

1. Admission criteria of UG Medicine program

First school of Medicine presented the need to prepare the new admission criteria and the steps taken to prepare the admission policy. It was noted that the school has no say in selection of students except forwarding the number of candidates the school is able to accept in each academic year. The school also indicated that the prior admission policy forwarded from Ministry of Health give an advantage for female candidates as there is 20% quota only for female students and 5% additional point for female candidates. The school proposed to scrap the 20% quota for females entirely, but after engaging discussion by the AC members the quota was allowed to be only 5% for females. The school also proposed a cut-off point for first semester common courses CGPA CGPA- 3.5 and above for males, 3.25 and above for females to be eligible for the competition.

For scholarship candidates from countries like South Sudan and Somalia, a candidate should at least gain $3/4^{\text{th}}$ of the grade point for both males and females. This means the cut-off for males is 2.6, while it is 2.4 for females.

Only those students that fulfill the CGPA requirements will sit for the entrance exam and candidates should score at least 50% in the entrance exam prepared by the program in order to join the UG Medicine program.

In addition it was indicated that the admission policy was prepared by reviewing the competency based curriculum and the department selection criteria sent from MoE. The admission criteria and the points assigned for each criterion is indicated in the table below.

Table 1 Senate approved admission criteria

| Criteria | Percentage | Remark |
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| University Entrance exam | 20% | |
| CGPA | 45% | |
| Aptitude test/entrance test | 30% | |
| Interview (Health and personality check) | 5% | |

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| Additional point for females, disability and region | 5% for each | The 5% added is on the total result |
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NB:- The regions eligible for the 5% addition are Somali, Benishangul-Gumuz, Gambella and Afar, while the disability point will only be added for candidates with disabilities deemed not to hinder them from practicing medicine. The candidates with disabilities will be assessed by clinicians from the school and if the disability is found to be a hindrance to be enrolled in the program, the candidate will not be considered to compete with others.

The maximum added point for the various affirmative actions should not exceed 10% of the total. Even if a candidate is female, with acceptable disability and from a developing region, the maximum percentage to be added is 10%, not 15%.

In case of lack of candidates that fulfill the cut-off point, a decision should be made by the CMHS academic council.

NB The admission criteria for all programs should be revised every two years