



# Selection procedure 2024–2025



The Bachelor's degree programme in Medicine at the University of Groningen/UMCG has 410 first-year student places available for the academic year 2024–2025. All places will be allocated through a selection procedure. This brochure provides more information about the selection procedure.

## Prerequisites for participation in the selection procedure

Participation in the selection procedure is only possible if you meet the Dutch national statutory requirements for admission to the degree programme in Medicine in the year of your participation. If you do not meet these requirements *yet*, you may still participate if you are taking the Dutch VWO final examinations in the appropriate subjects (Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Mathematics A or B) this year *or* if you can meet the entry requirements in another way. To be eligible for admission to the programme, you must satisfy all entry requirements by 15 July 2024 at the latest. If the results of your final examinations are not available by 15 July 2024, you must apply for a postponement yourself<sup>1</sup>. More information about admission to the degree programme can be found [here](#).

## ***When you cannot meet the requirements based on the Dutch VWO final examinations***

When you cannot meet the requirements on the basis of the Dutch VWO final examinations, you will have to go through an admissions procedure in addition to the standard selection procedure. Your eligibility for admission will then have to be assessed by the centralised Admissions Office of the University of Groningen<sup>2</sup>. Note that the selection and admission procedures are two separate procedures!

Please note: applicants with non-Dutch qualifications will have to pay a non-refundable application fee of 100 euros to have their eligibility for admission assessed<sup>3</sup>. If you need to have your admissibility assessed by the Admissions Office, we urge you to apply no later than 15 January 2024 23:59 p.m. Dutch Time in **both Studielink and the Progress Portal (PP)**. The PP is the application system used by the Admissions Office. Again: this applies only to candidates who can meet the entry requirements on the basis of an international/non-Dutch diploma.

To be able to complete your application in the PP, you must first apply via [Studielink](#). You will then receive instructions on how to complete your application in the PP. It is important to follow these instructions meticulously! Be sure to complete your application in the PP as soon as possible because, before the selection day, you must be in possession of an email from the Admissions Office confirming that the file concerning your eligibility is being processed. You will receive this confirmation after you have uploaded all the necessary files and paid the application fee.

The application fee can be paid after you applied in Studielink. You will receive instructions on this matter via email. Please note, however, that payment of the amount due does **not** imply that your

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<sup>1</sup> If your final exam results are not available before 15 July 2024, but if they are before 1 September 2024, you must request your own postponement no later than 15 July (!) through the [Selection and Placement Form](#).

<sup>2</sup> An additional procedure is also required for admission through Colloquium Doctum (21+ test) or admission on the basis of a Dutch higher education diploma (such as an HBO Propaedeutic certificate or an HBO or WO bachelor). These procedures are handled by the Faculty of Medical Sciences rather than the Admissions Office. For details about these procedures, please contact us at [admission.med@umcg.nl](mailto:admission.med@umcg.nl).

<sup>3</sup> In order to be assessed by the Admission Office, the University of Groningen asks an application fee of €100 which must be paid in advance. More information can be found [here](#).

application will be processed for admission. Only after the Admissions Office has received all the required application documents to be able to assess your eligibility for admission, they will send you the email confirming that your application is being processed. Make sure that you have uploaded all required documents in PP and paid the application fee by 15 January 2024, no later than 11.59 p.m. Dutch Time. The sooner you complete your application in PP, the sooner you will receive the confirmation email informing you that your application is being processed. More information can be found [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#).

If you are currently enrolled in a Bachelor's degree programme, consider our [Pre-Master's programme](#) (Dutch language only).

### **Application for selection procedure – deadline 15 January 2024**

When you meet the requirements for admission and want to apply for the degree programme in Medicine at the UG/UMCG, you can do so from 1 October 2023 onwards. You can apply through [Studielink](#) until 15 January 2024 at 11.59 p.m. CET. Note that if you live in the Netherlands, you have to use your DigiD. If you are living abroad, you need a username and password to log in to [Studielink](#). Please bear in mind that it may take several working days before you receive your login details when you apply for a DigiD or a username and password!

Note that you have only **one** opportunity to participate in the selection procedure for the Bachelor's degree programme in Medicine in Groningen<sup>4</sup>.

### **The selection**

*What do we consider important during selection?*

With our selection procedure, we aim to identify the most ambitious and talented candidates with the cognitive *and* non-cognitive qualities required to successfully complete the degree programme in Medicine and to become a good physician. We also consider it important that you familiarise yourself with our degree programme, with the medical profession and with the competencies required to become a medical professional. It is important that you have intentionally selected this particular degree programme as developed by the University of Groningen, and that the specific characteristics of the programme appeal to you. We therefore expect you to know the nature and principles of the curriculum in Groningen and why you think it suits you! In addition, we expect you to be able to indicate your preference for one of our four Learning Communities. In a Learning Community, education focuses on developing the seven competencies required to become a good doctor: collaboration, communication, health advocacy, leadership, professionalism, scholarship and medical expertise. You can find more information about the Learning Communities below. Finally, we also expect you to know that you need to master Dutch at C1 level of the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) before you are allowed to start the Master's programme after the Bachelor.

### *Learning Communities*

The main reason for working with Learning Communities is that we believe that competency development stands out in smaller communities, in which you get to know your peers and lecturers,

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<sup>4</sup> If you are registered for the Bachelor's degree programme in Medicine in Studielink on 15 January 2024, this will count as participation in the selection procedure even if you later decide to withdraw your application. Such participation can only be rendered null and void if you fail your final examinations in the year in which you participate in the selection procedure. If this applies to you, then you must fill in the [Selection and Placement Form](#) before 1 September 2024.

share common interests and are expected to participate actively in teaching and learning activities. The general medical topics that you will learn about during the Bachelor's degree programme are the same for all four Learning Communities, and all Learning Communities lead to the same Bachelor's degree certificate. Therefore, after the Bachelor's programme, students from all four Learning Communities can move on to the same Dutch-taught Master's programme. However, as mentioned before: having mastered Dutch at C1 level of the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) is a prerequisite for entering the Master's programme after the Bachelor's. The only aspect that varies across the Learning Communities is the focus and, therefore, the angle of approach to competency development. The foci of the Learning Communities have been chosen so that they mesh with how Dutch healthcare is expected to develop in the coming years and with the UMCG's key areas of interest. In this way, we make every effort to provide the best possible preparation for a role in future healthcare. You must decide in January which Learning Community appeals to you the most and matches your interests the closest.

The degree programme in Medicine in Groningen (G2020) has four [Learning Communities](#), each comprising around 100 students: three Dutch-taught Learning Communities and one English-taught Learning Community. If you are placed in a Dutch-taught Learning Community, you will follow the complete Bachelor's programme in Dutch. Conversely, if you are placed in an English-taught Learning Community, you will follow a completely English-taught Bachelor's programme. Please be aware that the number of available English-taught places is limited and that the places available in the English-taught Learning Community are not exclusively reserved for non-Dutch students. Please also note that there are strict [language requirements](#) for admission to the Dutch and English-taught Learning Communities<sup>5</sup>.

Candidates who do not meet the requirements for admission to the Dutch-taught Learning Communities yet can satisfy these requirements through three different routes:

- (1) prospective Dutch native-speaker students who have Dutch as their mother tongue but have obtained a non-Dutch or international final exam diploma can take the C-test. This test helps determine whether they are indeed a native speaker of Dutch and it can only be taken once at the University of Groningen Language Centre (<https://www.rug.nl/language-centre/testing-unit/dutch/c-test>);
- (2) non-native adult speakers can follow NT2-II courses, comprising a year-long language programme, and take the national language proficiency exams for Dutch as a Second Language (NT2: Nederlands als tweede taal); and
- (3) non-native adult speakers may satisfy the requirements by obtaining the Certificate Dutch as a Foreign Language (CNaVT) at B2 level.

### *Choosing a Learning Community*

In January, we will ask you to choose one of the four Learning Communities; see also the section 'Offering and accepting a study place' below. During the selection day, you will be assigned to your chosen Learning Community. However, this does not mean that you will be placed in this same Learning Community if you are admitted. We have 110 places available for first-year students within each Learning Community at most (please remember that we have a total of 410 places available for first-year students). If you are admitted to the programme, you will remain in the same Learning Community for the entire Bachelor's programme, which will be your first choice of Learning Community if possible.

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<sup>5</sup> Dutch candidates with a VWO diploma already meet all language requirements.

### *The selection procedure<sup>6</sup>*

If you have applied correctly via Studielink, we will send you an email on 16 January 2024 with information about the selection day in Groningen on Friday 23 February 2024, Saturday 24 February 2024 or Sunday 25 February 2024. This email will also include information on how to access the preparatory material for the selection via an E-Learning portal and find the Formdesk form through which you need to indicate whether you will participate in the selection day and your order of preferences for the Learning Communities. To participate in the selection procedure, you must attend this selection day<sup>6,7</sup>. Because of the logistics of the selection day itself, we ask you to inform us no later than 28 January 2024 whether you will be participating in the selection day and if so, which Learning Community you prefer. We will let you know by 2 February 2024 whether we will be expecting you on Friday, Saturday or Sunday. You will receive detailed instructions by email on 16 January 2024.

### *Preparation for the selection day*

On the selection day, you will take two written tests: a cognitive test and a non-cognitive test. When you have indicated a preference for a Dutch-taught Learning Community, you will take these tests in Dutch; when you have chosen the English-taught Learning Community, you will take the tests in English. With the two different types of tests, we aim to find the students who suit our programme best. We select the candidates who score highest on these tests. In preparation for the cognitive test, which is a knowledge test, you will have to study a considerable amount of material. For the non-cognitive test, you do not have to study any material. Sound preparation for the selection day will involve at least 60 hours of preparatory work. After applying via Studielink, we will send you an email on 16 January 2024 about – among other things – the preparatory work, so make sure that your email address in Studielink is correct. **Note: with some email providers, this email ends up in the spam folder, so be sure to check your spam folder!**

Response lecture: to help you prepare for the selection, the Faculty of Medicine will give a response lecture to clarify the subject matter for the cognitive test. During the response lecture, the lecturer will answer questions about this subject matter. This response lecture will take place in hybrid format, i.e., a limited number of places will be available for candidates to attend the response lecture in person in Groningen. For the other selection participants, the response lecture will be streamed and also recorded, so that you can watch it again at a later time. Questions about the study material for the cognitive test can be submitted prior to the response lecture. More information about this submission process and about the response lecture will follow with the information on the homework.

### *The selection day: Friday 23 February 2024, Saturday 24 February 2024 or Sunday 25 February 2024<sup>6</sup>*

The selection takes place on location in Groningen and lasts half a day. Candidates with a functional impairment may request extra time<sup>8</sup>. The selection day is divided into two blocks with a short break between both blocks. The block in which you take the cognitive test lasts 90 minutes and the block with the non-cognitive test 60 minutes. The cognitive test is a knowledge test about the study material

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<sup>6</sup> No rights can be derived from the content in this brochure. The UMCG reserves the right to adjust the procedure and selection criteria described here in response to any calamities.

<sup>7</sup> After applying via Studielink, candidates from the Caribbean Netherlands (the BES islands) and Aruba, Curaçao and Sint Maarten should notify us as soon as possible, but no later than 16 January 2024, of their application by email ([selectionmedicalbachelors@umcg.nl](mailto:selectionmedicalbachelors@umcg.nl)), stating 'Candidate BES island, Aruba, Curaçao or Sint Maarten' in the subject line. For these candidates, there will be an opportunity to take their selection tests in the Dutch Caribbean.

<sup>8</sup> Instructions on how to apply for additional time will be provided with the preparatory material.

that you received as preparatory work for this test. The non-cognitive test consists of a number of problem situations with possible alternatives for action of which you have to judge how professional they are in the Netherlands.

#### *Assessment of selection components*

The cognitive test and the non-cognitive test carry equal weight.

#### **Offering and accepting a study place**

On 15 April 2024, we will send you a ranking number for the degree programme in Medicine and a ranking number for your Learning Community. The University of Groningen will offer candidates who are selected on the basis of their ranking number a study place for the degree programme of Medicine via Studielink. If you are selected, you will have two weeks to accept or reject this offer. If you do not accept the offer in time, you will forfeit your place and it will automatically be offered to another candidate. You will then no longer be able to claim a study place in the degree programme in Medicine in Groningen. The offering of study places starts on 15 April 2024 and continues until 10 September 2024 at the latest.

If the first ranking lies within the range 1-410, you will be offered a study place, provided that you satisfy the entry requirements no later than 15 July. At the end of July, we announce to which Learning Community you will be assigned. Your allocation is based on the first ranking. A better ranking means that it is more likely that you will be placed in the Learning Community of your choice. Please note that each Learning Community can accommodate at most 110 students. It can therefore happen that you will be placed in a Learning Community that was not your first choice and that you are placed in one of the three Dutch-taught Learning Communities. This means that you will have to follow a completely Dutch-taught Bachelor's programme and that you will have to meet strict Dutch language requirements before the start of the Bachelor's degree programme.

## TIMETABLE SELECTION PROCEDURE FOR THE DEGREE PROGRAMME IN MEDICINE IN 2024-2025

### 1 October 2023

- start application in Studielink for the Bachelor's programme in Medicine at the UG/UMCG
- request a DigiD (if you live in the Netherlands) or username and password (if you live abroad) if necessary
- apply via Studielink for the Bachelor's programme in Medicine at the UG/UMCG
- if you (will) have an international/non-Dutch VWO diploma (see the information in this brochure)<sup>2</sup>: also apply through the Progress Portal (PP), pay the application fee, and upload all required documents on time

### 15 January 2024, 11.59 p.m. CET

- deadline for application in Studielink for the Bachelor's programme in Medicine at the UG/UMCG

### 16 January 2024

- an email from the programme with information about the selection day will be sent to you. In this email, you will also receive information on how to access the preparatory material via an E-Learning portal and the Formdesk form with which you need to indicate your preference for a Learning Community and with which you can request extra time in case of a functional impairment; instructions on how to qualify for extra time will be included in the E-Learning portal

### 28 January 2024

- deadline for submitting the Formdesk form with
  1. your answer whether you will participate in the selection day
  2. your order of preferences for the Learning Communities
  3. and (optional) your request for extra time with the required supporting documents
- deadline (optional) for applying for a place in the response lecture
- deadline (optional) for submitting any questions about the subject matter for the response lecture

### 2 February 2024

- an email from the degree programme with information about the day on which you are expected in Groningen for the selection procedure will be sent to you

### Between 16 January and 23 February 2024

- response lecture by the degree programme to clarify the subject matter

### 23, 24 or 25 February 2024

- selection day on location in Groningen. You will take a cognitive and a non-cognitive test

### 15 April 2024

- your ranking number for the degree programme will be sent to you via Studielink
- our explanation of the results and your ranking number for your preferred Learning Community will be sent to you by email

### As from 15 April 2024

- if you are offered a study place: accept it within two weeks or decline it if you do not want to study Medicine in Groningen after all. If you do not accept your place within two weeks, your place in the degree programme will be cancelled and automatically offered to another candidate. You will no longer be able to claim a place in the degree programme in Medicine in Groningen
- if you have not been selected (yet), please check your email inbox regularly: the offering of study places starts in April 2024 and runs until 10 September 2024

If you have any questions about the selection procedure, please check the [frequently asked questions](#) first. If you do not find an answer to your question there, please send an email to [selectionmedicalbachelors@umcg.nl](mailto:selectionmedicalbachelors@umcg.nl).