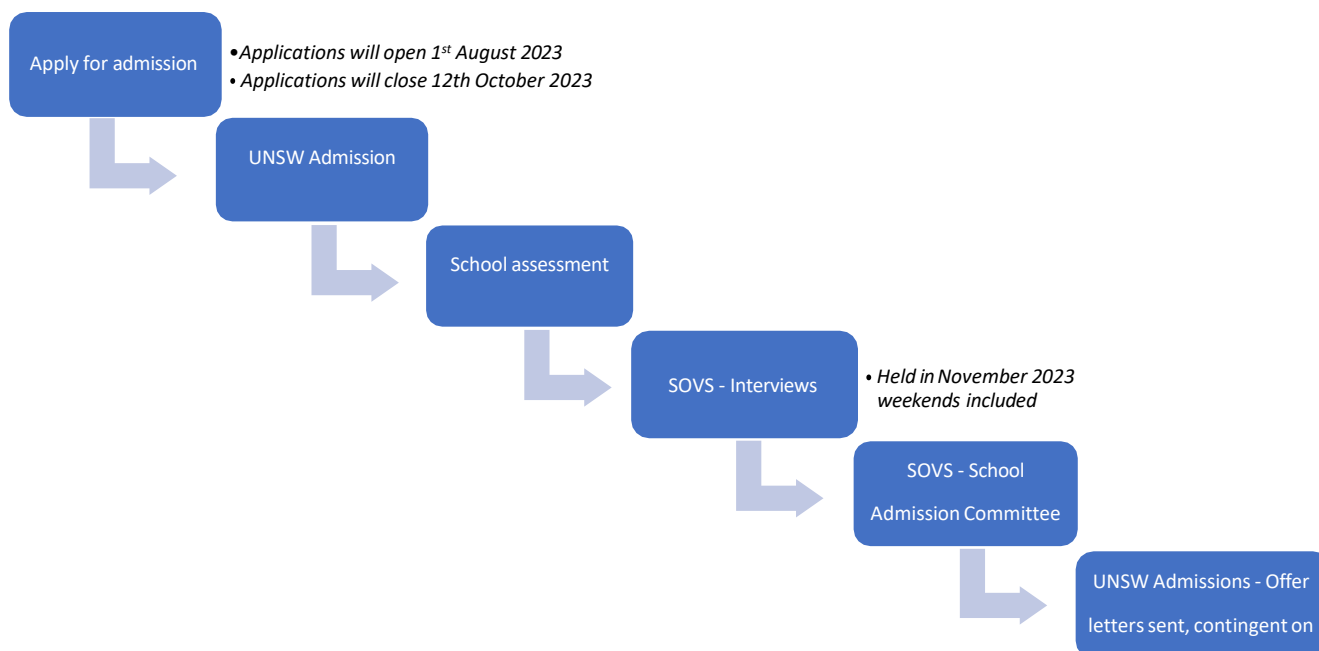


1. Admissions from program 3181 to 8095: Step-by-step process



Admissions process: Step by step guide

1. Submit your application directly to UNSW using the [UNSW Apply Online portal](#), and ensure that you also upload the compulsory supporting documentation listed below:
 - Personal statement describing why you want to be in the Master of Clinical Optometry program (max 300 words)
 - Latest Academic Transcript of BVisSci program 3181 (or an Academic Statement from myUNSW showing programs and courses undertaken, grade received and WAM)
 - Rural Entry Statutory Declaration form completed (if applicable)
2. Please make sure that you are applying for the correct program. Check the program number and program title that you are applying for. There may be a similar program title with a different program code. Applying to the wrong program has occurred in the previous years. You must be applying for **8095 Master of Clinical Optometry – MClinOptom**.
2. UNSW Admissions will acknowledge receipt of your application. Only applications that include all relevant compulsory supporting documentation and are received before the application deadline will be sent to the School for further assessment.
3. Once the application deadline passes, the School Admission Committee will finalise the interview shortlist. The deadline for 2024 applications is **Thursday, 12th October 2023**.
4. Only shortlisted applicants will be invited by the School to participate in the interview process.

5. The interviews are scheduled to take place in November 2023. It is likely that the interviews will occur on the weekend(s) so schedules should be planned accordingly. **Applicants who are unable to attend their interview on the relevant date will not be considered further.** Final interview dates will be emailed to all the shortlisted applicants by the Faculty of Medicine and Health Admissions team.
6. The interviews **must be attended in person**. If the interviews are conducted online, it will be notified to the applicants prior to the interview date.
7. The format of the interviews will be Multiple Mini Interviews (MMI), which consist of several very short interviews with interviewers drawn from academic staff, optometrists and community representatives (See: [Student Information: Admission Interview into Program 8095](#))
8. After all interviews are completed, the School Admission Committee will consider the applications, including WAM, the MMI interviews and personal statement in ranking applicants. The WAM for the program 3181 at the application deadline will be considered.
9. Offers are contingent on successfully fulfilling requirements for entry into the 8095 program by the end of the calendar year, including completion of the 3181 program. The School Admission Committee's decision is final, and no appeals will be allowed.

2. Frequently Asked Questions Admissions from program 3181 to 8095

Q: Will the 3181 BVisSci WAM considered for entry be the overall WAM following T2 or T3?

A: The [Admissions from program 3181 to 8095: Step-by-step process](#) states that the WAM for the program 3181 at the application deadline will be considered. For current Stage 3 students enrolled in the BVisSci program 3181, the program WAM at the end of T2 will be considered for entry into MClinOptom program 8095. However, students must successfully complete BVisSci program 3181 to gain entry into MClinOptom program 8095. For students who have already completed the BVisSci program 3181, the entire 3181 program WAM will be considered in their application for the MClinOptom program 8095.

Q: Who will be selected for the interview?

A: In the 2023 round for entry in 2024, the interview shortlist will include applicants who have a WAM of 65 or greater and have submitted a completed application by the application deadline. These applicants must be able to fulfill the requirements for entry into the MClinOptom program 8095 by the end of the calendar year, including completion of the BVisSci program 3181.

Q: Does the personal statement contribute to the final consideration for admission?

A: All the required elements for admission into MClinOptom program 8095 outlined in the [Admissions from program 3181 to 8095: Step-by-step process](#). The personal statement, academic performance and the interview, will be considered together when assessing the applications.

Q: How many students can be selected for the Master's course?

A: In 2024, up to 8 places will be available for entry into the MClinOptom program 8095. The number of places available for entry into the MClinOptom program 8095 will vary each year.

Q: How many students apply for entry to MClinOptom program 8095?

A: The number of students applying and places available for entry into MClinOptom program 8095 will vary each year depending on several factors. We are unable to estimate the number of applications each year.

Q: For the interview, how should I prepare for it? What kind of questions would be asked?

A: Please refer to the [Student Information: Admission Interview into Program 8095](#) sheet which provides more detail about the interview process.

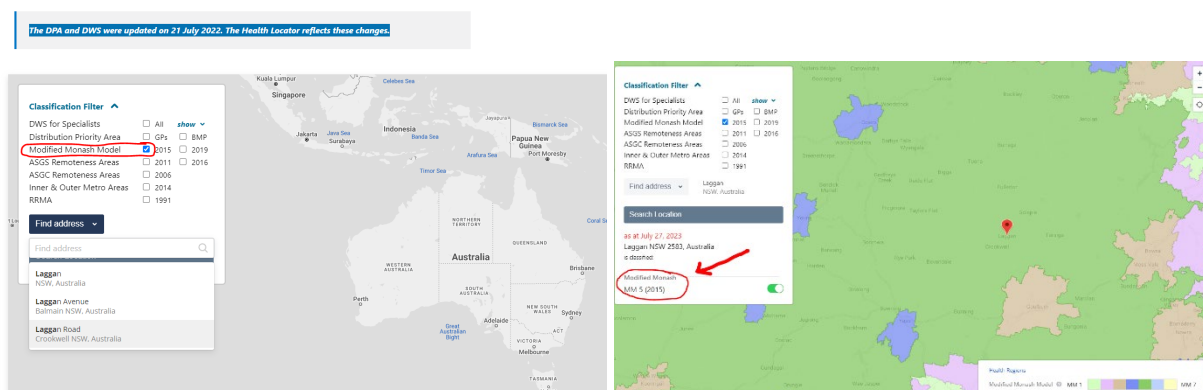
Q: Is there a Rural Entry Scheme for entry into the MClinOptom program 8095?

A: From 2022, eligible students will be able to apply for entry into the MClinOptom program 8095 through the Rural Entry Scheme. Students with an extensive rural background demonstrated through their home and schooling up to and including the completion of secondary (Higher School Certificate) education will be eligible to apply through this scheme.

Q: How do I know if I am eligible for Rural Entry Scheme?

A: Click this website link: <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/health-workforce-locator/app>

Tick the Modified Monash Model (see the screenshot below), then enter your location in the **Find address** search window, you will then find the category of the location. Categories range from MM 1 to MM 7. MM 1 is a major city and MM 7 is very remote. You are eligible for Rural Entry Scheme if you fall in the category MM 2 to MM 7.

**Q: How do I apply for the Rural Entry Scheme for entry into the MClinOptom program 8095?**

A: To apply for the Rural Entry Scheme for entry into the MClinOptom program 8095, students must declare their eligibility for the Rural Entry Scheme by completing the [statutory declaration template](#) based on the criteria listed. Students must submit the statutory declaration form as a part of their online application. If students are successful in receiving a placement into the MClinOptom program 8095, they will then be required to provide evidence to support their declaration.

Q: How many students will be selected for the Master's course through the Rural Entry Scheme?

A: In 2024, approximately 10% of places for the MClinOptom program 8095 will be offered to students who apply through the Rural Entry Scheme.

Q: When will I know the outcome of my application?

A: Successful applicants will be notified of their application before 23rd December 2023 (first round of offers). Based on the number of places available, a second round of offers may be sent in January 2024.

3. Student Information: Admission Interview into Program 8095

Admission interviews for entry into the MCLinOptom program 8095 will be in a Multiple Mini Interview (MMI) format. These interviews will take place during November 2023 (weekends included).

The interview is compulsory for entry into the MCLinOptom program 8095. Interviews will be held at the School of Optometry and Vision Science, UNSW. You will be informed closer to the scheduled interview date of any changes to the admission interview process.

If you miss the scheduled interview without valid reason and prior notice, your application for entry into the MCLinOptom program 8095 will no longer be considered.

The admission interview process is anticipated to take a total of approximately 30 minutes and will be station based. You will attend a total of 5 stations and be allocated 5 minutes at each station. Each station will have one interviewer drawn from staff at the School of Optometry and Vision Science and members of the broader healthcare community.

At each station, you will be presented with a written scenario to consider for 2 minutes. You will then be given 3 minutes for your verbal response to the presented scenario. Scenarios presented will generally NOT be based on presumed knowledge from program 3181. Your interviewer will generally not be interacting with you during your verbal response but will be taking notes. They will also inform you when your verbal response should begin and when your allotted time is over.

The MMI format will assess non-academic qualities that are important in pursuing a career in clinical optometry including but not limited to:

- Personal humanistic qualities, including empathy and compassion
- Communication and listening skills
- Ability to develop rapport with people
- Problem solving and decision-making skills
- Integrity and ethical qualities