appeals Procedures

**1. DEFINITIONS**

The following terms used have the meanings shown:

- **Health related qualifying degree**: A program equivalent to AQF level 7 or 8 recognised by Griffith Health and specified in Schedule A for the purpose of admission into selected Griffith Health programs.
- **Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC)**: QTAC acts on behalf of the University to process admissions.

**2. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

Through admission, the University seeks to provide access to persons from diverse backgrounds so that the student cohort reflects the diversity in the wider community. The University has approved alternative entry pathways for the admission of Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander: First Peoples into selected Griffith Health programs as specified in **Schedule B**.
3. **ELIGIBILITY**

A quota of places available to applicants of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent is determined annually by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic). Applicants for these places are required to provide confirmation of Aboriginality with their application. An Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person is someone who:

- is of Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent;
- identifies as an Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person; and
- is accepted as such by the community in which they live, or have lived.

The Griffith Health Group will give consideration to subsidising admissions test application costs and other related costs for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander: First People’s applicants, where the applicant has listed Griffith University as a preference and an application for assistance is made directly to the GUMURRII Student Support Unit.

4. **SELECTION CRITERIA**

Applicants will be assessed on the basis of their academic achievement, in addition to their participation in an:

- assessment of cultural and social support requirements meeting (with representatives from GUMURRII Student Support Centre and First People’s Health Unit).
- assessment of academic needs interview (representatives from GUMURRII, relevant Griffith Health School).

The admission criteria for each selected Griffith Health program is specified in Schedule B.

5. **APPLICATION PROCESS**

Applications are to be submitted via QTAC or Graduate Entry Medical School Admissions System (GEMSAS). In addition to the requirements in Section 4, the following requirements also need to be met:

- Formal contact and application through the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Alternative Entry Scheme (refer Schedule C) at the GUMURRII Student Support Unit.
- Identify as Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander (refer Section 3).
- Personal resume, including referees, evidence of achievements and experience.
- Brief statement outlining reasons for wanting to study in their chosen field of education.

6. **REVIEW AND APPEALS**

Unsuccessful applicants who seek a review of an admission decision should specify the grounds in writing using the Review of Decision form, attach copies of all documents relevant to the decision and address their request for a review of the decision in the first instance to the Senior Manager, Domestic Admissions within 10 working days of notification of the decision.

The Senior Manager, Domestic Admissions reviews the case and provides the complainant with the reason for the admission decision. If an error has been made, it will be corrected at the first available opportunity.
If the complainant is still not satisfied with the explanation for the rejection of their admission application, the applicant may lodge an appeal with the Academic Registrar within 10 working days of notification of the decision (refer Student Review and Appeals Policy).
## SCHEDULE A
Health-related qualifying degrees for admission of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander First Peoples into selected Griffith Health Programs

**Griffith University**
- 1031/1094 Bachelor of Biomedical Science
- 1093 Bachelor of Health Science
- 1171 Bachelor of Exercise Science
- 1172 Bachelor of Exercise Science / Bachelor of Business (Sport Management major)
- 1210 Bachelor of Science (Biological Sciences major)
- 1225 Bachelor of Exercise Science / Bachelor of Psychological Science
- 1242 Bachelor of Pharmaceutical Science
- 1259 Bachelor of Oral Health in Dental Science
- 1260 Bachelor of Oral Health in Dental Technology
- 1344 Bachelor of Exercise Science
- 1355 Bachelor of Nutrition and Dietetics
- 1358 Bachelor of Biomedical Science with Honours
- 1370 Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Science
- 1387 Bachelor of Pharmaceutical Science / Bachelor of Business
- 1392 Bachelor of Biomedical Science with Honours
- 1395 Bachelor of Pharmacy
**Schedule B**

Selected Griffith Health programs for admission of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander First Peoples

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**Doctor of Medicine* (AQF Level 9) Program**

**Health Related Qualifying Degree (from Griffith University) Criteria**

Applicants applying with a Health related qualifying degree are not required to complete any additional admission related tests but are required to meet the following criteria:

▪ Students must have completed, or be in the final year of completing a health related qualifying degree with a GPA of 5.0 or above on a 7 point scale using the approved admission schedule.

**Another Degree (from Griffith University or another university) Criteria**

Applicants applying with another degree are not required to complete Griffith University Multiple Station Admissions Assessment (GUMSAA), but are required to complete Graduate Medical Schools Admission Test (GAMSAT), as well as meet the following criteria:

▪ GAMSAT score of at least 50 (minimum of 50 in each subsection).

Students must have completed, or be in the final year of completing a qualifying degree with GPA 5.0 or above on a 7 point scale using the approved admission schedule.

* The Doctor of Medicine is an AQF Level 9 extended Masters program.
The Griffith University's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Alternative Entry Scheme seeks to increase the participation of Australia’s First People as students in the University's academic programs. The scheme is designed for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander school leavers and mature aged people who have not completed university entry level courses, TAFE study or other bridging programs.

Applicants are interviewed to gauge their suitability for university study by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff in the GUMURRII Unit http://www.griffith.edu.au/gumurrii-student-support-unit. In consultation with relevant Academic Group, admission options are confirmed by direct admission or through applications to the Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre or Universities Admission Centre (NSW/ACT).

Proof of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent is mandatory prior to students being offered admission through the Griffith University Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Alternative Entry Scheme. An Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is someone who:

- is of Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent;
- identifies as an Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person; and
- is accepted as such by the community in which they live, or have lived

The University provides additional tutoring and support services to assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to undertake tertiary study successfully, including a special Tertiary Preparation Program.