



# NEWS



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## University Entry Requirements 2011 Year 10 Booklet

It's time to think about ordering the *University Entry Requirements 2011 Year 10 Booklet*.

From the end of April you will be able to log onto UAC's website ([www.uac.edu.au](http://www.uac.edu.au)) and order your Booklets online via *UAC Shop*.

This facility allows you to place an order, print an invoice and pay by cheque, PayPal or a credit card (MasterCard or Visa). You will also be able to check online to see if your order has been dispatched.

This year's booklet will be available mid-May and will cost \$5 per copy, plus postage and handling. Orders received by 16 May will be posted the following week.

Each Year 12 school in NSW and the ACT will continue to receive four complimentary copies of the booklet.

The booklet shows prerequisites, assumed knowledge and recommended studies for university courses starting in 2011.

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## UAC key dates for 2009 admissions

The *UAC 2009 Guide* will be distributed to schools from the week beginning Monday 21 July 2008. The Guide will be available from newsagents from Friday 1 August 2008.

### Applications

Early August 2008	applications open
Tuesday 30 September 2008	on-time applications close
Friday 31 October 2008	late applications close with late fee – tba
Friday 28 November 2008	late applications close with late fee – tba
Thursday 5 February 2009	final close of applications with late fee – tba

### HSC and UAI

Wednesday 17 December 2008	2008 NSW HSC results e-released by BOS
Thursday 18 December 2008	UAIs e-released by UAC

### Change of preferences

Mid-August 2008 – 7 January 2009	for consideration in Main Round
21 January 2009 – 27 January 2009	for consideration in Late Round
4 February 2009 – 5 February 2009	for consideration in Final Round

### Offers

Thursday 30 October 2008	Distance Education Round offers e-released
Friday 5 December 2008	Early Round offers e-released
Tuesday 6 January 2009	Preliminary Round offers e-released
Wednesday 21 January 2009	Main Round offers e-released at 9pm
Wednesday 4 February 2009	Late Round offers e-released at 9pm
Wednesday 11 February 2009	Final Round offers e-released

## What is ISAT?

The International Student Admissions Test (ISAT) is a three-hour multiple choice test designed by the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) to assist with the selection of international students for undergraduate courses. It measures general academic abilities considered important for coping with the intellectual demands of most tertiary courses.

### Are there any courses which require ISAT?

International students studying Year 12 in Australia and in Foundation programs are required to sit for the ISAT for applications to:

- Griffith University – Dentistry
- Monash University (Melbourne) – Medicine
- Monash University (Malaysia) – Medicine
- University of Queensland – Medicine
- University of Tasmania – Medicine
- University of Western Australia – Medicine and Dentistry
- University of Western Sydney – Medicine

### When and where can I sit for ISAT?

ISAT is available in more than 50 centres around the world, and all centres have multiple sittings of the test. ISAT test dates for the Sydney test centre are: 16 April, 7 May, 4 June, 25 June, 16 July, 13 August, 1 October, 29 October 2008. Students are advised to sit for the test before the end of September.

Application to sit for ISAT is completed online – [www.acer.edu.au/isat](http://www.acer.edu.au/isat). All information about the test is included on the website.

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# Medicine entry requirements

## Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT)

In 2008, UMAT will be held at various locations across Australia on:

**Wednesday 30 July 2008**

Registrations for UMAT open in mid-April and close on **Friday 6 June 2008**. Late registrations close on Friday 20 June 2008. Fees apply.

**Registration must be completed online at [www.acer.edu.au](http://www.acer.edu.au)**

All enquiries concerning UMAT should be directed to the UMAT Office:

UMAT Office  
ACER Assessment Services  
Private Bag 55  
Camberwell VIC 3124

telephone: (03) 9277 5746  
email: [umat@acer.edu.au](mailto:umat@acer.edu.au)  
website: [www.acer.edu.au](http://www.acer.edu.au)

## University of New South Wales

The selection criteria for students currently in Year 12 are:

- Academic merit – a minimum UAI or equivalent of 95.00 is required to be eligible for consideration.
- Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admissions Test (UMAT). See shaded box on this page for further information.
- Interview – main round to be held September-October 2008, final round to be held early January 2009 (mid-late January 2009 for interstate applicants). Approximately 500 applicants will be interviewed.

In the selection of students for entry, these three criteria will be equally weighted.

### Applicants are required to:

- 1 Register for and sit the UMAT.**  
See shaded box on this page for details.
- 2 Register their interest** at [www.med.unsw.edu.au](http://www.med.unsw.edu.au) **by 25 July 2008.**
- 3 Submit a Faculty of Medicine Application Form by 25 July 2008**, which can be downloaded from [www.med.unsw.edu.au](http://www.med.unsw.edu.au) (the last page of this form is completed by the school).

### 4 Submit a UAC application by 30 September 2008.

The Faculty of Medicine Application Form includes questions on why applicants want to study medicine at UNSW, details of their relevant personal qualities and skills, their non-academic interests and activities and a brief description of their life experience. Schools will be asked to comment on school-related activities and achievements, and submit a predicted UAI.

Please note that the Faculty of Medicine Application Form will be used to set the context of the applicant's interview but is not used in identifying applicants for interview. The UAI (predicted or actual) and the UMAT score are used to identify applicants for interview. For further information read the Faculty's website: [www.med.unsw.edu.au](http://www.med.unsw.edu.au).

## University of Newcastle/ University of New England

### B Medicine – Joint Medical Program (JMP)

The Bachelor of Medicine – JMP is offered jointly by the University of Newcastle and the University of New England. The curriculum for this program will be identical at both institutions. Candidates will have the opportunity to select the site at which they would prefer to complete the program when they lodge their JMP direct application.

Entry requirements for the joint program are based on three components: UMAT results, UAI and interview. Students sit UMAT in July and depending on their result, are then selected for an interview in November/December. If their interview is successful they will be considered for an offer, dependent on their UAI and appropriate preference through UAC. A minimum UAI of 93.8 is required for a candidate applying on the basis of secondary results to be eligible for consideration. Students attending a rural/remote high school will be able to satisfy the minimum requirement with a UAI of 90.6.

### Applicants are required to:

- 1 Register for and sit the UMAT.**  
See shaded box on this page for details.
- 2 Apply directly to the JMP.**  
JMP direct university application forms will be available in July 2008 at [www.newcastle.edu.au/jmp](http://www.newcastle.edu.au/jmp)  
Applications close on **30 September 2008**. Late applications **will not** be considered under any circumstances.

Further information may be obtained by contacting either:

The Enquiry Centre  
University of Newcastle  
Callaghan NSW 2303  
tel: 02 4921 5000  
fax: 02 4921 2020  
email: [EnquiryCentre@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:EnquiryCentre@newcastle.edu.au)  
or

Student Centre  
University of New England  
Armidale NSW 2350  
tel: 1800 818 865  
fax: 02 6773 4400  
email: [studentcentre@une.edu.au](mailto:studentcentre@une.edu.au)

### 3 Submit a UAC application by 30 September 2008.

In addition, students who wish to be considered for B Medicine JMP must have submitted a UAC application including code 780000 (CSP) as a preference by the late closing date of 28 November 2008.

Candidates must submit **all three** of the above applications to be eligible to be considered for entry to the B Medicine – JMP at the University of Newcastle/University of New England.

**Rural/remote students:** Students who can demonstrate a significant rural/remote background may be eligible to apply under the B Medicine – JMP Rural/Remote Admissions Scheme (RRAS). Details concerning RRAS are available at [www.newcastle.edu.au/jmp/enrolments/rras.html](http://www.newcastle.edu.au/jmp/enrolments/rras.html)

**Indigenous students:** Students may apply for admission through the B Medicine – JMP Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Admissions Scheme.

Indigenous students wishing to be considered for entry to the B Medicine – JMP must submit a UAC application by **31 October 2008** including code 780000 (CSP) as a preference.

For further information concerning indigenous selection and application requirements call Wollotuka – School of Aboriginal Studies, University of Newcastle on (02) 4921 6863 or the Oorala Aboriginal Centre, University of New England on (02) 6773 3034.

# Optometry entry requirements

## University of Western Sydney

Last year 100 students commenced the first five-year B Medicine/B Surgery course at UWS.

In 2009, Commonwealth-supported and International places will be available. In their first year, students will attend the Clinical School once a week for tutorials and hands-on teaching to help them develop and practise their clinical skills. They will also have the opportunity to interact with patients in ward situations across Campbelltown, Camden and Blacktown hospitals.

Applicants will be selected based on academic merit (minimum UAI or equivalent), results in the Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admissions Test (UMAT) and an interview.

### Applicants are required to:

#### 1 Register for and sit the UMAT.

See shaded box on the previous page.

#### 2 Submit an Application for Selection

into the B Medicine/B Surgery Program with the School of Medicine, UWS by **30 September 2008**. Late applications will not be accepted. For details visit [www.uws.edu.au/schools/medicine](http://www.uws.edu.au/schools/medicine)

#### 3 Submit a UAC application by 30 September 2008.

**4 Attend an interview** in Sydney during December, if invited (a few interviews may be offered in early January for applicants whose predicted UAI was below the threshold, but whose actual UAI is above the threshold for consideration).

Evidence of connection to Greater Western Sydney may also be taken into account.

For information on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander selection procedures, contact the School of Medicine on (02) 9852 4637.

For further enquiries contact the UWS Course Information Centre on 1800 897 669 or email [study@uws.edu.au](mailto:study@uws.edu.au).

## Changing addresses

UAC receives the addresses of Year 12 students from the files held by the NSW Board of Studies. Every year UAC sends out hundreds of undeliverable letters because Year 12 students have either not notified the Board of Studies of a change of address, or the address is incomplete.

Encourage your students to make sure that the address held for them by the Board of Studies is accurate and complete.

## University of New South Wales

There will be approximately 70 places available for entry to the Bachelor of Optometry/Bachelor of Science in 2009. Selection into Optometry/Science will be based on:

- performance in UMAT (Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admissions Test)
- academic performance (Year 12 and/or tertiary studies).

### Applicants are required to:

#### 1 Register for and sit the UMAT.

See shaded box on page 2.

#### 2 Submit a UAC application.

### Alternative entry for 2010

UNSW will provide an alternative entry pathway for admission to Optometry/Science for applicants who have not undertaken post-secondary studies and who are not eligible for entry in 2009.

These applicants are advised to apply for entry to 429000 or 429013 for 2009 and enrol in the Vision Science plan.

Selection for alternative entry to Year 2 of Optometry/Science in 2010 will be based on:

- performance in UMAT
- performance in Year 12 (to be competitive this would need to be a UAI or equivalent of at least 90.00)
- performance in required first year subjects completed while enrolled in Science or Advanced Science at the University of New South Wales.

During 2009, students who are enrolled in the prescribed Year 1 Vision Science plan will be invited to apply directly to UNSW for a transfer place for 2010 entry.

For further information visit [www.optom.unsw.edu.au](http://www.optom.unsw.edu.au).

# Pharmacy entry requirements

The UAI is not the only factor considered by institutions when offering places in pharmacy courses to Year 12 students. The Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT) is important for pharmacy applicants at both the University of Sydney and Charles Sturt University.

The University of Sydney requires **all** pharmacy applicants to sit STAT.

For Year 12 applicants, selection involves consideration of:

- 1 STAT – applicants must sit the test or their application will not be considered. To be guaranteed consideration for Main Round offers, applicants must sit the test no later than Saturday 6 December 2008.
- 2 UAI (or equivalent) – applicants must have a high UAI or equivalent, to be considered.

While STAT is not compulsory for pharmacy applicants at Charles Sturt University, it is considered along with other information.

Year 12 applicants who sit STAT and apply through UAC must include details of their STAT sitting in their UAC Apply-By-Web application.

If a Year 12 applicant sits STAT after they have applied through UAC, they must inform UAC of this.

Several STAT test sessions will be held throughout 2008, with the first – mid-year STAT – on Saturday 31 May 2008.

For a mid-year STAT registration form and leaflet, call UAC customer service on (02) 9752 0200.

For further information on STAT visit UAC's website at [www.uac.edu.au](http://www.uac.edu.au) and click the STAT link on the undergraduate homepage.

**Year 12 students who sit the mid-year STAT must remember when they apply later this year to include their STAT details on their UAC application.**

For more information about pharmacy at the University of Sydney, contact the Faculty of Pharmacy on (02) 9351 2320, or email [enquiries@pharm.usyd.edu.au](mailto:enquiries@pharm.usyd.edu.au)

For more information about pharmacy at Charles Sturt University, call 1800 334 733.

# For your information

## Reference copies – UAC 2008 Guide

Boxes of *UAC 2008 Guides* from last year are available to schools to use as reference copies. Each box contains 12 guides (maximum of three boxes per school).

The boxes can be collected free of charge from UAC's warehouse at Girraween (minimum two days notice required) or mailed to schools for \$25 per box (incl GST).

Call (02) 9752 0200 to reserve your copies and organise payment if postage is required.

There are limited copies of surplus guides available this year, so place your order early to avoid disappointment.

## Course search

To help Year 12 students become familiar with UAC's website and the range of courses on offer, the 2008 admissions course search will continue to be available at [www.uac.edu.au](http://www.uac.edu.au)

UAC will leave the previous year's course search information in place as a reference tool in preparation for the 2009 admissions period.

Remember that this 'old' course search is indicative only. Courses available for 2009 admissions will not be confirmed until applications open in August 2008.

## UAI cut-offs for 2008 admissions

You can view and download copies of the UAI cut-offs used for the Main and Late round of offers from UAC's website at [www.uac.edu.au](http://www.uac.edu.au). Just click on the UAI link on the undergraduate homepage.

## Report on the Scaling of the 2007 NSW HSC

The 2007 Scaling Report will be available in April 2008. Each school will receive two reference copies.

The Preliminary Report and associated tables are available to download from the UAC website at [www.uac.edu.au/admin/uai.html](http://www.uac.edu.au/admin/uai.html).

# University news & updates

## Southern Cross University

### University-wide majors

In recognition of the multiple career paths that many graduates will take in the future, and to broaden the students' university experience, Southern Cross University has introduced four University-wide majors: Education, Law and Justice, Organisational Development, and Sustainability.

These additional majors are available for any course with an elective structure that will accommodate them (eg B Business, B Business

Administration, B Information Technology, B Arts, B Media, B Social Science).

## University of Newcastle

### Master of Teaching replaces Grad Dip Ed

The University of Newcastle is offering a new two-year Master of Teaching program (subject to approval), with intakes commencing in 2009.

The Master of Teaching program replaces the University's Graduate Diploma in Education, which will not be offered for new intake from 2008.

This means that students who undertake a standard undergraduate program in a non-teaching area can no longer add the one-year Grad Diploma of Education to their three- or four-year undergraduate program.

The Master of Teaching program will satisfy the NSW Institute of Teachers requirements for teacher education.

When the new program is approved, more information on its structure and admission criteria will be available at [www.newcastle.edu.au](http://www.newcastle.edu.au).

## Open days for 2008

### Australian Catholic University

Canberra campus	30 August
North Sydney campus	
Information Night	10 September
Strathfield campus	13 September

### Australian Maritime College

Launceston campus	17 August
<i>Campus tours can be arranged by appointment. For further information call 1300 361 928.</i>	

### Australian National University

30 August

### Charles Sturt University

Every day

*For campus tours/appointments and course information call 1800 334 733*

### Griffith University

Gold Coast	10 August
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### La Trobe University

Albury-Wodonga campus	24 August
Mildura campus	10 August

### Macquarie University

13 September

### Southern Cross University

*For personalised campus tours and special events call 1800 111 890*

### University of Canberra

30 August

### University of New England

5 September

### University of New South Wales

Courses and Careers Day	6 September
Australian Defence Force Academy, Canberra	30 August

### University of Newcastle

Newcastle campus (Callaghan)	30 August
Central Coast campus (Ourimbah)	23 August
Port Macquarie campus – Information Night	4 September

### University of Sydney

Camperdown & Darlington, Mallett St, Sydney College of the Arts and Sydney Conservatorium of Music (Macquarie St campus) 30 August  
*For campus tours call 1300 362 006*

### University of Technology, Sydney

UTS Information Day, Broadway campus	30 August
UTS Information Evening, Kuring-gai campus	10 September

### University of Western Sydney

Parramatta campus	17 August
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### University of Wollongong

*For personalised campus tours and special events, call 1300 367 869.*

For information on school visit days, contact individual institutions.