

Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences (FMHS) Undergraduate Selection Process 2026-intake Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

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

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

- 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.

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 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. 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 2026-intake, an applicant should have matriculated in 2023, 2024 or 2025).

4. Can I apply as a matriculant if I have studied at a tertiary institution previously, but I am repeating matric to improve my results?

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 matric.

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 may be revoked.

5. 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 the FMHS. You must be readmitted to your original programme or another programme at SU and complete this programme before you will be considered for selection to an FMHS undergraduate programme.

6. 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.

7. 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 2026-intake.

8. Can I submit my June 2025 marks to be considered?

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

9. Must I write the NBT?

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

9.2. 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 (to obtain university exemption from the South African Matriculation Board).

10. If I am in the process of improving my grade 12 results in 2025, will I be considered for selection to a FMHS programme?

10.1. 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.

10.2. 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.

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

11.1. 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.

11.2. 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.

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

12.1. MBChB applicants:

12.1.1. 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.

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

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

12.2.1. 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.

13. 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":

14. 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?

14.1. Category B1 applicants (Current learners (grade 12) and applicants who have completed school)

14.1.1. 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)

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

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

14.2.1. 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.

14.2.2. 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.

14.2.2.1. 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.

15. Is there a waiting list?

- 15.1. Yes, but only for category B1 applicants
- 15.2. When all the available places are filled, category B1 applicants who have not received an offer of admission and who meet the minimum admission requirements and any other requirement/s outlined in the Selection Guidelines, will be contacted by the Undergraduate Selection office in the Centre for Academic Administration (Tygerberg campus) via the SUNStudent application portal to submit a request to place themselves on the waiting list/s.
- 15.3. Applicants may only opt-in to the waiting list if they have applied to the specific programme before 31 July and if they meet the minimum admission requirements of the programme and any other requirement/s outlined in the Selection Guidelines.
- 15.4. Applicants who do not request to place themselves on the waiting list (by the determined date communicated in the waiting list notification), will be marked as unsuccessful.
- 15.5. Applicants that have failed to respond to the waiting list notification can submit requests to place themselves on the waiting list after the waiting list closing date. Such applicants will be placed on the waiting list based on the academic merit ranking and only if selection process for the programme has not yet concluded. These applicants must contact the Undergraduate Selection office on tygselections@sun.ac.za before the end of November of the application year.

16. If I accept an offer at another university, will my name be removed from the waiting list for January/February 2026?

- 16.1. No, your name will not be removed from our waiting list.
- 16.2. If you applied for the relevant FMHS programme before the closing date, 31 July 2025, and the FMHS can offer you a place after reconsideration during January/February 2026, the Selection Office will contact you telephonically and by email to offer you the place.
- 16.3. 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.

17. 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 from the waiting list at FMHS?

- 17.1. You may proceed and accept the other programme offer; you will remain on the FMHS waiting list until the reconsideration processes are concluded (this will be concluded 1 week after commencement of classes or sooner if the FMHS programme is fully registered).
- 17.2. 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.

18. 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 2026 may I apply again for an FMHS programme for the 2027- intake? How does this work?

18.1. 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 2026 (i.e. not for another FMHS undergraduate programme) you may apply in selection category B2 (Currently registered students).

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

19. If I accept another undergraduate programme choice at FMHS, and register for this other undergraduate FMHS programme in 2026 may I apply again for a different FMHS programme for the 2027-intake? How does this work?

19.1. 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.

19.2. 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 at another faculty at SU.

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

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

20.1.1. 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).

20.2. MBChB applicants:

20.2.1. 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).

20.2.2. 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.

21. Can I change my programme choice to an FMHS programme after the selection results in another faculty become 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 2025.

22. 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](#) to determine if they will allow you to change your programme choice.

23. Can I apply for residence at Tygerberg?

23.1. 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).

23.2. 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.

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

24. 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?

24.1. No, unfortunately, you cannot transfer your residence placement from one campus to another campus.

24.2. 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.

25. Can I apply for FMHS Bursaries?

25.1. As soon as you have been admitted to an undergraduate programme you can apply for financial assistance.

25.2. Visit the financial aid website for up-to date information on the required process: <https://finaid.sun.ac.za/>

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

Undergraduate Selection Office (Tygerberg campus)

General enquiries

E-mail: tygselections@sun.ac.za

Tel: 021 938 9203

Dietetics Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, and Speech-Language and Hearing Therapy

Anthea Roberts

E-mail: anthear@sun.ac.za

Tel: 021 938 9533

MBChB

Carin Basson

E-mail: cb3@sun.ac.za

Tel: 021 938 9580

Carlo Links

E-mail: carlo2@sun.ac.za

Tel 021 938 9203

Registration enquiries

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

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