

## 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 guide for MClinOptom program 8095 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. 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:** What is the definition of the 3181 BVisSci program weighted average mark (WAM)?

**A:** The 3181 program WAM, for purposes of entry into 8095 Master of Clinical Optometry, is calculated using all the courses in the 3181 BVisSci program including the 2 General Education (GenEd) courses (12 UOC). If more than 12 UOC of GenEd have been completed, only the first two GenEd courses will be included in the program WAM. If 3 GenEd courses were completed, with one in one term, and the other two in the same subsequent term, we will count the first GenEd, and the GenEd with the higher mark out

**Q:** Who will be selected for the interview?

**A:** In the 2022 round for entry in 2023, 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 in the final consideration for admission?

**A:** All the required elements for admission into MClinOptom program 8095 outlined in the Admissions guide, including 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 2023, at least 10 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. The UNSW Handbook will be updated regularly to reflect the most up to date information.

**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 2022 Admission Interview into Program 8095 Student Information 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 to 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 will be provided a statutory declaration template where they can declare their eligibility 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 2023, approximately 10% of places for the MClinOptom program 8095 will be offered to students who apply through the Rural Entry Scheme.