



## **Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences (FMHS) Undergraduate Selection 2027-intake Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)**

### **1. What are the requirements to study at the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences?**

Each FMHS undergraduate programme follows a set of selection guidelines (available here) which outlines the admission requirements for each programme, and each of the 3 selection categories that applicants are considered in:

- 1.1. **B1:** Current learners (grade 12 or equivalent) and applicants who have completed school (2024 – 2026),
- 1.2. **B2:** Registered university students; and
- 1.3. **B3:** Applicants with completed tertiary qualifications and work experience.

Please read these guidelines carefully.

Applicants who do not comply with the [selection guidelines](#) will not be considered for selection and their application will be marked as unsuccessful.

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

You may apply for any three (3) 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 programme choices in your application.

### **3. Where can I find the selection guidelines for the programmes?**

Go to [www.maties.com](http://www.maties.com) click on the "Study at SU" tab > "Admission and Selection Requirements" and scroll down to "Faculty Selection Guidelines":

### **4. Which campus is the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences programme offered on?**

MBChB, Nursing, Dietetics and Physiotherapy are offered at the **Tygerberg campus** from the first year.

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.

**5. What are the professional bodies' registration requirements?**

5.1 All applicants must ensure that they meet the registration requirements of the relevant professional body i.e. the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) (for Dietetics, MBChB, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy and Speech-Language and Hearing Therapy) and/or the South African Nursing Council (SANC) (for Nursing applicants).

5.2 If a selected applicant registers at Stellenbosch University (SU) in the relevant FMHS programme and is not eligible to register or remain registered with the HPCSA or SANC within the required time, their admission and/or registration for this programme at SU will be cancelled.

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

Yes, gap year applicants are considered for selection in category B1 (current grade 12 learners and learners who have completed school), provided they have not studied at another tertiary institution and have completed grade 12 (or equivalent), within 3 years of applying (for the 2027-intake, an applicant should have completed grade 12 (or equivalent) in 2024, 2025 or 2026).

**7. Can I apply with my grade 12 results if I have studied at a tertiary institution previously, but I am repeating grade 12 (or equivalent) to improve my results?**

7.1 No, you cannot apply as a category B1 applicant in this case. You must declare full details of your previous tertiary studies upon application, even if you have gone back to high school to repeat grade 12.

7.2 Please note that SU will verify the current/previous tertiary academic activities of applicants eligible for admission. If it is found that an applicant has failed to declare their former tertiary academic activities either purposefully or by mistake, their application and admission to SU will be revoked.

**8. I was academically excluded from my previous programme and/or university. Will I be considered for selection at the FMHS?**

If you were academically excluded from the last programme you were registered for, you will not be eligible for consideration for any programme at FMHS.

**9. I failed modules in my previous degree and/or did not complete a previous qualification. Will I be considered for selection at the FMHS?**

You will be considered, however, applicants with a history of academic underperformance or non-completion or those who did not complete a qualification within minimum time are unlikely to be selected to an FMHS undergraduate programme.

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

Unfortunately, if you missed the closing date to submit your application, we do not consider late applications. You may apply in the next application cycle. The application cycle opens on 1 April and closes on 31 July each year.

**11. If my application is incomplete for 2027, what do I do?**

Applications that are submitted without all the required information and supporting documents uploaded by the specified deadlines, will not be considered for the 2027 intake. We do not consider incomplete applications. You may apply in a next application cycle. The application cycle opens on 1 April and closes on 31 July each year.

**12. Can I submit my mid-year or end of term 2026 grade 12 (or equivalent) or university marks to be considered?**

12.1 For category B1 applicants

No, the selection takes place based on only 2 sets of results either final grade 11 results **or** final grade 12 results.

12.2 For Category B2 applicants

No, the selection takes place based on your final university results for all modules taken during your programme.

**13. If I am in the process of improving my grade 12 results in 2026, will I be considered for selection to a FMHS programme?**

13.1 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.

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

**14. Must I write the NBT?**

14.1 Most applicants are not required to write the NBT's.

14.2 Only applicants from the following schooling systems must write the NBT's

14.1.1 American High School Diploma

14.1.2 IEB: International Secondary Certificate

14.1.3 All online schooling systems, including School of Tomorrow

These applicants must obtain "proficient scores" in Academic Literacy (AL), Quantitative Literacy (QL), and Mathematics (MAT).

**FMHS requirements:**

<b>NBT</b>	<b>AL: Academic Literacy</b>	<b>QL: Quantitative Literacy</b>	<b>*MAT: Mathematics</b>
<b>NBT minimum requirement: AHSD, IEB:ISC, Online schools incl. SOT</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>69%</b>

*\*Please note: Students applying for the B of Speech-Language and Hearing Therapy and B of Nursing programmes who take Mathematical Literacy do not have to write the Mathematics component of the NBT.*

**15. If I have attended an international school, will I be considered for selection?**

15.1 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.

15.2 Always provide your APP number or SU number in this process. Email a copy of these results to [info@sun.ac.za](mailto:info@sun.ac.za) **AND** [sainternatschools@sun.ac.za](mailto:sainternatschools@sun.ac.za).

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

**16.1 MBChB applicants:**

- 16.1.1 The MBChB 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.
- 16.1.2 The internship and community service programmes are coordinated by the National Department of Health.

**16.2 Dietetics, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy and Speech-Language and Hearing Therapy applicants:**

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.

**17. 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?**

**17.1 Category B1 applicants** (Current learners (grade 12 or equivalent) and applicants who have completed school)

- 17.1.1 No, our programmes do not use a specific cut-score for selection, category B1 applicants are selected based on academic merit (academic performance at school) and demographic factors like race, gender and socio-economic status.
- 17.1.2 Applicants are ranked according to academic merit and the selection guidelines for the respective programmes are then applied.
- 17.1.3 Programme selection panels may, increase the number of selection offers, at their discretion, considering the academic and demographic profile of applicants who meet the minimum admission and selection criteria, in relation to the availability of programme places

**17.2 Category B2** (Registered university students) and **Category B3 applicants** (Applicants with tertiary qualifications and/or work experience)

- 17.2.1 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.
- 17.2.2 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.
- 17.2.3 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.

**18. When will I receive an outcome on my application?**

**18.1. Category B1 applicants** (Current learners (grade 12 or equivalent) and applicants who have completed school)

- 18.1.1 Category B1 Applicants are considered after applications close in July and all qualifying applicants have been reviewed. The bulk of offers

are issued in mid-August to early September.

18.1.2 The Selection Panel may issue early conditional or final offers to eligible high performing applicants as applications are finalised. These decisions may be made on a rolling basis and do not need to be deferred until all applications have been reviewed, provided these applicants comply with the admission and selection criteria.

18.1.3 Early offers only apply to the group of applicants selected based on merit only.

18.1.4 The Selection Panel will determine the cut score(s) applicable to early conditional and final offers, based on the academic merit profile of the applicant pool at the time of assessment. These cut scores may be reviewed and adjusted as the composition and competitiveness of the applicant pool evolve during the application cycle.

18.2. **Category B2 applicants** (Registered university students)

18.2.1 Category B2 Applicants are considered after their final university results have been submitted to the Undergraduate selection office. These results are due by 1 December.

18.2.2 Applicants whose results are submitted after 1 December will be waitlisted provided, they meet the waiting list cut-off/criteria set by the selection panel.

18.3. **Category B3 applicants** (Applicants with tertiary qualifications and/or work experience)

18.3.1 Category B3 Applicants are considered in October

**19. Is there a waiting list and how are applicants placed onto the waiting list?**

19.1 The Programme Selection Panel decides which and how many applicants are placed on the waiting list after each selection round.

19.2 Decisions are based on (1) Academic merit ranking and (2) the demographic profile of applicants already selected

19.3 Applicants who are placed on the waiting list and wish to opt out of the waiting list, must inform the Undergraduate Selection Office on [tygselections@sun.ac.za](mailto:tygselections@sun.ac.za). These applicants will subsequently be marked as "cancelled".

19.4 More detailed information regarding the waitlist process can be found in the programme [selection guidelines](#).

**20. What happens to the waiting list after the release of the final grade 12 (or equivalent) results in January 2027?**

The waiting list will be re-ranked after the release of the final grade 12 (or equivalent) results in January 2027?

**21. How are offers made from the Waiting List?**

21.1 If selected applicants cancel their offer, places may be filled from the relevant waiting list

21.2 This happens through additional selection rounds during the application year and after the release of final grade 12 (or equivalent) results

21.3 Offers from the waiting list are made based on:

20.3.1 Academic merit

20.3.2 Maintaining the race, SES and gender balance of the first-year intake

**22. When will my waiting list status change?**

- 22.1 Most waiting-list applicants will only receive an updated status after final Grade 12 (or equivalent) results (B1 applicants) or university results (B2 applicants) are released and as vacancies become available
- 22.2 Possible outcomes:
- 22.2.1 Conditional/Final offer, or
  - 22.2.2 Unsuccessful
- 23. What happens to my application if I am not waitlisted and I have completed grade 12 (or equivalent) before 2026?**
- 23.1 Applicants who have not been waitlisted will be considered unsuccessful
- 23.2 If you have completed grade 12 (or equivalent), the faculty will not reconsider your application as these results do not meet the waiting list cut score as determined by the selection panel.
- 24. What happens to my application if I am not waitlisted and I am completing/repeating grade 12 (or equivalent) during 2026?**
- 24.1 If your final grade 12 (or equivalent) results improve you can request to be reconsidered after the release of these results.
- 24.2 This is only possible if:
- 24.2.1 You meet the admission and selection requirements, and your new results meet the waiting list cut score as determined by the selection panel
  - 24.2.2 There are expected vacancies in the programme
  - 24.2.3 Requests must be submitted by 20 January. Contact: [tygselections@sun.ac.za](mailto:tygselections@sun.ac.za)
- 25. If I accept an offer at another university, will my name be removed from the waiting list for January/February 2027?**
- 25.1 No, your name will not be removed from the relevant programme's waiting list.
- 25.2 If you applied for the relevant FMHS programme before the closing date, 31 July 2026, and the FMHS can offer you a place during January/February 2027, the Selection Office will contact you telephonically and by email to offer you the place.
- 25.2.1 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](mailto:info@sun.ac.za), together with your application number, so that we have your most recent contact details.
- 26. Can I proceed to accept my 'other/second' SU programme choice while I await an FMHS outcome in the meantime?**
- 26.1 You may proceed and accept the other programme offer; you will remain on the FMHS waiting list until the selection processes are concluded (this will be concluded 2 weeks after commencement of classes or sooner if the FMHS programme is fully registered.
- 26.2 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.
- 26.3 If you are not accepted to your chosen FMHS programme and remain registered in the other programme – refer to FAQs 27, 28 and 29 below for the relevant implications for future applications to the FMHS.

**27. If I accept another programme choice at Stellenbosch University at a different faculty (i.e. not in the FMHS), and register for this other programme in 2027 may I apply again for an FMHS programme for the 2028- intake?**

27.1 If you meet the minimum requirements (based on your final school results as outlined in the selection guidelines) of the relevant FMHS programme and you have registered for another SU programme in another faculty in 2027 (i.e. not for another FMHS undergraduate programme) you may apply in selection category B2 (Currently registered students).

27.2 Please take note of the [selection guidelines](#) for details regarding the category B2 requirements and process per FMHS programme

**28. If I accept another undergraduate programme choice at FMHS (e.g. Physiotherapy), and register for this undergraduate FMHS programme in 2027 may I apply again for a different FMHS programme (e.g. MBChB) for the 2028-intake? How does this work?**

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

28.2 As a registered SU student, 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 (e.g. BSc Human Life Sc) at another faculty at SU.

**29. If I start studying at another university, may I apply again at Stellenbosch University?**

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

29.1.1 If you are registered at another university (e.g. UCT) at the time of application, you can be considered in category B2: Registered University students provided that you are not registered for any other health sciences programme already offered at SU (e.g. MBChB, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Nursing, Dietetics, Speech-Language and Hearing Therapy).

29.2 MBChB applicants:

29.2.2 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.

29.2.1 The FMHS will only consider Stellenbosch University students who are SA citizens, permanent residents, or refugees and who pursue relevant fields of study (preferably related to the natural sciences) provided that you are not registered for any other health sciences programme offered at the FMHS (e.g. Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Nursing, Dietetics, Speech-Language and Hearing Therapy).

**30. 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 a specific FMHS programme, you will not be allowed to change your programme choice to an FMHS programme after the application closing date of 31 July 2026.

- 31. Can I change my programme choice from an FMHS programme to a programme in another faculty after the selection results become 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 faculty representative [HERE](#) for permission to change your programme.
- 32. When does the selection process end?**  
Selection for the 2027 intake ends when all places are filled (up to two weeks after classes begin). Any remaining applicants will be marked unsuccessful.
- 33. Is residence placement included in my programme offer?**
- 33.1 No, at SU, your residence application is considered separately and only after you receive a programme offer.
- 33.2 You must ensure that you apply for residence place when you submit your programme application and make arrangements for accommodation before you arrive on campus to register.
- 33.3 Visit the student accommodation webpage for details on the residence application and placement process here:  
<https://www.su.ac.za/en/apply/undergrad/accommodation/placement-prospective-students>
- 34. Can I apply for residence at Tygerberg?**
- 34.1 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).
- 34.1.1 Contact Tygerberg campus placements: Mrs Annelie Scholtz on E-mail: [amscholtz@sun.ac.za](mailto:amscholtz@sun.ac.za) or Tel: 021 938 9378.
- 34.2 Occupational Therapy and Speech-Language and Hearing Therapy students must apply for placement at the Stellenbosch campus and can only apply for a Tygerberg campus residence in the first and second years respectively.
- 34.2.1 Contact Stellenbosch campus **Female** placements: Ms Khanyisa Nxazonke on E-mail: [khanyisan@sun.ac.za](mailto:khanyisan@sun.ac.za) or Tel: 021 808 9471
- 34.2.2 Contact Stellenbosch campus **Male** placements: Mr Siba Kula on E-mail: [sibak@sun.ac.za](mailto:sibak@sun.ac.za) or Tel:021 808 9471.
- 35. How will I know if I have received a residence placement offer?**
- 35.1 Applicants who received residence placement will receive a system generated offer letter, requesting them to pay an acceptance amount.
- 35.2 Visit the student accommodation webpage for details on payment requirements, payment arrangements and waivers here:  
<https://www.su.ac.za/en/apply/undergrad/accommodation/placement-prospective-students>
- 36. Can I transfer my residence placement from a Stellenbosch campus residence to a Tygerberg campus residence if I am selected in January or after classes have started?**
- 36.1 No, unfortunately, you cannot transfer your residence placement from one campus to another campus.
- 36.2 You will be guided on how to register on the Tygerberg campus residence waiting list by the Student Accommodation Officer. If there are available residence places, you will be placed in a Tygerberg campus residence if you are next in line on the waiting list. See the residence contact details below.

### 37. Can I apply for FMHS Bursaries?

- 37.1 As soon as you have been admitted to an undergraduate programme you can apply for financial assistance.
- 37.2 Visit the financial aid website for up-to date information on the required process: <https://finaid.sun.ac.za/>

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

#### UNDERGRADUATE SELECTION ENQUIRIES

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## REGISTRATION ENQUIRIES

### **Student and Programme Administration Office (Tygerberg campus)**

General email registration enquiries can be sent to: [fmhsregistration@sun.ac.za](mailto:fmhsregistration@sun.ac.za)

General registration and Student Fees information is available on the dedicated registration webpage at: [Registration and fees | Stellenbosch University](#)

## HPCSA and SANC REGISTRATION ENQUIRIES

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