

**Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences (FMHS)**  
**Undergraduate Selection Process 2022-intake**  
**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)**

➤ **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.

➤ **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.

➤ **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 2022 intake, an applicant should have matriculated in 2019, 2020 or 2021)

➤ **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.

➤ **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 2022-intake.

➤ **Can I send in my June 2021 marks to be considered?**

No, the selection takes place based on either final grade 11 results or final grade 12 results. Only if the applicant's grade 11 end-of-year examination was compromised due to Covid-19, they will have the option to complete their application in July and submit their grade 12 mid-year results.

➤ **Must I write the NBT?**

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

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).

➤ **What is an SJT?**

The SJTs is a non-academic assessment used in the selection of Category B1 applicants for all FMHS UG programmes. More information on the SJTs can be found [here](#).

➤ **Who must write the SJT?**

All category B1 applicants must write the SJTs as they form part of the selection factor used to determine selection in this category. The SJT's count towards 20% of the selection factor. Category B2 and B3 applicants are not required to write the SJTs.

➤ **If I am in the process of improving my grade 12 results in 2021, will I be considered for selection to a FMHS programme?**

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. 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.

➤ **If I have foreign school results, will I be considered for selection?**

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. 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 [tygselections@sun.ac.za](mailto:tygselections@sun.ac.za).

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

MBChB applicants:

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

Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Nursing, Dietetics, 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.

➤ **Where can I find the selection guidelines for the programmes?**

Go to [www.maties.com](http://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

➤ **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?**

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) and non-academic merit (Situational Judgement Test). Academic performance at school constitutes 80% of the selection factor (SF) and the Situational Judgement Test (SJT) constitutes 20% of the selection factor. Applicants are ranked according to the selection factor and the selection guidelines for the respective programmes are then applied.

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.

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. 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.

➤ **Is there a waiting list?**

Some applicants are placed on a waiting list in 2021 and if cancellations are received during the year and if there are places available in the programme, waitlisted applicants can receive a conditional offer of admission prior to the end of 2021.

If we are unable to select you from the waiting list in 2021, your application will be marked as unsuccessful and will be reconsidered automatically in 2022 along with all unplaced applicants.

➤ **What if the application was unsuccessful during the 2021 selection process? Is there a reconsideration process? How does it work?**

If an applicant has been marked as unsuccessful during 2021, there is a reconsideration process which takes place after the release of the final NSC (or equivalent) results.

In 2022 all available places are first filled in a programme by applicants who were conditionally admitted in 2021 and who now meet the admission requirements with the final NSC (or equivalent) results or applicants who already received a final offer during 2021.

The remaining applicants, those who were declined in 2021 and who were waitlisted in 2021, are automatically transferred to a new waiting list.

Waitlisted applicants will be re-considered for selection in 2022 based on cancellations received and if places are available in the programme.

Please note that the reconsideration and the applicant's place on the waiting list is based on the final NSC (or equivalent) results.

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.

➤ **If I accept an offer at another university, will my name be removed from the reconsideration list for January/February 2022?**

No. If you applied for the relevant FMHS programme before the 31 July closing date, and the FMHS can offer you a place in the FMHS programme you applied to in 2022 after reconsideration, the Selection Office will contact you telephonically and by email during January/February 2022. 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.

➤ **If I accept another programme choice at Stellenbosch University, and register for this other programme in 2022 may I apply again for a FMHS programme for the 2023-intake? How does this work?**

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 2022 they may submit an application in selection category B2 (Currently registered students). Please take note of the [Programme Selection Guidelines](#) for details regarding the category B2 requirements and process per FMHS programme.

- **If I accept another undergraduate programme choice at FMHS, and register for this other undergraduate FMHS programme in 2022 may I apply again for a different FMHS programme for the 2023-intake? How does this work?**

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. 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.

- **If I start studies at another university, may I apply again at Stellenbosch.**

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

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

MBChB applicants:

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). 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.

- **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 2021.

- **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.

- **Can I apply for residence at Tygerberg?**

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

➤ **Can I apply for FMHS Bursaries?**

As soon as you have been admitted to an undergraduate programme you can apply for financial assistance via the SU student portal [my.sun.ac.za](http://my.sun.ac.za). The application portal for under- and postgraduate financial support applications is available on the student portal. You can log onto the student portal using your 7-digit SU student number – which will be sent to you after you have been admitted. For funding opportunities available to current and prospective FMHS students click [here](#).

➤ **Who can I contact at FMHS for more information regarding undergraduate applications?**

***Undergraduate Selection and Recruitment Office (Tygerberg Campus)***

*General enquiries*

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