General information for Non-Dutch speakers

In the Netherlands the number of applications for the Bachelor programme in Medicine exceeds the number of places available.

Approximately 8000 candidates who meet all entry requirements seek admission to study Medicine while nationwide less than 2800 places are available. The BSc in Medicine programme in Leiden is a so called "numerus fixus" i.e. has a limited number of available places.

At the Faculty of Medicine (Leiden University Medical Center) 315 places are available each year for the BSc programme in Medicine. Prospective students will be selected by the faculty during a selection procedure consisting of 2 separate days.

Dutch educated candidates who possess (or will possess in June 2019) a vwo-diploma (Voortgezet Wetenschappelijk Onderwijs i.e. Resumed-Scientific-Education) including the Science profile Nature & Health (and extra subject Physics) or the Science profile Nature & Technology (and extra subject Biology) are eligible for participate in the selection procedure. All other candidates with a vwo-diploma not including all four science subjects need to pass additional examinations and send diploma's or certificates before the start of the program beginning September 1st, 2019.

Non-Dutch educated candidates who wish to participate in the selection procedure for the bachelor programme in Medicine at Leiden are advised to apply well in advance of the closing date for registration in Studielink (January 15th, 2019) for a ‘letter of admission’ at the faculty of Medicine in Leiden. The ‘letter of admission’ will state if the prior education is sufficiently equivalent to the required Dutch vwo-diploma. Specifically the knowledge of the subjects Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Mathematics will be assessed and candidates must have proof of sufficient knowledge of the Dutch and English language.

If the level of the present education in any of those six subjects is not equivalent to the final attainment level of the Dutch vwo, further examinations and tests will be requested. Before applying for the selection procedure candidates are advised to check if passing those additional examinations is within reach before the start of the program. Non-Dutch educated candidates will need to send in their diplomas for evaluation prior to the selection procedure.

Note that knowledge of all four science subjects and sufficiency in English is required for the first selection day on February, 16th, 2019, when all registered candidates will take part in the English BMAT-test. The scoring on the BMAT-test will result in a ranking position.

The highest scoring candidates for the program in Medicine will be invited for the second selection day on March, 30th, 2019. The selection procedure in March will be in Dutch only. If your command of the Dutch language is not sufficient yet, you are advised to gain proficiency in Dutch before applying for the selection procedure.

Please note that participating in the selection procedure requires the candidate to be in the Netherlands on both days. The language of education in the bachelor programme in Medicine is Dutch as is the master programme in Medicine. Check the website of Leiden University for additional Information on studying at Leiden University and how to apply.

Only candidates who meet all the entry requirements and are selected will be invited for the program starting in September 2019.