ADMISSION TO THE MEDICINE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMME AY2021-2022

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Besides the conditions indicated in the offer letter, admission to Medicine is also subject to additional requirements. The Ministry of Health (MOH) has mandated these additional requirements for all healthcare workers, health science students inclusive of medical students.

1) Mumps, Measles and Rubella

All prospective medical students should be immune (from documented infection) or fully vaccinated. Candidates should produce official records of two previous vaccinations or serological screening results or physician documented diagnoses of previous infection as proof of immunity. Self-declaration of previous infection is not sufficient. Students may begin classes without documentary evidence of immunization for MMR if he/she has a letter from a physician stating that there is a reason why he/she cannot receive the vaccine.

2) Varicella (Chickenpox)

All prospective medical students should be immune or vaccinated. Students would need to provide documentation of immunity (positive serology) or official records of have received two previous vaccinations. Self-declaration is only acceptable if the history of varicella was physician diagnosed and documented as such. Where history of varicella is uncertain, immunity against varicella would need to be confirmed by serological testing. Students may begin classes without documentary evidence of immunization for Chickenpox if:

i. He/she has a letter from a physician stating that there is a reason why he/she cannot receive the vaccine;

ii. He/she has documented evidence of two administrations of the varicella vaccine (i.e. a non-responder).

3) Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis

All prospective medical students should receive tetanus toxoid, reduced diphtheria toxoid and acellular pertussis (Tdpa) vaccination, if they have not previously received the Tdpa vaccination. Students who have previously received Tdpa vaccination should receive a booster dose of Td every 10 years. If Td is unavailable, Tdpa may be used. Those who have not previously received tetanus toxoid, reduced diphtheria toxoid and acellular pertussis (Tdpa) should be vaccinated with a single dose of Tdpa, regardless of the interval since the last dose of tetanus or diphtheria-containing vaccine.

Documented proof of vaccination with Tdpa or Td in the last 10 years would be acceptable as evidence of immunity. Self-declaration is not considered as proof of immunity.

4) Blood Borne Diseases (BBD)

All results provided to UHC should be done in the year of enrolment and after 1 February 2021.
- **Hepatitis B**

All prospective medical students should be screened for Hepatitis B carriage. Students who do not have documented serological evidence of immunity against Hepatitis B (i.e. anti-HBs ≥10 mIU/mL) must be vaccinated with the primary course series (i.e. 3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine). A post-vaccination serology test should be conducted to determine the concentration of protective antibodies i.e. anti-HBs of at least 10 mIU/mL, one month after the last Hepatitis B injection.

- **Hepatitis C**

All prospective medical students should be screened for Hepatitis C.

- **HIV**

All prospective medical students should be screened for HIV.

Students enrolled in courses that might require them to perform or assist in exposure prone procedures (EPPs) must be screened. Screening should be carried out before final admission into the course, as results may affect students’ career choices. Students tested positive for Hep B, Hep C and/or HIV will be counselled to understand that their areas of practice in medicine will be restricted to non-exposure prone procedure areas.

All candidates may have their screenings and immunisations done at the University Health Centre (UHC) Level 1, 20 Lower Kent Ridge Road, Singapore 119080. The deadlines by which the screening and immunisation must be completed are set out in the table below.
Table 1: Screenings and Vaccinations Deadline

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<th>Virus</th>
<th>Submission of proof of vaccinations / Screening</th>
<th>Immunisation (for those who do not have immunity)</th>
<th>Post Vaccination Screening</th>
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<td>Varicella Zoster (Chickenpox)</td>
<td>2 doses; minimum interval of 4-8 weeks apart</td>
<td>To submit proof of first injection before 12 July 2021</td>
<td>Not Applicable</td>
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<td>Mumps Measles Rubella (MMR)</td>
<td>2 doses; minimum interval of at least 4 weeks apart</td>
<td>To complete by 10 August 2021</td>
<td>Not Applicable</td>
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<td>Students who have only received one dose of MMR during childhood should be vaccinated with second dose of MMR</td>
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<td>Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis</td>
<td>1 dose of Tdap; students who have previously received Tdap vaccination should receive a booster dose of Td every 10 years. If Td is unavailable, it may be replaced with Tdap. Documented proof of vaccination with Tdap or Td in the last 10 years would be acceptable as evidence of immunity. Self-declaration is not considered as proof of immunity.</td>
<td>To complete and submit proof of vaccination before 12 July 2021</td>
<td>Not Applicable</td>
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<td>Hepatitis B</td>
<td>Primary vaccination consists of 3 doses over 6 months or a single booster dose</td>
<td>To submit proof of first injection before 12 July 2021</td>
<td>(Anti-HBs testing) within 1-2 months after completion of the primary 3-dose vaccination series or single booster dose</td>
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<td>Hepatitis C</td>
<td>Not Applicable</td>
<td>To complete by 28 February 2022</td>
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<td>HIV</td>
<td>Not Applicable</td>
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Students are to commence submissions of the screenings and vaccination records for each of the above health requirements at the University Health Centre (UHC) by the stipulated deadlines.

Students who do not comply with this requirement will not be allowed to attend lessons in hospitals and/or the Patient-based Programme which starts on 30 August 2021 week.

Prospective Singaporean students may download a copy of their childhood immunization records from the National Immunization Registry (NIR) to be submitted to UHC.

Retrieval of immunization records can also be obtained from Healthhub portal via their Singpass: [https://www.healthhub.sg/myhealth#PersonalHealth](https://www.healthhub.sg/myhealth#PersonalHealth)
For enquiries, students may contact UHC at 6601 5035 or email preadm_med@nus.edu.sg. For more information about UHC, students may visit the UHC website at http://www.nus.edu.sg/uhc.

The above Health Requirements are subject to change. All updates will be available on our Corporate Website at https://medicine.nus.edu.sg/admissions/health-requirements.

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

The University is committed to providing quality education for all NUS students and to ensuring that no deserving student is denied admission due to financial difficulty.

Students will be offered financial aid if they met the eligibility criteria. If granted, financial aid will be in the form of a financial aid package which is designed based on the recognition that a University education is a partnership involving the student, their family, and the University. In structuring the package, an average student’s expected cost of attendance consisting of tuition fees and living expenses, is taken into account. The financial aid package that is offered may comprise a combination of loans, bursaries, and work-study assistance, depending on the extent of the student’s needs, which is assessed based on the declared household income and mitigating factors (if any).

Students may refer to the Office of Admissions webpage for more information.

In addition to the financial aid packages offered by the NUS Office of Financial Aid, the School also offers its own scholarships and bursaries to assist students with financial difficulties. Kindly refer to the School’s online Financial Aid Brochure for more information.

Students only need to apply once (i.e. no separate application needed) through the Office of Financial Aid to be considered for both the University and the Faculty bursaries and scholarships.

Please note that the typical application period is from early February to early April of each year. Prospective students may apply for financial aid by 30 June 2021. Successful applicants will be informed of their application outcome by end September.

Students may reach out to NUS Medicine Financial Aid at medfinancialaid@nus.edu.sg for further queries.
SERVICE OBLIGATION AGREEMENT FOR MEDICAL STUDENTS

Candidates admitted to the Medical course at the National University of Singapore and who are not in receipt of PSC / MINDEF scholarships / bursaries, are required to serve the Government of Singapore upon successful completion of the course for a number of years as stated in the following table:

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Those awarded PSC/MINDEF scholarships/bursaries will be bonded according to the terms of their respective awards.

Students are required to sign agreements with the Government to serve the bond periods as specified. Your acceptance of the offer of admission to the MBBS undergraduate degree course is conditional upon your signing the agreements with the relevant authority in the year of entry to the University.

Students who fail to fulfil the bond obligations will be required to pay liquidated damages (LD). The amount of liquidated damages is computed based on the subsidy granted and disbursed by the Government to the student, with application of compound interest, and pro-rated by the number of completed months of service. Failure to obtain the MBBS or to complete the MBBS undergraduate degree course within the time stipulated by NUS would also be considered a breach of the provisions of the Agreement.

Please note that candidates are required to sign the agreement only in the year that they are matriculating in NUS.

To sign the bond, two persons are required to stand as your sureties. They should:

a) Be above 21 years of age and preferably under 65 years of age;  
b) Not be in bankruptcy;  
c) Either be:  
   i) Able to provide proof of financial means to pay the scholarship liabilities should these become due, viz. banker’s guarantee or proof of ownership of assets;  
   Or is  
   i) Gainfully employed and drawing an income of at least S$1,000 per month  
   ii) Not party to an existing bond, scholarship or bursary; and  
   iii) Not bonded for an existing scholarship, bursary or study loan agreement.

Note:  
* Applications to be a surety would be assessed on a case-by-case basis for persons aged 65 or above.  
* The asset(s) must be owned by the surety (not mortgaged) and the purchase value of the asset(s) must not be less than the quantum of liquidated damages.

For Singaporeans/Singapore Permanent Resident students, the first surety should be a Singapore Citizen. The second surety can be a Singapore Citizen or Singapore Permanent Resident. Sureties for international students may be non-citizens if they are parents of these students. Otherwise, each surety must either be a Singapore Citizen or Singapore Permanent Resident.

If you need further information, please visit the Ministry of Health website at http://www.moh.gov.sg/content/moh_web/healthprofessionalsportal/allhealthcareprofessionals/career_practice/medical_dental_undergraduate_agreement.html or contact the Ministry of Health at Tel: 6325 9104.
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

The White Coat Ceremony is organised to formally induct incoming students into the medical fraternity. The White Coat is recognised as a symbol of the medical profession, and the donning of the White Coat has been widely adopted as a rite of passage into medical schools all over the world. This traditional robing ceremony was first initiated by the School in 2008.

In a symbolic gesture, white coats would be donned upon the students by distinguished educators to welcome them into the community, and to serve as a reminder of the highest level of professional conduct and ethics required of a doctor at all times. Pre-COVID19, this event is held in August each year. We would let you know in July 2021 if the event would be taking place this year.

MEET & GREET 2021

The Meet & Greet offers you the opportunity to find out more about NUS Medicine from our faculty members and students on various topics such as Student Life, Community Involvement Programmes, Research Opportunities and Support Systems. In addition, you will be able to engage with faculty members and students during a breakout room segment.

The event will be held online (via Zoom), and information for the session is as follows:
Day/Date: Saturday, 15 May 2021
Time: 9am – 12pm

Registration details for the Meet & Greet will be sent to you through email by 6 May 2021.

DISRUPTION FROM FULL-TIME NATIONAL SERVICE (NS) FOR MEDICAL STUDIES AT NUS

Only selected full-time National Servicemen (NSFs) who are deemed suitable to serve as doctors in the Singapore Armed Forces (SAF), Singapore Police Force (SPF), or Singapore Civil Defence Force (SCDF) during their full-time NS will be eligible for disruption to pursue undergraduate medical studies. The Local Medical Disruption Scheme (LMDS) applies only to servicemen who are selected for undergraduate medical studies locally. It is not applicable to servicemen who wish to pursue medical studies overseas.

From those who have secured places to study undergraduate medicine in NUS, a number of servicemen will be selected for disruption under this scheme. This number is based on manpower and operational requirements of the Singapore Armed Forces for NSF Medical Officers (MOs). Hence, not all servicemen who have secured places in NUS will be disrupted under this scheme. Servicemen who have qualified for undergraduate medical studies in NUS are not required to apply for disruption under this scheme as they will automatically be considered for selection.

Selection for disruption from full-time NS will be based on the following criteria:

a) Good military performance/conduct, with no adverse disciplinary records during their full-time NS up to the point of disruption.

b) Medically and physically fit to undergo rigorous training to assume the duties as Medical Officers in a military environment.

c) At the point of disruption, candidates should have successfully completed their Basic Military Training. Exceptions may be made for those who are not able to complete Basic Military Training due to unforeseen medical reasons.
d) Servicemen should have at least 12 months of full-time NS service balance to serve as a medical officer (including the time required to attend the Medical Officer Cadet Course) upon re-enlistment. Servicemen will require a longer full-time NS service balance if they had not completed Basic Military Training before disruption and hence need to repeat Basic Military Training upon re-enlistment. Those without the minimum full-time NS service balance will be requested to agree to a voluntary extension of service as a condition for disruption.

NSFs who are disrupted under the LMDS must meet the following training requirements:

a) Non-specialist Track: Serve 6 to 12 months of Medical Officer posting in hospitals under the Ministry of Health after their housemanship, OR

b) Specialist Track: Complete two years of Residency /post-graduate training after their graduation from NUS, before they are re-enlisted to serve out their remaining full-time NS commitment as MOs in one continuous period, AND

c) Undergo at least 3 months of clinical postings in Emergency Medicine and/or Anaesthesiology prior to their re-enlistment, AND

d) Serve 12 months or the remainder of their NS commitment, whichever is longer, as an MO upon re-enlistment.

Servicemen selected for disruption are to indicate acceptance of the above conditions before they are disrupted. Those selected for disruption and agree to the terms and conditions of the LMDS, should complete registration formalities in late July 2021 subject to fulfilling all the conditions of admission. Please do not contact the University regarding disruption from national service.

Servicemen who have secured places in the School of Medicine but who do not wish to be considered for disruption under this scheme must indicate their decision through email to the MINDEF/SAF Human Resource Shared Services Centre (HRSSC) at the following:

Email: hrsscdis@defence.gov.sg

Those not granted disruption will be required to serve out their active and reserve service in the vocations they were assigned to as NSFs as in the case of all other NSFs offered other courses in the university. Those not disrupted under the Local Medical Disruption Scheme, will have their places to study undergraduate medicine at NUS reserved until completion of full-time NS, subject to the conditions of admission set out.

**NUS YONG LOO LIN SCHOOL OF MEDICINE CODE OF CONDUCT**

The NUS Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine Code of Conduct outlines the underlying principles and behavior expected of students of the Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine. Upon formal admission to the School, it is important that you understand and accept your obligations under this Code.

Please sign the Code of Conduct in the presence of a witness (signature required) and email the signed copy to medstudentaffairs@nuhs.edu.sg by 20 June 2021.

Should you have any queries regarding the Code of Conduct, please email your enquiries to medstudentaffairs@nuhs.edu.sg.

*The above information is accurate as at 6 May 2021.*