

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 while nationwide less than 2800 places are available. The bachelor 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) 320 places are available each year for the bachelor programme in Medicine. Prospective students will be selected by the faculty during a selection procedure consisting of 2 separate rounds.

Non-Dutch educated candidates who wish to participate in the selection procedure for the bachelor programme in Medicine at Leiden are advised to apply, after registering in Studielink (**deadline January 15th, 2021**) for a 'decision on admission' through the online registration system of Leiden University at the latest on **January 31st, 2021**. The 'letter of admission' will state if the prior education is sufficiently equivalent to the required Dutch vwo-diploma (Voortgezet Wetenschappelijk Onderwijs i.e. Resumed-Scientific-Education).

Specifically the knowledge of the subjects Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Mathematics will be assessed, as well as 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 achievable before the start of the program.

Note that knowledge of all four science subjects and sufficiency in English is required for the first selection day in February 2021, 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 in March 2021. 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 the language of instruction in the bachelor programme in Medicine is Dutch as well as 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 2021.