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## **ICARUS College UMAT Information Book**

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The Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT) consist of 3 sections designed to assess students' critical thinking and problem solving, interpersonal skills and abstract non-verbal reasoning. The UMAT is an aptitude test. UMAT was developed by ACER who reviews all UMAT questions to ensure validity, relevancy, and fairness. Candidates can be sure of confidentiality regarding their UMAT registration and UMAT results. A signed statement from UMAT candidates permits the use of their UMAT results for UMAT research. Those eligible for UMAT are of final year high school education level or higher. ICARUS College specialises in all UMAT based entry into all Australian and New Zealand Universities including Bond University, Adelaide University, University of Western Australia, University of New South Wales, Newcastle University, Melbourne University, Monash University, University of Tasmania, Auckland University and University of Otago. ICARUS College successfully places many of its students in medicine, dentistry and the health sciences every year after the UMAT.

### **STRUCTURE OF THE UMAT**

The UMAT is divided into three sections. Section One of UMAT assesses Logical Reasoning and Problem Solving; Section Two of UMAT assesses Interpersonal Skills; Section Three of UMAT assesses Non-Verbal Reasoning.

All UMAT questions are in multiple choice format with 4 or 5 response alternatives.

**Section One of UMAT: Logical Reasoning and Problem Solving** Section One UMAT questions are mostly presented in written form, with some in tabular or visual form. The information is gathered from a variety of sources and questions require logical conclusions derived from identifying the key points and hypothesizing missing information.

**Section Two of UMAT: Interpersonal Skills** Written in scenario or short dialogue format, Section Two UMAT questions require the candidate to identify the best possible approach to a situation and to correctly identify the person's feelings from the response alternatives.

**Section Three of UMAT: Non-Verbal Reasoning** There are two types of questions in this section of the UMAT.

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Type III questions of the UMAT require the candidate to look at sequences of pictures which need to be analysed and placed in logical order.

Type IV questions of the UMAT require the candidate to look at a sequences of pictures and select the next logical item in the sequence.

## **UMAT Registration**

The UMAT will be held on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2008 Payment of \$140 for the UMAT must be received by the UMAT Office at ACER no later than 5 pm Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST) on Friday 9 June 2008, otherwise a late fee of an additional \$55 will be accepted up until 5 pm AEST on 23 June 2008. If you wish to sit the UMAT test in London or Singapore, \$165 in addition to the registration fee is payable. Concession rates of \$50 for the UMAT apply if you are a holder of a Health Care Card, and a copy of the document is presented to the UMAT Office. ICARUS College is not responsible for registering any of its students to sit the UMAT test.

Payment: Online registrations for the UMAT can be made with a VISA, AMEX, Bankcard, Diners Club, and MasterCard. Alternatively, the fee is payable by cheque or money order to ACER-UMAT. Do not send cash with your UMAT registration.

Cancellations of your UMAT registration must be made in writing and received by the UMAT office by 5 pm AEST on 9th June, with a \$30 administration fee. Provision has been made for candidates who are prevented from attending the UMAT on 26 July as a result of a genuine and unanticipated illness or misadventure to sit the UMAT on one alternative date. This alternate UMAT date is usually 2 weeks subsequent.

## **Contacting the UMAT Office at ACER**

Any queries about the UMAT program or a change of personal details, such as your address or phone number, can be directed to the UMAT Office (ph no: 03 9277 5673/5746, and email: [umat@acer.edu.au](mailto:umat@acer.edu.au))

### ***UMAT Admission Ticket and UMAT Identification Number***

A UMAT test Admission Ticket will be issued two weeks prior the date of the UMAT, which will give each candidate their UMAT Identification Number. This number should be quoted on any correspondence with the UMAT office and will need to be quoted on university applications. The candidates must bring the UMAT Admission Ticket with their UMAT number on it and are advised to tear off the stub of the ticket with their UMAT number on it.

On the day of the UMAT, the candidates must bring their UMAT Admission Ticket, appropriate ID (current passport, driver's licence, learner's permit, current keypass, Proof of Age card, or 18+ card, are the only ID acceptable – contact the UMAT office if you do not have appropriate ID) and No. 2 or HB pencils and erasers. All other stationery equipment or electronic devices will be considered as an act of cheating.

### ***Timing of the UMAT***

UMAT proceeds for 2.5 hours with no breaks between the three UMAT sections. The UMAT is structured as follows: Section One – 65 minutes in duration for 44 questions Section Two – 45 minutes for 36 questions Section Three – 40 minutes for 30 questions

### ***Preparing for the UMAT***

UMAT does not draw on knowledge from any curriculum-based subject. Section One of the UMAT may contain excerpts from biology sources, and knowledge of this subject might help students understand the content. Though ACER does not recommend or endorse any commercially available UMAT preparation courses, ICARUS College UMAT prep type courses aim to provide students with the familiarity of UMAT question types along with many other skills which is an advantage.

### ***Results of UMAT:***

UMAT results will be mailed at the end of September. The UMAT Statement of Results will contain the raw mark for each section as well as the percentiles. Results of UMAT are valid for two years, so the candidate can use these results to apply to courses requiring UMAT in the year following the test, as well as a year later. However if you have more than one valid UMAT Score (i.e. if you take UMAT two years in a row), the universities will use your most recent UMAT Score. There is no restriction on the number of times you can undertake UMAT.

Upon a written request, a candidate's UMAT may be remarked. A fee for this service of \$85 is payable to the UMAT Office by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2008.

### ***Completing the UMAT Registration Form:***

(Online UMAT registration can be found on the ACER UMAT site at [www.acer.edu.au](http://www.acer.edu.au)) The UMAT must be completed in No. 2 or HB pencil. All the relevant information such as name, sex, resident status and education level must be indicated on Side One of UMAT Registration. The correct address must be provided for the UMAT Admission Ticket to be sent to, as well as the UMAT results. If the candidate has had a change of address, the UMAT Office at ACER needs to be informed urgently.

The UMAT Registration form as well as the payment of \$140 must be submitted to the UMAT Office at ACER by 5 pm AEST on Friday 23 June. You may pay by cheque or Money order, payable to ACER-UMAT.

### **University Selection Criteria:**

UMAT is used in selection processes for medicine and health science courses in universities across the country. All candidates should keep record of their UMAT identification number.

### ***Timeline for Selection Process:***

- . • Submit UMAT registration to UMAT Office
- . • Take UMAT on 30<sup>th</sup> July
- . • Submit applications to universities by published deadline
- . • Receive UMAT results from UMAT Office at ACER by late September

Selection into Bachelor of Medicine for school leavers is based on performance in UMAT as well as performance in a structured interview (attained based on UMAT performance). Selection into Bachelor of Pharmacy, Bachelor of Pharmacy/Commerce also uses performance in UMAT. ICARUS College places many of its students into medicine, dentistry and the health sciences every year after the UMAT.

Bond University uses performance in UMAT. The University of Adelaide also uses performance in UMAT. Griffith University also uses performance in UMAT. Monash University uses performance in UMAT. The University of Melbourne uses performance in UMAT. The University of Newcastle also uses performance in UMAT. The University of New South Wales uses performance in UMAT. The University of Queensland also uses performance in UMAT. To be eligible for consideration, candidates must register for UMAT2008 and apply to UQ with their UMAT2008 candidate number. The University of Sydney also uses performance in UMAT. The University of Tasmania also uses performance in UMAT. The University of Western Australia also uses performance in UMAT. The University of Auckland uses performance in UMAT. University of Otago uses performance in UMAT (a current UMAT Score is required). Selection within each of the entry categories will be competitive; with applicants ranked by performance in UMAT (performance in all three sections of UMAT is used).

Graduates will not be required to sit the UMAT or GAMSAT. International students who are not Australian or New Zealand residents will not be required to sit the UMAT. International students are not required to take the UMAT unless applying for permanent residency. International students residing in Australia or New Zealand or Singapore in 2008 are also required to take the UMAT. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants are not required to take the UMAT.

The Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT) are updated annually. The UMAT is a battery of 3 psychometric tests. Candidates receive confidentiality in their UMAT registration and results for UMAT. A signed statement from UMAT candidates permits the use of their UMAT results for UMAT progress research by the relevant authorities.

### **Links of Potential Interest:**

<http://www.medical-entrance.com.au/>

<http://www.medical-entrance.com.au/courses.jsp>

<http://www.medical-entrance.com.au/faqs.jsp>

<http://www.medical-entrance.com.au/endorsements.jsp>

<http://www.medical-entrance.com.au/article1.jsp>

<http://www.medical-entrance.com.au/news.jsp>

<http://www.we-liked-umat.com>

<http://www.we-liked-umat.com/endorsements1.html>

<http://www.we-liked-umat.com/endorsements2.html>

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/talk-umat/>

<http://www.icarusvc.com.au/>

<http://www.icarus-student-lounge.com.au/>

<http://www.icarus-student-lounge.com.au/lounge.htm>

<http://www.icarus-student-lounge.com.au/faq.htm>

<http://www.superkeeneye.com/>

<http://www.superkeeneye.com/moreInformation.html>

<http://www.superkeeneye.com/question1.html>

<http://www.icarus-umat-course-guide.com.au/>

<http://www.icarus-umat-course-guide.com.au/institutions.jsp>

<http://www.icarus-umat-course-guide.com.au/intro.jsp>

<http://www.icarus-umat-course-guide.com.au/faq.jsp>

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