

Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences (FMHS) Undergraduate Selection Process 2024-intake Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

- 1. I received a conditional offer and have received my final matric results – when will I receive an outcome on my final admission?**
 - 1.1. All conditionally selected applicants who have accepted their conditional offer of selection, will receive a final selection offer to the programme if they meet the programme's minimum admission requirements and any other requirement/s outlined in the Selection Guidelines with their final matric results.
 - 1.2. Such applicants will be required to accept the final selection offer before they will be allowed to register for the 2024-academic year.
 - 1.3. The selection offers, of applicants who do not accept their final selection offer (by the determined date communicated in the final offer letter), will expire.

- 2. Is there a waiting list?**
 - 2.1. Some applicants are placed on a waiting list in 2023 and if cancellations are received during the application year and if there are places available in the programme, waitlisted applicants can receive a conditional offer of admission prior to the end of 2023.
 - 2.2. If we are unable to select you from the waiting list in 2023, your application will be marked as unsuccessful and will be reconsidered automatically in 2024 along with all unplaced applicants.

- 3. What if the application was unsuccessful during the 2023 selection process? Is there a reconsideration process? How does it work?**
 - 3.1. If an applicant has been marked as unsuccessful during 2023, there is a reconsideration process which takes places after the release of the final NSC (or equivalent) results.
 - 3.2. In 2024 all available places are first filled in a programme by applicants who were conditionally admitted in 2023 and who now meet the admission requirements with the final NSC (or equivalent) results or applicants who already received a final offer during 2023.
 - 3.3. The remaining applicants, those who were declined in 2023 and who were waitlisted in 2023, are automatically transferred to a new waiting list.
 - 3.4. Waitlisted applicants will be re-considered for selection in 2024 based on cancellations received and if places are available in the programme.
 - 3.5. Please note that the reconsideration and the applicant's place on the waiting list is based on the selection factor: final NSC (or equivalent) results while maintaining the demographic, SES and gender profile of the selected first-year intake, if places are available in the programme.

3.6. Reconsideration of applications will be handled daily up until the 2nd week of the academic year after classes have commenced or until the first-year classes are fully subscribed.

4. If I accept an offer at another university, will my name be removed from the waiting list for January/February 2024?

4.1. No, your name will not be removed from our waiting list.

4.2. If you applied for the relevant FMHS programme before the 31 July 2023 closing date, and the FMHS can offer you a place after reconsideration during January/February 2024, in the FMHS programme you applied to for the 2024 academic year, the Selection Office will contact you telephonically and by email to offer you the place.

4.3. Make sure that SU has your correct cell number and email address available. If your contact details have changed, send an email to info@sun.ac.za, together with your application number, so that we have your most recent contact details.

5. Can I proceed to accept my 'other/second' SU programme choice while I await an FMHS reconsideration in the meantime? Will it not hamper/cancel my reconsideration at FMHS?

5.1. You may proceed and accept the other programme offer; you will remain on the FMHS reconsideration list until the reconsideration processes are concluded (this will be concluded 2 weeks after commencement of classes (15 February) or sooner if the FMHS programme is fully registered.

5.2. If you are admitted to an FMHS programme but you are registered in another programme, the FMHS registration and selection teams will guide you through transferring your registration to the FMHS.

6. If I accept another programme choice at Stellenbosch University, and register for this other programme in 2024 may I apply again for a FMHS programme for the 2025-intake? How does this work?

6.1. Yes, if an applicant meets the minimum requirements (based on their final school results as outlined in the selection guidelines) of the relevant FMHS programme and they have registered for another SU programme in another faculty in 2024 they may submit an application in selection category B2 (Currently registered students).

6.2. Please take note of the [Programme Selection Guidelines](#) for details regarding the category B2 requirements and process per FMHS programme.

7. If I accept another undergraduate programme choice at FMHS, and register for this other undergraduate FMHS programme in 2024 may I apply again for a different FMHS programme for the 2025-intake? How does this work?

7.1. No, this is not allowed, the FMHS do not allow applicants currently registered for a FMHS undergraduate programme to apply for another FMHS undergraduate programme.

7.2. You can only apply for selection to an undergraduate FMHS programme as a category B2 applicant (registered university student) if you are registered in another programme at another faculty.

8. If I start studies at another university, may I apply again at Stellenbosch University?

8.1. Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Nursing, Dietetics, Speech-Language and Hearing Therapy applicants:

8.1.1. If you are registered at another university at the time of application, you can be considered in category B2: Registered University students if you are **not**

registered for another health sciences programme already offered at SU (MBChB, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Nursing, Dietetics, Speech-Language and Hearing Therapy).

8.2. MBChB applicants:

8.2.1. Places are reserved for Stellenbosch University students who are SA citizens, permanent residents, or refugees and who pursue relevant fields of study (preferably related to the natural sciences).

8.2.2. Due to the limited number of places in the programme, no students who are enrolled at another institution at the time of application can be considered for selection to MBChB.

9. Can I change my programme choice to an FMHS programme after the selection results in another faculty becomes available?

If you have not applied for specific a FMHS programme, you will not be allowed to change your programme choice to an FMHS programme after the application closing date of 31 July 2023.

10. Can I change my programme choice from an FMHS programme to a programme in another faculty after the selection results becomes available?

If you would like to change your programme choice from an FMHS programme to a programme in another faculty, you should contact that other programme's faculty representative to determine if they will allow you to change your programme choice.

11. What are the requirements to study at the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences?

Each of our undergraduate programmes follows a selection guideline (available [here](#)) which outlines the admission requirements for each of our 3 selection categories i.e.,

- B1: Current learners (grade 12) and applicants who have completed school,
- B2: Registered university students; and
- B3: Applicants with tertiary qualifications and/or work experience.

Please read these guidelines carefully.

12. How many programmes may I apply for at the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences?

You may apply for any three undergraduate programmes at the university, irrespective of whether they are in the same faculty or in different faculties. Your choices do not need to be ranked in order of preference and you will be considered equally for all the choices on your application.

13. Can I apply if I am taking or in a gap year?

Yes, gap year applicants are considered for selection in category B1 (current matriculants and matriculated applicants), provided they have not studied at another tertiary institution and have matriculated within 3 years of applying (for the 2024-intake, an applicant should have matriculated in 2021, 2022 or 2023)

14. I missed the application closing date; do you consider late applications?

Unfortunately, if you missed the closing date to submit your application, we will not be able to consider you and you will have to wait until the next application cycle to apply to our programmes.

15. If my application is incomplete, what do I do?

Applications that have not been submitted by the closing date of 31 July or completed by the required date to upload outstanding documents will not be considered for the 2024-intake.

16. Can I send in my June 2024 marks to be considered?

No, the selection takes place based on either final grade 11 results or final grade 12 results.

17. Must I write the NBT?

17.1. No, applicants are not required to write the NBT's.

17.2. The exception is for School of Tomorrow (SOT) applicants who in addition to meeting the minimum admission requirements, must meet the NBT requirements for admission as outlined in the relevant programme's selection guidelines (in order to obtain university exemption from the South African Matriculation Board).

18. If I am in the process of improving my grade 12 results in 2023, will I be considered for selection to a FMHS programme?

18.1.1. Yes, your application will be considered based on the full set of results available to the selection panel. Please send us your final (revised) grade 12 results as soon as they become available so that we may update your application with your improved/updated subjects and results.

18.1.2. Email a copy of these results to info@sun.ac.za AND tygselections@sun.ac.za. Provide your application number (APP/1234567) or 7-digit SU Student number and official proof of revised marks.

19. If I have foreign school results, will I be considered for selection?

19.1.1. Yes, please see the [International Curricula guideline](#) for details on how we handle your application at SU. Please note when your final results become available, it is your responsibility to send your final results to SU as soon as they become available.

19.1.2. Always provide your APP number or SU number in this process. Email a copy of these results to info@sun.ac.za AND tygselections@sun.ac.za.

20. I am an international applicant; will I be considered for selection?

20.1. MChB applicants:

20.1.1. The MChB programme only considers applicants who are South African citizens, applicants with proof of permanent residency status or those with proof of refugee status, due to the limitations imposed on foreign nationals to be placed in SA for internship and community service.

20.1.2. The internship and community service programmes are coordinated by the National Department of Health.

20.2. Dietetics, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy and Speech-Language and Hearing Therapy applicants:


20.2.1. Preference will be given to South African citizens, applicants with proof of permanent residency status or those with proof of refugee status when applicants are considered for selection.

21. Where can I find the selection guidelines for the programmes?

Go to www.maties.com click on the "Apply" tab > "Admission and Selection Requirements" and scroll down to "Faculty Selection Guidelines":

FACULTY SELECTION GUIDELINES

Large numbers of prospective students apply for our programmes. Unfortunately we can accept only a limited number of students. Even though you may meet the admission requirements of a programme, you are not guaranteed admission to the programme of your choice.

- AgriSciences
- Arts and Social Sciences
- Economic and Management Sciences
- Education (Foundation Phase)
- Education (Intermediate Phase)
- Engineering
- Law
- Science
- Medicine and Health Sciences 
- MBChB
- Dietetics
- Physiotherapy
- Speech-Language and Hearing Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Nursing
- Military Science

22. Does the faculty have a specific cut-off score for selection or an indication of how well I must perform at school to be selected?

22.1. **B1 applicants (Current learners (grade 12) and applicants who have completed school)**

22.1.1. No, our programmes do not use a cut-score for selection, category B1 applicants (Current learners (grade 12) and applicants who have completed school) are selected based on a Selection Factor (SF) comprising of academic merit (academic performance at school)

22.1.2. Applicants are ranked according to the selection factor and the selection guidelines for the respective programmes are then applied.

22.2. **B2 applicants (Registered university students)**

22.2.1. For category B2 applicants registered for an undergraduate qualification, applicants are selected purely on academic merit at university and the demographic profile of the first-year intake.

22.2.2. For category B2 applicants registered for a postgraduate qualification and all category B3 applicants, applicants are shortlisted for an interview with the respective selection panels based on academic merit at university, a structured motivational letter and the demographic profile of the first-year intake.

22.2.2.1. A final selection is made after applicants on the shortlist have been further assessed by means of a personal interview. An invitation to an interview is by no means a guarantee that an applicant will be selected.

23. Can I apply for residence at Tygerberg?

23.1.1. Yes, you can apply for a place on Tygerberg Campus if you have received an offer of admission to a programme offered at Tygerberg Campus (MBChB, Nursing, Dietetics and Physiotherapy). Occupational Therapy and Speech-Language and Hearing Therapy is offered on the Stellenbosch Campus and these programmes move to Tygerberg in the second and third years respectively.

23.1.2. Occupational Therapy and Speech-Language and Hearing Therapy students can apply for a Tygerberg Campus residence in the first and second years respectively.

24. Who can I contact for more information regarding undergraduate applications at FMHS?

Undergraduate Selection and Admissions Office (Tygerberg Campus)

General enquiries

E-mail: tygselections@sun.ac.za

Tel: 021 938 9203

Anthea Roberts (Occupational Therapy, Nursing, Physiotherapy, Dietetics)

E-mail: anthea@sun.ac.za

Tel: 021 938 9533

Carin Basson and Carlo Links (MBChB, Speech-Language and Hearing Therapy)

E-mail: cb3@sun.ac.za/carlo2@sun.ac.za

Tel 021 938 9580/9203

Registration enquiries

Web information: [New Undergraduate Students](#)

General email registration enquiries can be sent to: fmhsregistration@sun.ac.za

General registration and Student Fees information is available on the dedicated registration webpage at: www.sun.ac.za/registration

Undergraduate Bursaries and Loans (Tygerberg Campus):

General enquiries

E-mail: tygbursaries@sun.ac.za

Noluvuyo Capsana

E-mail: ncapsana@sun.ac.za

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Rochelle Sylvester

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