[FAQ] NTU-DUKE-NUS MEDICINE PATHWAY

What is the entry requirement / application process for this track?

• Applicants must first apply to either the Double Major in Biological Sciences and Psychology programme (BSPY) or Double Major in Biomedical Sciences and BioBusiness (BSB) programme from NTU SBS.

• Applicants who have been offered the programme will be invited to indicate their interest in the “NTU-Duke-NUS Medicine Pathway”.

• Shortlisted applicants who had earlier indicated their interest will be invited to complete the online Duke-NUS Conditional Admissions Application, which includes a personal statement, and two letters of recommendation.

• Completed applications will be reviewed and shortlisted applicants will be invited for interviews.

• Finally, the Admissions Committee will review all interviewees and make a final decision. Successful applicants will receive a conditional admission offer for the Doctor of Medicine (MD) programme at Duke-NUS.

I have accepted the offer by NTU SBS for the BSPY / BSB programme. Does that mean that I am automatically accepted into the Doctor of Medicine programme at the Duke-NUS Medical School?

No. It is not guaranteed. Applicants who have been offered the BSPY or BSB programme by NTU SBS will be invited to indicate your interest in this pathway. Duke-NUS Medical School will shortlist, conduct interviews, and eventually offer successful applicants conditional admission to this pathway.

Conditionally admitted students are required to fulfil the curriculum requirements for BSB or BSPY, and perform well throughout their terms. Following each semester at SBS, students are required to submit, for review by the Vice Dean of Education (or designate) of Duke-NUS, (a) an academic transcript, (b) a list of courses scheduled for the coming semester, and (c) a brief update on activities and involvement for the previous semester. The Vice Dean of Education (or designate) will provide a progress report to the AC in the students’ final year.

*Note:
Conditionally admitted students offered the NTU-Duke-NUS Medicine Pathway are still required to take the Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT).

Decision for the final admission will be based on the following criteria:

• Cumulative Average Point (CAP) – as an indication of academic performance.

• Complete the MCAT exam by September of the year prior to entry.

• Complete meaningful clinical/medical and service experiences throughout their undergraduate years at NTU.

• Expected to conduct themselves professionally. If concerns should arise at any time regarding a student’s academic performance or personal/professional development, the student may be
reviewed by the Duke-NUS Admissions Committee resulting in action up to and including withdrawal from the offer of conditional admissions.

- Submit the final Duke-NUS MD application and transcript to the Duke-NUS Admissions Department by the specified deadlines.

Will there be instances where I will lose this conditional admission throughout the course of my 4 years of study in NTU?

A student will lose conditional admission to the Duke-NUS MD programme if any of the following occur during the completion of their BSB/BSPY programme:

(i) Withdrawal from NTU
(ii) Failure to achieve the required grade on completion of the degree
(iii) Failure to submit the Duke-NUS MD application and all required application materials to the Duke-NUS Admissions Department by the specified deadlines.
(iv) Violate a standard of academic or ethical conduct policy or any other applicable policy of NTU where the potential outcome could result in a failing assignment or exam grade, a failing course grade, or disciplinary action.

What is the interview process like – is it like Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine’s Multi-Mini Interviews?

It will not be Multi-Mini Interviews. There will be two rounds of interviews to evaluate an applicant’s academic preparation, related experience, personal qualities and communication skills. The interviews will be conducted by members of the MD Admissions Committee.

Do shortlisted candidates have to write an essay & assemble 2 referee reports similar to Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine’s interview process?

Yes, the completed Duke-NUS application will consist of an online application, personal statement and 2 letters of recommendation.

When are the interviews held?

Interviews are held in April. Those who have been offered and accepted in either the BSPY/BSB programme as well as indicated an interest in the NTU-Duke-NUS Medicine Pathway will be considered for an interview.

Who are the interviewers?

Our MD Admissions Committee members will be interviewing the students. The MD Admissions Committee is the institutional body charged with making recommendations pertaining to admission of applicants into the Duke-NUS MD programme, aligned with the educational mission of the School. Members of the Admissions Committee are selected, with input from leadership stakeholders, from among various academic leaders within SingHealth, and clinical, research, and/or education faculty at Duke-NUS.
How long is each interview?
Each interview will last for 30 minutes

How many rounds of interview will there be?
2 rounds of interviews

Are there any scholarships available for this NTU-Duke-NUS Medicine Pathway?
At the moment, there are no Duke-NUS scholarships available for the entire conditional admission pathway (8 years). However, there are scholarships for the 4-year MD component. To assist students in financing their MD tuition and other fees, Duke-NUS offers a variety of scholarships, bursaries.

Can I choose not to continue the MD Programme after I graduate from NTU? Will it affect my academic standing NTU?
Admitted students may decide against continuing with the Pathway for a variety of reasons. The discontinuation will have no consequence on the students’ standing in NTU and within the BSB/BSPY Programmes in SBS.