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Tēnā koe Josiah

I refer to your request for information dated 17 July 2024 made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). You have requested information in relation to entry to the University of Otago's Health Sciences Undergraduate Professional Programmes in 2024 via the Health Sciences First Year (HSFY) category and the Graduate category, broken down by equity group.

Subject to the following comments, please see below our response to your request:

- With regards to the Bachelor of Oral Health (BOH), Bachelor of Dental Technology (BDentTech), and Bachelor of Radiation Therapy (BRT) programmes, please note:
 - Students in HSFY apply for these programmes via the 1 Year of Tertiary Study category, rather than the HSFY category. They receive an average GPA calculation. This category also includes applicants who have studied one year of a non-HSFY programme.
 - The calculations used for calculating scores for the admissions categories available for each programme are described on our [Guidelines for Admission to Health Sciences professional programmes](#) webpages.
- Selection for some of these programmes is determined by additional factors beyond what is used for others. For example, applicants are required to provide a CV or attend an interview for some programmes, when this may not be a requirement for others. Information about selection criteria can be found on the University's [website](#). Due to the differing selection criteria across programmes and categories, the data listed below is not indicative of the sufficient criteria for an application to be successful for any programme.
- In the tables below, "SPP" refers to "Single Programme Preference". Where available, Single Programme Preference allows students to signal a strong commitment to a particular programme. The Admissions Committees for programmes which allow SPP applications will firstly select from those who apply under SPP. Thereafter if domestic places are still available, the Committee will select from the group of applicants that have applied to multiple Health Sciences Undergraduate Professional Programmes.
- On occasions where fewer than five students were admitted under a category and/or equity group, we have determined that it is necessary to withhold the admission score information for these students to protect their privacy and wellbeing pursuant to section 9(2)(a) of the Act. We consider that withholding this information is necessary to protect against the identity of these students being determined or inferred, and their personal information (i.e., their scores) being disclosed. In the tables below, information withheld will be indicated using "W/H", and "N/A" will be used where no applicants received offers.

Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS):

Average academic scores of HSFY applicants who received offers to the BDS programme						
	General	Māori	Pacific	Socioeconomic	Refugee	Rural
Minimum	90.14	70.86	66.43	W/H	71.43	81.29
Mean	94.63	84.53	75.75	W/H	81.07	90.00

Weighted GPA scores of Graduate applicants who received offers to the BDS programme						
	General	Māori	Pacific	Socioeconomic	Refugee	Rural
Minimum	7.93	4.98	W/H	W/H	N/A	W/H
Mean	8.73	6.07	W/H	W/H	N/A	W/H

Bachelor of Dental Technology (BDentTech):

GPA scores of 1 Year of University Study applicants who received offers to the BDentTech programme						
	General	Māori	Pacific	Socioeconomic	Refugee	Rural
Minimum	2.14	W/H	W/H	W/H	W/H	W/H
Mean	6.61	W/H	W/H	W/H	W/H	W/H

GPA scores of Graduate applicants who received offers to the BDentTech programme						
	General	Māori	Pacific	Socioeconomic	Refugee	Rural
Minimum	W/H	W/H	N/A	N/A	W/H	N/A
Mean	W/H	W/H	N/A	N/A	W/H	N/A

Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Science (BMLSc):

Average academic scores of HSFY applicants who received offers to the BMLSc programme							
	General	SPP	Māori	Pacific	Socioeconomic	Refugee	Rural
Minimum	67.86	62.57	71.29	60.29	W/H	71.43	76.00
Mean	88.01	78.01	83.41	75.53	W/H	81.67	82.26

Weighted GPA scores of Graduate applicants who received offers to the BMLSc programme							
	General	SPP	Māori	Pacific	Socioeconomic	Refugee	Rural
Minimum	4.27	W/H	N/A	2.80	N/A	W/H	W/H
Mean	7.06	W/H	N/A	3.82	N/A	W/H	W/H

Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MB ChB):

Average academic scores of HSFY applicants who received offers to the MB ChB programme						
	General	Māori	Pacific	Socioeconomic	Refugee	Rural
Minimum	89.57	70.43	65.43	71.57	71.43	79.71
Mean	94.33	82.90	77.98	80.64	83.05	90.35

Weighted GPA scores of Graduate applicants who received offers to the MB ChB programme						
	General	Māori	Pacific	Socioeconomic	Refugee	Rural
Minimum	8.13	4.98	4.68	W/H	W/H	5.78
Mean	8.86	6.15	5.20	W/H	W/H	7.33

Bachelor of Oral Health (BOH):

GPA scores of 1 Year of University Study applicants who received offers to the BOH programme						
	General	Māori	Pacific	Socioeconomic	Refugee	Rural
Minimum	5.67	2.00	W/H	W/H	W/H	W/H
Mean	7.95	3.64	W/H	W/H	W/H	W/H

GPA scores of Graduate applicants who received offers to the BOH programme						
	General	Māori	Pacific	Socioeconomic	Refugee	Rural
Minimum	W/H	W/H	W/H	N/A	W/H	W/H
Mean	W/H	W/H	W/H	N/A	W/H	W/H

Bachelor of Pharmacy (BPharm):

Average academic scores of HSFY applicants who received offers to the BPharm programme							
	General	SPP	Māori	Pacific	Socioeconomic	Refugee	Rural
Minimum	57.71	59.00	57.43	60.29	67.29	71.43	69.86
Mean	87.82	74.92	75.72	72.67	77.14	81.16	86.98

Weighted GPA scores of Graduate applicants who received offers to the BPharm programme							
	General	SPP	Māori	Pacific	Socioeconomic	Refugee	Rural
Minimum	4.27	W/H	W/H	2.8	W/H	W/H	W/H
Mean	7.19	W/H	W/H	4.16	W/H	W/H	W/H

Bachelor of Physiotherapy (BPhy):

Average academic scores of HSFY applicants who received offers to the BPhy programme							
	General	SPP	Māori	Pacific	Socioeconomic	Refugee	Rural
Minimum	60.14	61.29	61.00	60.29	67.29	71.43	69.57
Mean	87.85	75.97	79.64	73.03	76.92	82.05	84.44

Weighted GPA scores of Graduate applicants who received offers to the BPhy programme							
	General	SPP	Māori	Pacific	Socioeconomic	Refugee	Rural
Minimum	4.27	3.38	W/H	2.93	N/A	W/H	W/H
Mean	7.32	4.98	W/H	4.25	N/A	W/H	W/H

Bachelor of Radiation Therapy (BRT):

GPA scores of 1 Year of University Study applicants who received offers to the BRT programme						
	General	Māori	Pacific	Socioeconomic	Refugee	Rural
Minimum	3.88	W/H	W/H	W/H	N/A	W/H
Mean	7.44	W/H	W/H	W/H	N/A	W/H

GPA scores of Graduate applicants who received offers to the BRT programme						
	General	Māori	Pacific	Socioeconomic	Refugee	Rural
Minimum	4.07	W/H	<5	W/H	W/H	W/H
Mean	5.44	W/H	<5	W/H	W/H	W/H

I trust that this information will be helpful.

In the above cases, we consider that good reasons exist for withholding information, and this is not outweighed by other considerations which would make it desirable, in the public interest, to make the information available. If you are not satisfied with our response to your information request, section 28(3) of the Act provides you with the right to ask an Ombudsman to investigate and review this response. However, we would welcome the opportunity to discuss any concerns with you first.

Ngā mihi



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