

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.

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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.
- **Universities Admission Centre (UAC):** UAC acts on behalf of the University to process admissions.
- **Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC):** VAC 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 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. As defined by the Commonwealth Parliament as someone who:

- i. is of Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent;
- ii. identifies as an Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person; and
- iii. 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 needs interview (representatives from GUMURRII Student Support Centre and First People's Health Unit).
- assessment of academic needs interview (representatives from GUMURRII Student Support Unit and relevant Griffith Health School and/or Program).

The admission criteria for each selected Griffith Health program is specified in [Schedule B](#).

5. APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications are to be submitted via QTAC, UAC or Graduate Entry Medical School Admissions System (GEMSAS) operated by VTAC. 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.
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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 Dental in Health 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

1392 Bachelor of Biomedical Science with Honours

1395 Bachelor of Pharmacy

1354 Bachelor of Midwifery

1161/1162/1165 Bachelor of Nursing

1415 Bachelor of Public Health in Health Promotion and Public Health Nutrition

1440 Bachelor of Public Health

Schedule B

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

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.

(AQF Level 7) Programs

Program Name	Pre requisite	School Leaver Selection Criteria	Non School Leave - Selection Criteria Health Related Degree (from Griffith University or another University) Selection Criteria
Bachelor of Dental Health Science	English (4SA)	OP1-3	Students must have completed a year of equivalent full time study in a health related degree with an admission rank no lower than OP3 equivalent.
Bachelor of Medical Science (Pathway to Doctor of Medicine) Note this arrangement will also apply to the Griffith Sciences program which is a pathway into the MD	English (4SA)	OP1/99	Not applicable this is a school leaver program.
Bachelor of Midwifery	English (4SA)	OP4-7	Students must have completed, a year of equivalent full time study in a health related degree with an admission rank no lower than OP7 equivalent.
Bachelor of Physiotherapy	English (4SA)	OP4-7	Students must have completed a year of equivalent full time study in a health related degree with an admission rank no lower than OP7 equivalent.

SCHEDULE C
GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY
GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY'S ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER
ALTERNATIVE ENTRY SCHEME

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 assess 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 the relevant Academic Group. Applications may be made to the Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre -, 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 person as defined by the Commonwealth Parliament 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

2017/18 Admissions Period

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Program	Quota
5099 Doctor of Medicine	10 DVC (A) approval 21 August 2017
1280 Bachelor of Medical Science	2
1306 Bachelor of Medical Science	2
1577 Bachelor of Dental Health Science	5
1354 Bachelor of Midwifery	5
1579 Bachelor of Physiotherapy	2
1589 Bachelor of Physiotherapy	2