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University Entry Requirements 2010 Year 10 Booklet

new ordering system

It's time to start thinking about placing your orders the *University Entry Requirements 2010 Year 10 Booklet*. This year's booklet will be available in early May and will cost \$4.50 per copy, plus postage and handling.

Each Year 12 school in NSW and the ACT will be sent four complimentary copies of the booklet. In addition, this year UAC is developing a new online system that will streamline the process for ordering additional copies of the booklet. The new system will

allow you to place an order, print an invoice and pay online using Paypal or a credit card (MasterCard or Visa). You will also be able to check online to see if your order has been dispatched.

UAC will no longer produce a printed order form or accept payment by cheque or money order.

Full details will be provided in a special edition of the *UAC News* in April.

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UAC key dates for 2008 admissions

The *UAC 2008 Guide* will be distributed to schools from the week beginning Monday 23 July 2007. The Guide will be available from newsagents from Wednesday 1 August 2007.

Applications

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| Early August 2007 | applications open |
| Friday 28 September 2007 | on-time applications close |
| Wednesday 31 October 2007 | late applications close with late fee – tba |
| Friday 30 November 2007 | late applications close with late fee – tba |
| Friday 1 February 2008 | final close of applications with late fee – tba |

HSC and UAI

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| Wednesday 19 December 2007 | 2007 NSW HSC results e-released by BOS |
| Thursday 20 December 2007 | UAIs e-released by UAC |

Change of preferences

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| Mid-August 2007 – 4 January 2008 | for consideration in Main Round |
| 17 January 2008 – 22 January 2008 | for consideration in Late Round |
| 31 January 2008 – 1 February 2008 | for consideration in Final Round |

Offers

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| Friday 26 October 2007 | Distance Education Round offers e-released |
| Wednesday 5 December 2007 | Early Round offers e-released |
| Thursday 3 January 2008 | Preliminary Round offers e-released |
| Thursday 17 January 2008 | Main Round offers e-released at 9pm |
| Thursday 31 January 2008 | Late Round offers e-released at 9pm |
| Thursday 7 February 2008 | 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

When and where can I sit for ISAT?

ISAT is available in over 50 centres around the world, and all centres have multiple sittings of the test. ISAT test dates for the Sydney test centre are: 12 April, 26 April, 10 May, 24 May, 14 June, 19 July, 23 August, 20 September, 25 October. 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. All information about the test is included on the website.

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Copies of the current and previous newsletters can be downloaded from UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au/pubs/uacnews.html

Entry into Medicine

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 late September 2007, final round to be held early January 2008 (late January 2008 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 by 27 July 2007.
3. Submit a Faculty of Medicine Application Form also by 27 July 2007, which can be downloaded from www.med.unsw.edu.au (The last page of this form is completed by the school.)

Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT)

In 2007 UMAT will be held at various locations across Australia on

Wednesday 25 July 2007

Registrations for UMAT open in mid-April and on-time registrations for UMAT close on **Friday 1 June 2007** (an application fee applies).

Late registrations close on Friday 15 June 2007 (an additional late fee applies).

Registration must be completed online at 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 5673
email: umat@acer.edu.au
website: www.acer.edu.au

4. Submit a UAC application by 28 September 2007.

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.

University of Newcastle/ University of New England

B Medicine – Joint Medical Program (JMP)

From 2008 onwards the B Medicine program will be offered jointly by the University of Newcastle and the University of New England. The curriculum for this program, based on the current University of Newcastle 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 normally sit UMAT in July and depending on their result, are then selected for an interview in October/November. If their interview is successful they will be considered for an offer, dependent on their UAI and appropriate preference through UAC. It is anticipated that a minimum UAI of 93.8 will be required (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 2007 and can be downloaded at:
www.newcastle.edu.au/faculty/health.

Applications close on **28 September 2007** - late applications WILL NOT be considered under any circumstances.

Further information may be obtained by contacting either:

Hunter Hub
University of Newcastle
Callaghan NSW 2303
tel: 02 4921 5000
fax: 02 4921 2020
email: bmed-admissions@newcastle.edu.au

OR

Student Centre
University of New England
tel: 1800 818 865
fax: 02 6773 4400
email: studentcentre@une.edu.au

3. Submit a UAC application by 28 September 2007.

In addition, students who wish to be considered for B Medicine – JMP must have submitted a UAC application and included codes 780000 CSP and/or 781000 DFEE as a preference by the late closing date of 30 November 2007.

Candidates must submit all THREE of the above applications to be eligible to be considered for entry to the B Medicine – JMP (780000 CSP and 781000 DFEE) at the University of Newcastle/University of New England. The DFEE option will not be available at UNE.

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 this scheme are available at www.newcastle.edu.au/faculty/health.

Indigenous 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 2007 including code (780000 CSP). For further information concerning indigenous selection and application requirements call Wollotuka – School of Aboriginal Studies, University of Newcastle (02 4921 6863) or Student Centre, University of New England (1800 818 865).

University of Western Sydney

100 students commenced their five-year B Medicine/B Surgery at UWS in 2007. In 2008, both Commonwealth-supported places and domestic fee-paying 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, and will also have the opportunity to interact with patients in ward situations across Campbelltown and Camden 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 Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery Program with the School of Medicine, University of Western Sydney by **28 September 2007**. Late applications will not be accepted. For details see www.uws.edu.au/schools/medicine
3. **Submit a UAC application by 28 September 2007.**
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.

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 thousands 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.

Entry into Optometry

University of New South Wales

There will be approximately 70 places available for entry to the Bachelor of Optometry/Bachelor of Science in 2008. UNSW plans to offer places as follows: 35 Commonwealth-supported places, 5 domestic fee-paying places and 10 international places. The balance of places will be allocated to students who enrolled in the Vision Science alternative entry pathway at UNSW in 2007 (see below for information on alternative entry via Vision Science).

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 2009

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 2008. These applicants are advised to apply for entry to 429000 for 2008 and enrol in the Vision Science plan.

Selection for alternative entry to Year 2 of Optometry/Science 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 at the University of New South Wales.

During 2008, 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 2009 entry.

For further information, see www.optom.unsw.edu.au

Entry into Pharmacy

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 1 December 2007.
2. UAI (or equivalent). To be considered applicants must have a high UAI or equivalent.

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 already applied through UAC, they must inform UAC of this.

Several STAT test sessions will be held throughout 2007, with the first – mid-year STAT – on Saturday 26 May. 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 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 further information about pharmacy at the University of Sydney contact the Faculty of Pharmacy on (02) 9351 2320, or email enquiries@pharm.usyd.edu.au.

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

For your information

Reference copies - UAC 2007 Guide

Boxes of *UAC 2007 Guides* from last year are available to schools to use as reference copies. Each box contains 20 guides (maximum of three boxes per school).

The boxes can be collected free of charge from UAC's warehouse at Seven Hills (minimum 2 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 required).

Course search

To help Year 12 students become familiar with UAC's website and the range of courses on offer, the 2007 admissions course search will continue to be available at www.uac.edu.au

This information has traditionally been removed when mid-year application details and course lists have been posted, to avoid confusion for mid-year applicants.

After a successful trial last year, UAC will leave this information in place as a reference tool in preparation for the 2008 admissions period.

Remember that this 'old' course search is indicative only, and courses available for 2008 admissions will not be confirmed until applications open in August 2007.

UAI cut-offs for 2007 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. Just click on the UAI link on the undergraduate homepage.

Report on the Scaling of the 2006 NSW HSC

The 2006 Scaling Report will be available in April 2007. 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

Open days for 2007

Australian Catholic University

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| Canberra campus | 25 August |
| North Sydney campus | |
| Information Night | 5 September |
| Strathfield campus | 8 September |

Australian Maritime College

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| Newnham campus | 26 August |
| <i>Campus tours can be arranged by appointment.</i> | |
| <i>For further information call 1800 030 277</i> | |

Australian National University

25 August

Charles Sturt University

Every Day

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

La Trobe University

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| Albury-Wodonga campus | 19 August |
| Mildura campus | 12 August |

Macquarie University

1 September

Southern Cross University

For personalised campus tours and special events call 1800 111 890

University of Canberra

25 August

University of New England

6 September

University of New South Wales

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| Courses and Careers Day | 1 September |
| Australian Defence Force Academy, Canberra | 25 August |

University of Newcastle

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| Callaghan campus | 8 September |
| Ourimbah campus | 15 September |
| Port Macquarie campus - Information Night | 25 September |

University of Sydney

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| Camperdown & Darlington, Mallett Street, Sydney College of the Arts and Sydney Conservatorium of Music (Macquarie St campus) | 25 August |
| <i>For campus tours call 1300 362 006</i> | |

University of Technology, Sydney

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| UTS Information Day, Broadway campus | 25 August |
| UTS Information Evening, Kuring-gai campus | 5 September |

University of Western Sydney

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| Parramatta campus | 19 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 universities.

University news & updates

Southern Cross University

Expanded feeder region

Southern Cross University has expanded its feeder region which is now bordered in the south by the NSW Central Coast, west to the NSW/SA border, north to the Darling Downs, Queensland and east to include the Greater Gold Coast. Year 12 school-leavers from this expanded area will be automatically granted five bonus points on top of their UAI score when they apply for a SCU preference.

Special entry scheme

Additionally, under Southern Cross University's STAR Entry Scheme, Year 12 students from the same feeder region may receive an early offer based on their school's recommendation before HSC results are even released. For more information visit: www.scu.edu.au/star.

New courses – Tweed Gold Coast campus in 2008

333171 Bachelor of Arts

Call (02) 6620 3831 or email: isass@scu.edu.au for more information on this arts course.

336370 ~~AD Law~~ (Paralegal Studies)

336371 ~~Law~~ Bachelor of Legal and Justice Studies

336270 ~~Law~~ Bachelor of ~~Law~~

336176 ~~Law~~ Bachelor of ~~Law~~ (graduate entry)

Call (02) 6620 3109 or email: lawrecep@scu.edu.au for more information on these law courses.

New course – Coffs Harbour campus in 2008

The Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood) is designed to prepare teachers for working with children from birth to eight years and will be offered in addition to existing primary and secondary education courses. It is intended that the course, once accredited with state and national bodies, will provide a career path for graduates to be employed in childcare centres, pre-schools, and the early years of primary school. Call (02) 6620 3620 or email schooled@scu.edu.au for more information.

Offer guarantee

If Year 12 applicants have a UAI of 70 or more, Southern Cross University will guarantee them a place in some academic courses. For more information go to www.scu.edu.au/courses.

Scholarships reminder

Remind your students to apply for the Vice-Chancellor's or Industry scholarship at Southern Cross University before the end of September. For more information, go to www.scu.edu.au/scholarships.