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Rules and Principles for Application and Admission

Academic Year 2027/2028

For the English Programs of the Faculty of Health Sciences:

- Physiotherapy B.Sc.
- Nursing B.Sc.
- Medical Diagnostic Analysis - Optometry B.Sc.
- Midwifery B.Sc.
- Health Care Management B.Sc. with Health Tourism Specialization
- Public Health Supervisor B.Sc.
- Dietetics B.Sc.
- Physiotherapy M.Sc.
- Advanced Practice Nursing M.Sc.

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APPLICATION AND ADMISSION

Application Criteria

Applicants are required to have completed high school or upper secondary school by the time of application or be currently enrolled in their final year of high school or upper secondary school. In the former case, the Matriculation or School Leaving Certificate must be uploaded in the online application system together with the application, while in the latter case, the certificate must be uploaded by August 21 of the year of application. Applicants are preferably under the age of 30 at the time of application and must be at least 18 years old by the end of the study period in the

Spring semester of Year 1 at the University, i.e., by the end of May 2028.Semmelweis University seeks students who possess a strong background and interest in natural sciences (particularly in biology), a good command of English, and a strong motivation to study and practice physiotherapy, nursing, optometry, dietetics, midwifery, or other health care professions.

Our English language programs are fundamentally open to applicants of foreign nationality who are not eligible to apply for Hungarian language programs through FELVI.

Applicants who violate the rules of the application / admission procedure as set out in this document and/or make a false declaration during the application / admission procedure, may be disqualified at any stage of the procedure.

Application Procedure and Documents Required for Applications to the Faculty of Health Sciences

Applications must be submitted online through the "Semmelweis Admission Hub powered by SEMAPHOR" (hereinafter referred to as the online application system) at **https://apply.semmelweis.hu** **until the 25^{tph} of July, 2027**. The system keeps track of the applicants and their applications from the registration till the end of the admission process, throughout years if necessary, so it is important that each applicant has no more than one user account in the online application system. Therefore, creating parallel user accounts is not acceptable, and the admission management may delete the duplicates.

Applicants having been recruited by one of the officially appointed local representatives cooperating with Semmelweis University have to assign the representative who assists in their application. However, direct applications without the assistance of a representative are also welcome. The applicants who indicate that they were not recruited by any of the officially appointed local representatives, ***will be assisted by Semmelweis University's Directorate of International Studies, Division of English Language Programs. Since the assignment of a local representative is based on a declaration by the applicant that the assigned local representative is the one who recruited the applicant and assisted the application process, the assignment is permanent, and it can only be changed in well justified cases with the consent of all the parties involved and with the permission of the Directorate of International Studies.***

This also applies to those who declare that their application is submitted without the assistance of a representative, i.e., their application will not be assigned to a local representative retrospectively.

The following documents need to be uploaded (original, or as certified copies, in English or in the original language with a certified English translation):

1. **Matriculation / School Leaving Certificate** from an accredited high school / senior secondary school. Registration number of documents should be indicated. Those who have not yet received this certificate can also submit their application and take the entrance examination. The final deadline for uploading the Matriculation Certificate is the 21st of August.
2. **English language certificate at B2 level** – in the Faculty's website we list the acceptable language exams along with the scores that must be reached
3. **Curriculum Vitae** (Resume) in English.
4. **Letters of Recommendation**. Letters in English from a secondary school principal or science instructor are welcome, but not obligatory.
5. **Copy of passport (or ID card for citizens of Schengen Area member countries)** with your personal data.
6. **Portrait photo (preferably passport size)**
7. **Payment Certificate -** about the payment of the 340 EUR admission procedure fee if the applicant chooses not to use the online payment system.
8. **Medical Certificate –** Certification that the applicant is physically and mentally able to complete higher educational studies and does not suffer from chronic or infectious diseases is requested from the successful applicants **for the acceptance of an offered admission**. The **certificate downloaded from** https://semmelweis.hu/admission/files/2025/01/Medical_certificate_to_admission.pdf should be issued within 90 days before the date of uploading. *Please note that the medical certificate alone is not a sufficient document one the applicant got admitted to the faculty. He/she has to provide the institution with additional medical documents upon request later.*

Applications can only be submitted after the payment of an **Admission Procedure Fee**, which covers the application fee and the costs of entrance examinations. Entrance examinations to our training programs (Physiotherapy, Nursing, Medical Diagnostic Analysis – Optometry, Midwifery, Dietetics, Health Care Management with Health Tourism Specialization Public Health Supervisor) consist of online written tests followed by an oral interview. Applicants having submitted their application(s) to the above training programs are eligible to sign up to the exam(s) of their choice – up to two occasions – through the online application system without paying any extra fee, as the two exam opportunities are covered by the Admission Procedure Fee. Each applicant is allowed to participate in no more than two entrance examinations in a given calendar year, and this cannot be circumvented by parallel registrations.

The applicant is required to pay the Admission Procedure Fee through the online application portal by credit card, or by wire transfer directly to Semmelweis University's **EURO account**. The transfer time takes approximately 3-5 business days. In the latter case, the name of the applicant and the application ID from the online application system has to be included in the comment field of the wire transfer and the proof of payment has to be uploaded at the application through the online application system. Please note that in case of wire transfer, the date on which the payment is credited to the University's account is considered as the date of payment!

Withdrawal of Applications

Submitted applications can only be withdrawn before the application deadline (the 31st of July 2027). Applications cannot be withdrawn if any of the following conditions apply:

- the applicant has attended an entrance examination,
- the applicant was registered for but did not attend an entrance examination,
- a decision has been issued regarding the application.

Entrance Examinations

Once an application has been submitted to Physiotherapy, Nursing, Medical Diagnostic Analysis – Optometry, Dietetics, Midwifery, Health Care Management with Health Tourism Specialization Public Health Supervisor, the entrance examinations become available for signing up. The list of examinations appears in the application page in the online application system and applicants can sign up to or resign from them online. Each applicant is entitled to participate in no more than two entrance examinations in a given calendar year, and there is no extra examination fee as the two exam opportunities are covered by the Admission Procedure Fee.

Date of Examinations

Entrance examinations are organized by Semmelweis University. Useful information can be found regarding the admission process at https://semmelweis.hu/admission/process/ Dates of the entrance examinations are announced through the online application system and can be seen after submission of the application(s). The entrance examination period for the 2027/2028 academic intake will be held from January 2027 until the 31st of July 2027.

Content of the Entrance Examinations

The entrance examinations for the programs of the Faculty of Health Sciences are conducted online, and they consist of an oral interview. Applicants can participate in the exam using their own computers at home, the platform used for the interview is Zoom. The entrance exam can take up to 15 minutes maximum.

The examination is composed of two parts:

Strong motivational factors for the applied program and strong English language knowledge. Professional attitude, ethics and problem-solving skills.

The examiner may ask some basic biology related questions as well. The questions are high-school level of biology knowledge.

Guideline of Topics for the Entrance Exams at the Faculty of Health Sciences

The main scientific fields covered by the exams are as follows:

- The origin and the evolution of life. Prokaryotes and eukaryotes.
- Molecules of life: carbohydrates, lipids, proteins, nucleic acids. The outstanding role of water.
- Organization levels: cell, tissues, organs, organ systems, organism: basics of their structure and function
- The cytoplasm and the cell membrane. Composition and transport processes of biological membranes: active transports, passive transports (especially osmosis).
- Main structural and functional characteristics of the organelles: nucleus, mitochondria, endoplasmic reticulum, Golgi-apparatus, lysosomes, peroxisomes.
- Basic terms of molecular genetics: the information-carrying mechanisms of the cell: replication, transcription, translation.
- Basics of cell metabolism in humans (and animals). Anabolic and catabolic processes.
- Cell cycle and division: basics and phases of mitosis and meiosis
- Terms and basics of human genetics Modes of the inheritance. Basic terms of Mendelian genetics and molecular genetics.
- Reproduction: gonads, hormonal regulation of germ cell production. Fertilization. Early steps of embryonic development.

Note: Knowledge of English terminology is required in all of these areas!

If the candidate is applying to one of our master courses, the entrance exam will contain materials from the chosen field at B.Sc. level.

Recommended Textbooks

- Stoker: General, Organic, and Biological Chemistry (latest edition)
- Solomon-Martin-Martin-Berg: Biology (latest edition)

Registration for the examination

Applicants have to register (sign up) for the entrance examinations in the online application system after having submitted a valid application (and paid the Admission Procedure Fee). **Exam registrations can only be withdrawn before the deadline for registration for the given examination.** The absence of a registered applicant at the entrance examination is not

considered as the withdrawal of registration but as an examination attended without valuable result. Those who did not get admitted after their first attempt, even if they missed the exam, are entitled to sign up to one more entrance examination through the online application system during the entrance exam period. The second attempt cannot be sooner than one week after the first attempt, and thus those applicants whose first entrance examination takes place in the last week of the examination period are not eligible for signing up to a second attempt.

Evaluation

The respective Department evaluates the applicants' performance at the entrance examinations. Head of the Faculty makes decisions regarding admissions based on the skills, knowledge and attitude judged by the performance at the entrance examination.

Decision and appeal

Decision regarding the admission is made by the Admission Committee, composed of professors of Semmelweis University – Faculty of Health Sciences. All the parameters, the uploaded documents, personal educational records including the transcripts of high school/college are considered along with the performance at the written test. Beside the applicant's knowledge in biology and English language, his/her motivation, attitude, intellect, general information, communication skills and personality are taken into account. The decision is also based on the strategic aims of the University including geographical and cultural diversity and gender balance.

The decision appears in the header and status of the application in the online application system, and the decision letter is sent by e-mail and is uploaded to the applicant's documents in the online application system within a week or two. The decision appears in the header and status of the application in the online application system, and decision letter is sent by email and is uploaded to the applicant's documents in the online application system within 2 weeks after the oral interview. Applicants must reply to the offer of admission within 2 weeks. It is greatly appreciated if applicants who do not wish to accept admission explicitly record their refusal in the online application system. This polite gesture will make the work of the Division of Admissions for International Studies a lot easier.

Admission is offered for one program only. For applicants who apply to multiple programs, the Admissions Committee considers their choices in the order listed on their application, beginning with their first choice. If an applicant does not meet the admission requirements for a program, the committee will consider their next choice. Therefore, applicants are advised to list their program choices in order of preference.

If an applicant has an objection to the admission process and considers that the procedure by the Admission Committee was inappropriate or unfair, he/she can send an appeal within 15 by email to the Division of Admissions for International Studies. The appeal must set out specific procedural infringement and must contain the arguments and evidence in support of the complaint. The appeal is investigated by the Vice-Rector for International Studies, and the applicant is informed about the outcome within 30 days.

In order to comply with the legislation governing Semmelweis University, the Division of Admissions for International Studies corresponds only with the applicant concerned and with a single local representative if such has been appointed by the applicant at the time of submitting their application. During the admission procedure, the Division acts in accordance with the rules in force which are public and known to the applicants. No information is provided to, and no mandate is accepted from any person other than the above unless that person is legally authorized to represent the applicant. Those who wish to act on behalf of an applicant, must prove their authorization by a private document of full probative value in accordance with Code of Civil Procedure (Act CXXX/2016).

Postponement of admission/enrollment

The decisions apply to admission in the current year, and accepted admission entitles the applicant to enroll for the academic year starting in September of the current calendar year. An applicant who has formally accepted the offered admission but is unable to start his/her studies in the current year due to some unforeseen obstacle, may request a one-year deferral of admission/enrollment. The request for deferral needs to be submitted to etk.admissions@semmelweis.hu , and must include an appropriate justification.

If the one-year deferral is granted by the Admission Committee the admission process continues the following year when the applicant needs to confirm his/her intention to enroll and pay the balance of the tuition and enrollment fees. As the deferral of admission/enrollment is not an entitlement but a special treatment, there is no right to appeal against the refusal of a request for deferral.

Student visa

Foreign nationals (under visa obligation) wishing to pursue studies in Hungary are required to apply for entry visa (exceeding 90 days) in their home countries and enter the country on the entry visa issued by the Hungarian Embassy or Consulate. For more details, please visit: https://konzinfo.mfa.gov.hu/en/entry-long-stay-exceeding-90-days.

Students coming from EU & EEA countries do not need a student visa but must apply for a registration certificate within 90 days after their arrival to Hungary.

You may find more useful information here: https://oif.gov.hu/index.php/tartozkodasmagyarorszagon .

FEES AND COSTS

Fees related to the application and enrollment procedure for the Faculty of Health Sciences

Admission Procedure Fee

Undergraduate programs:

EUR 340

The Admission Procedure Fee is payable upon application.

Master programs:

EUR 475

The Admission Procedure Fee is payable upon application.

Enrollment fee:

EUR 230

The enrollment fee is payable together with the tuition fee after acceptance.

The first semester's tuition fee (less the amount of the deposit) and the enrollment fee has to be paid before the 1st of September.

Admitted applicants who need to apply for a student visa may be required to pay the tuition fee for the first one or two semester(s) before the visa application may be processed. Further details will be provided in the letter of admission.

Tuition Fees and Additional Costs for Students of the Faculty of Health Sciences

Tuition Fees
Undergraduate programs

Physiotherapy B.Sc. (4 years / 8 semesters)		**4050 EUR**
Nursing B.Sc. (4 years / 8 semesters)		**4050 EUR**
Medical Diagnostic Analysis (4 years / 8 semesters)		**3800 EUR**
Optometry B.Sc.		
Midwifery B.Sc. (4 years / 8 semesters)		**4350 EUR**
Dietetics B.Sc. (4 years / 8 semester)		**4150 EUR**
Health Care Management B.Sc.	(3.5 years / 7 semesters)	**4050 EUR**
Health Tourism Specialization		

Public Health Supervisor B.Sc. (4 years / 8 semesters)	**4050 EUR**

Master programs

Physiotherapy M.Sc. (1.5 years / 3 semesters)	**4150 EUR**
Nursing M.Sc. (2 years / 4 semesters)	**3950 EUR**

Tuition and enrolment fees should be paid:
until the 31st of August 2027 (see above)

Please note that special conditions apply for the first tuition fee payment before formal enrollment (see above).

If the amount of tuition fee changes, it will be applied in ascending order, and the students repeating due to failed exams or inactive semester(s) will pay the same amount as the other students in the same year group.

Payment Details

There are multiple ways to pay the various fees. However, certain payment methods are only available for paying certain fees, as summarized in the table below. In particular, admission procedure fee cannot be paid by cash payment and the online payment method (credit/debit card payment through the the online application system) is only available for payment of the admission procedure fee. Checks and money orders are not accepted. Payment instructions for enrolled students are provided after the enrollment separately.

The following table summarized the different payment method options.

Fee	Payment method options		
	Online by card	Wire transfer	Cash payment
Admission procedure fee	Yes	Yes	No
Enrollment fee	No	Yes	No
First tuition fee	No	Yes	No

Online payment by credit/debit card through the the online application system
This payment method is only available for paying the admission procedure fee. Card payments are made through a secure online system of OTP Bank, the largest commercial bank in Hungary. The payment can be initiated automatically from the online application system. This is the preferred route of paying the admission procedure fee.

Payment by wire transfer
All payments can be made by wire transfer to Semmelweis University's below bank account.

Payments have to be made in EURO.

Account details of Semmelweis University are as follows:

Bank name:	OTP Bank Nyrt.
Bank address:	Nádor utca 16., H-1051 Budapest, Hungary
Account holder:	Semmelweis University
Account Number (IBAN):	HU51-11763842-00880888-00000000
SWIFT code (BIC):	OTPVHUHB

The money transfer sheet should include the name of the applicant as written in the passport, as well as the the online application system Application ID as a note. The money transfer note should also include the correspondent Swift/BIC code. In case of paying the Application procedure fee, a scanned copy of the transfer sheet has to be uploaded into the the online application system as proof of payment prior to submission of the application.

The above-mentioned net amounts have to be credited to the account, i.e. all bank commission fees and other charges have to be paid by the applicant/student. The date of payment is the date on which the payment is credited to the University's bank account, i.e. payments have to arrive to the University's bank account by the given deadline. Since international wire transfers may take several days, applicants/students are advised to initiate the wire transfer several days before the given deadline. If the above fees are not credited to our bank account by the above deadlines, applications will not be valid, and admissions will be automatically canceled.

Please contact the Admission Team's administrator at the email address: etk.admissions@semmelweis.hu to inquire about further information on payment details.

Refund Policy

1. **After enrollment (registration) at the university**

   Withdrawal of studies: Students, compelled to withdraw for academic/disciplinary reasons or have been accepted/transferred by another institute of higher education are not entitled to a refund of the tuition fee.

   Students are entitled to a refund on a *pro rata* basis if studies are interrupted due to a sound reason (e.g. a medically certified severe illness, the death of one of the parents/guardians, an obligatory military service or visa problems). The refund is applicable from the first day of the month following the reporting of the above-mentioned conditions with accompanying official certificates.

2. **Suspension of studies (after registration):**

   a. Student's legal relationship is suspended within a month following the beginning of the semester. Tuition is non-refundable. It can be transferred to the next active semester.

   b. Student's legal relationship is suspended more than a month after the beginning of the semester. Such deregistration is subject to special permission in duly justified cases. A reduction of the tuition fee up to its 75% may be granted and the surplus can be transferred

to the next active semester. If the request for such a special permission is rejected, the semester must be considered as active, and the tuition fee cannot be refunded.

3. The Admission Procedure Fee can be refunded only if

a. the application covered by the fee has never been submitted or it has been withdrawn before the application deadline;

b. the applicant paid a higher fee (please note that only the overpayment can be refunded).

No other claims are acceptable. Requests for reimbursement of the Admission Procedure Fee must be sent by e-mail to ***herczeg.panna@semmelweis.hu*** *before the 5th of September of the current year.*

Refund process may take between 30-60 calendar days.

PROVISION OF HEALTH CARE

Students are provided a health care service, which includes an English-language call center, GP-service and treatment at the Polyclinics and Clinics of Semmelweis University. This service is granted during the active semesters until the end of the studies provided that tuition fee has been paid. Further details are included in the letter of acceptance. The health care service is automatically suspended when the student's semester is passive.

DIVISION OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAM

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