

Selection criteria bachelor in Medicine Academic year 2025-2026

During the selection procedure, candidates will be assessed on their cognitive and (inter)personal characteristics and skills, as well as on their affinity with, knowledge of and preparation for the bachelor's programme in Medicine at Maastricht University (UM). Candidates applying for the Bachelor in Medicine taught in English (BA MED) will also be assessed on their motivation for enrolling in the BA MED and on their level of English.

The selection procedure consists of two rounds:

- Round 1: a portfolio that must be completed online before a specific deadline, an addendum to the portfolio and a homework assignment.
- Round 2: participation in the selection day in Maastricht[#] and, if applicable, the timely completion of a 'Definitive time plan for the timely completion of (additional) admission requirements for the bachelor's programme in Medicine'^{***}

Round 1: a portfolio that must be completed online before a specific deadline, an addendum to the portfolio and a homework assignment

Candidates must have submitted a portfolio, an addendum to the portfolio and a homework assignment before 22 January 2025, 16.00 CET (Central European Time). The **portfolio** contains a variety of questions asking for information about the candidates themselves as well as their previous education(s), any subject deficiencies^{**} and a plan of action for satisfying the lawful admission requirements and/or additional admission requirements for beginning the bachelor's programme in Medicine at Maastricht University in time for the 2025-2026 academic year. Other questions also assess distinguishing skills, insights into and opinions on the medical curriculum at Maastricht University, and about the educational system applied at UM.

The candidate collects all addenda/evidence related to the portfolio in the 'Addendum to the portfolio 2025-2026'.

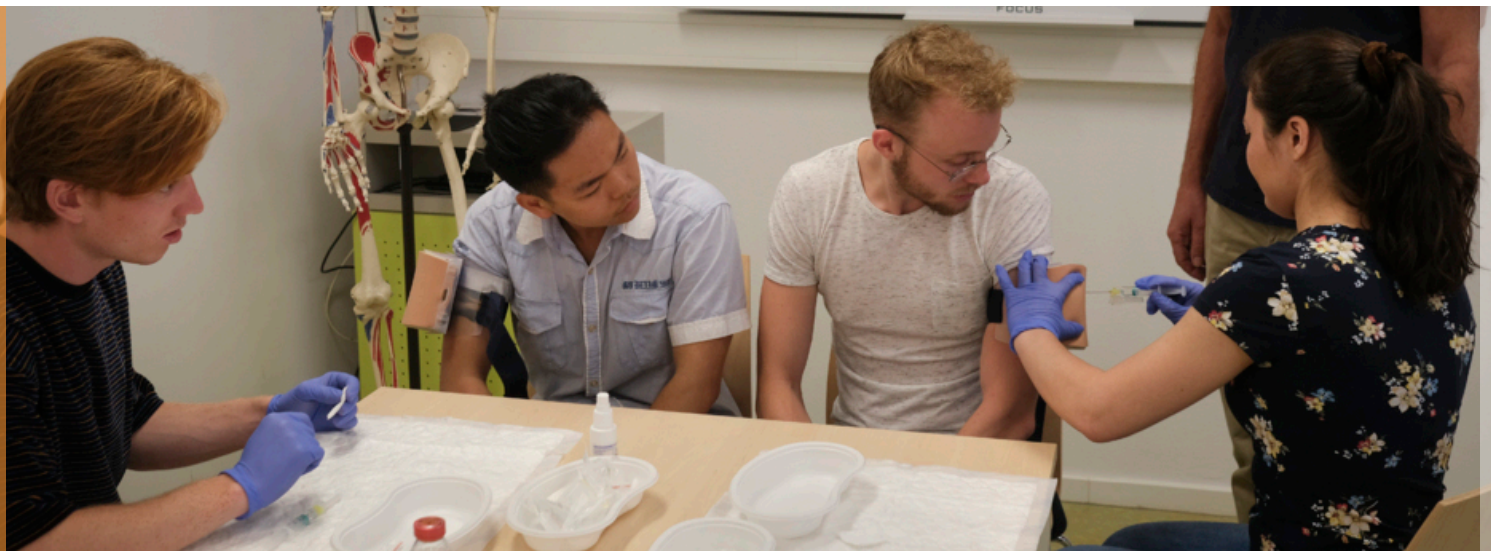
The **homework assignment** concerns the content and format of the bachelor in Medicine's curriculum at UM and is completed at home.

The assessment of the homework assignment will be carried out in the same manner for all candidates; a candidate's special circumstances, occurring either before or during the assignment, will not be taken into account. The homework assignment consists of multiple components and the study load is approximately 30 hours. The portfolio, the addendum to the portfolio and the homework assignment are assessed according to predetermined criteria. The criteria are:

- The candidate is enrolled for the bachelor in Medicine at Maastricht University through Studielink in time (= 15 January 2025 at the latest).
- The candidate's cognitive capabilities are sufficient.
- The candidate's (inter)personal capabilities are sufficient.
- The candidate has thoroughly prepared for admission to the bachelor's programme in Medicine in general and at Maastricht University in particular.
- The candidate has an affinity for and knowledge about learning within the principles of the educational system of the UM.
- The candidate has an affinity for and knowledge about the medical curriculum at Maastricht University.
- The candidate has completed and submitted the online portfolio correctly and on time[&].
- The candidate has adequately filled the addendum to the portfolio and has submitted it correctly and on time ^{&&}.
- The candidate has adequately executed the homework assignment and has submitted it correctly and on time ^{&&&}.

Additional criteria for candidates interested in enrolling for the English BA MED:

- The candidate has sufficient motivation for enrolling for this track (to be assessed based on the information in the portfolio).
- The candidate is sufficiently proficient in English. An additional language requirement applies hereto. The precise requirements are published on the webpages concerning the BA MED, under 'English Language Proficiency BA MED'. The candidate must have met the language requirements by 31 August 2025.



The 700[#] applicants who performed best in the first selection round will move on to the second round. The outcome of the first round will be sent by email, on 7 February 2025. If applicable, an invitation to the second round will be included in the email with the results.

Round 2: participation in the selection day in Maastricht[#] and, if applicable, a ‘Definitive time plan for the timely completion of (additional) admission requirements for the bachelor’s programme in Medicine’^{*, **}, to be handed in timely online

During the selection day, the candidates complete an exam that consists of variety of assignments to assess the level of core competences that are important for successfully completing the medical studies and for later professional practice. These core competencies are listed in the ‘Framework for Undergraduate Medical Education in the Netherlands’ and in international scientific literature. How the candidates function in terms of these core competencies is assessed according to predefined criteria. These criteria are:

- The candidate’s cognitive capabilities are sufficient.
- The candidate’s (inter)personal capabilities are sufficient.

Candidates for the BA MED carry out the assignments on the selection day entirely in English.

Candidates who still have remaining subject deficiencies on 15 January 2025, must submit a complete ‘Definitive time plan’, including supporting documentation, before 21 March 2025, 16:00 CET (Central European Time), for the timely completion of the statutory prior and/or additional education requirements for beginning the bachelor’s programme in Medicine at Maastricht University in the academic year 2025-2026^{***}. In addition to a detailed description of the time plan, the ‘Definitive time plan’ must contain proof of certificates and/or preliminary examinations already obtained, proof of registration for accepted preliminary examinations, and/or sufficiency declarations issued or accepted by Maastricht University.

The ‘Definitive time plan’ is assessed according to predetermined criteria. The criteria are:

- The ‘Definitive time plan’ ensures the timely completion of the statutory prior and/or additional education requirements for beginning the bachelor’s programme in Medicine at UM in the academic year 2025-2026.
- The ‘Definitive time plan’ contains all relevant supporting documentation.
- The ‘Definitive time plan’ is submitted correctly and on time.

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Residents of the Caribbean part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands will have the opportunity to take part in the selection day on Curacao.

* Candidates with the highest scores in the first round of the selection will proceed to the second round. In principle this will concern 700 candidates, including a maximum of 133 candidates for the BA MED. The maximum number of candidates for the BA MED that is allowed to go into round 2 is a reflection of the maximum number of candidates allowed to enrol in BA MED (n=60).

In case the total number of portfolios completed in time is less than 750, the selection committee reserves the right to combine the first and second selection rounds into one and invite all candidates for a selection day as described above for round two. The portfolio, the addendum to the portfolio and the homework assignment will then be assessed according to the predetermined procedure (see documents ‘Procedure round 1’ and ‘Procedure round 2’) and the criteria as described above.

** For admission to the bachelor’s programme in Medicine, a candidate must have the proper diploma and subject combination/profile. The requirements for the diploma and subject combination/profile are referred to as the statutory prior and/or additional education requirements for beginning the bachelor’s programme in Medicine. If a candidate does not completely satisfy these prior and/or additional education requirements with respect to the subject combination/profile, he or she is regarded as having one or more subject deficiencies. There are no such subject deficiencies when a first and full pre-university diploma (Dutch vwo or equivalent) that contains the appropriate subject combination (including mathematics, physics, chemistry and biology) is obtained mid-2025 and the level in the subjects mathematics, physics, chemistry and biology meets the strict requirements concerning content, scope and depth.

*** Candidates who have no remaining subject deficiencies as of 15 January 2025 are exempt from submitting the ‘Definitive time plan’ for the timely completion of the prior and/or additional education requirements for the bachelor’s programme in Medicine and will receive the maximum score for this component of round 2 of the selection procedure.

& Should the portfolio not be handed in correctly and on time, the candidate concerned will NOT be invited to the selection day[#].

&& The addendum to the portfolio will be marked as either sufficient or insufficient. Should the addendum to the portfolio not meet the requirements (submitted correctly, timely and adequately filled), it will be marked as insufficient and the candidate concerned will NOT be invited to the selection day[#].

&&& The homework assignment will be marked either sufficient or insufficient. Should a homework assignment not meet the requirements (submitted correctly, timely and adequately executed), it will be marked as insufficient and the candidate concerned will NOT be invited to the selection day. The content of the homework assignment will be used as a basis for one of the assignments during the selection day. Furthermore, should two or more candidates end up with the same total score for their assignments of the selection day and the ‘Definitive time plan’, the final ranking order will be determined by a comparative assessment of their homework assignments.