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Faculties of Medicine, Dentistry and Pharmaceutical Sciences

Brief History of Medical Education at Semmelweis University

Cardinal Péter Pázmány founded the predecessor of the present day University in 1635 at Nagyszombat (today Trnava in Slovakia), his bishop seat. On November 7, 1769 Queen Maria Theresa of Austria–Hungary attached a Faculty of Medicine to the former Faculties (Theology and Jura). The new Faculty was moved to Buda in 1777. The "Diploma Inaugurale" which stated the rights of the University and allocated the necessary financial means was signed in 1780. After a few years, the University moved to the other side of the Danube, to Pest. (Buda and Pest were independent cities at that time.) In 1848, at the time of the National War of Independence, the former University of Nagyszombat became a National University.

The establishment of the present clinical departments and theoretical institutes started at the end of the 19th century at their present location in Budapest. These buildings are still in use after reconstruction and modernization. New clinics and institutes were built during the 20th and 21st centuries.

In 1951, the Faculty of Medicine was reorganized into an independent medical school, and the institutional name was changed to Budapest University of Medicine. In 1955, Faculties of Dentistry and Pharmaceutical Sciences were incorporated into the University. In 1969, the name of the University was changed to Semmelweis University of Medicine. The new name honors Ignác Semmelweis who discovered the cause of puerperal fever and was a professor and chairman on the Faculty of Medicine at the present Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Today, Semmelweis University incorporates the Faculties of Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Faculty of Health Sciences, the Faculty of Health and Public Services, and András Pető Faculty. Semmelweis University was the first Hungarian higher educational institution, which, in addition to educate at the above faculties in Hungarian, started to offer an international program at the Faculty of Medicine in German in 1983, while its international program in English started in 1987, at the Faculties of Medicine, Dentistry and Pharmaceutical Sciences.

Facts and Figures

Semmelweis University has a nearly 250 years long tradition of academic excellence and commitment to the education of physicians. Among Semmelweis alumni are Nobel-laureates, world renowned researchers and clinicians. Current enrollment at the Faculty of Medicine is 4450 students, at the Faculty of Dentistry 870, and at the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences 770 including a special German-language Doctor of Medicine/Dentistry program with 1190 German students enrolled, and the programs in English having altogether 1750 students registered at three faculties. The Faculty of Health Sciences currently has more than 3500 students including 165 students studying in the English programs and 300 students studying physiotherapy at the Lugano Campus in Switzerland. The University Hospitals have 2160 beds and admit about 160,000 patients annually. The outpatient departments care for approximately 2.38 million patients each year. Research programs at the Preclinical and Clinical Departments are sponsored by the University, the Ministry of Education, the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, by many national and international grants.

Accreditation

As a **state university**, Semmelweis University functions under the auspices of the Ministry of Human Capacities. The University is listed in the WHO's directory of Medical Schools. The faculties of the University were reaccredited by the Hungarian Accreditation Board in 2015.

International Recognition of the Degrees Obtained at the Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry or Pharmaceutical Sciences

European Union: In those professions where the conditions of education in Hungary are identical with those in other EU member states, and these have already been recognized (medical and dental doctors, pharmacists etc.), the member states of the European Union are obliged to accept the diplomas issued in Hungary, independent of the language of tuition.

USA: Semmelweis medical graduates (as foreign graduates) have the right to pass the **United States Medical Licensing Examinations** (USMLE), after which they are eligible for residency.

Semmelweis dental graduates are required to fulfill US licensure requirements. For details, please visit the following websites:

Medical licensure: http://www.usmle.org/

Dental licensure: http://www.ada.org/en/education-careers/licensure

Important: Semmelweis University organizes USMLE training program for its students!

Canada: Semmelweis graduates are eligible to pass the **Medical Council of Canada Evaluation Examination** (MCCEE) and the Medical Council of Canada Qualifying Examination (MCCQE) before applying for residencies.

Israel: Semmelweis graduates have to complete a **one-year practice and pass a test** before they are eligible for obtaining the permit to practice medicine.

India: Doctor of Dentistry degree of Semmelweis University is **equivalent to B.D.S. degree** in India.

For more details and updated information concerning recognition of the degrees, please turn to your local authorities.

Programs in English: Medicine, Dentistry and Pharmaceutical Sciences

The programs begin in early September each year. The curriculum consists of six years of studies in Medicine, five years in Dentistry and Pharmaceutical Sciences. The curricula and other useful information on these programs are available in the Academic Calendars online at http://semmelweis.hu/english/students/academics/academic-calendars/. At the conclusion of the programs, the degrees granted in English are identical to those granted at the Hungarian programs: Doctor of Medicine (dr. med.), Doctor of Dentistry (dr. med. dent.) and Doctor of Pharmaceutical Sciences (dr. pharm.).

Statement of Non-Discrimination

Semmelweis University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, religion, gender or marital status.

Requirements for Application and Admission

Application Criteria

Applicants must be at least 18 years of age by the end of the calendar year of application, and preferably under the age of 30. Applicants are requested to either have completed high school/senior secondary school before the time of application, or to currently attend the last year of high school/secondary school. In the latter case, the Matriculation / School Leaving Certificate has to be uploaded into SEMAPHOR by the 21st of August the year of application.

Semmelweis University seeks students who possess a strong background and interest in natural sciences (particularly in biology and chemistry), a good command of English, and a strong motivation to study and practice medicine, dentistry, pharmaceutical sciences or other health care professions.

Our English language programs are fundamentally available for applicants having no Hungarian citizenship as the Hungarian citizens are eligible to apply for the Hungarian language programs through FELVI.

Special permission may be given to those having double citizenships if their secondary, high school, college etc. certificates or diplomas were/are obtained in non-Hungarian institutions and educational systems, and their application through FELVI is hindered or complicated by other individual factors (e.g., their poor Hungarian or their residing in a foreign country permanently, etc.). An official request for such a special permission needs to be sent to the Directorate by e-mail: english.secretariat@semmelweis-univ.hu.

Application Procedure and Documents Required for Applications to the Faculties of Medicine, Dentistry and Pharmaceutical Sciences

Applications should be submitted online in SEMAPHOR (Semmelweis Application Handling and Online Review) system at https://semaphor.semmelweis.hu **until the 31st of May, 2020**. Applicants having been recruited by one of the officially appointed local representatives recruiting for Semmelweis University (http://semmelweis.hu/english/prospective-students/our-representatives/) have to assign the representative to assist their application. However, direct applications without the assistance of a representative are also welcome. The applicants who indicate that they were recruited by none of the officially appointed local representatives, will be assisted by Semmelweis University's Directorate of International Studies, Division of English Language Programs.

The following documents are required 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. If you are in your final year and have not yet received this certificate, you can still apply and take the entrance examination. The final deadline for uploading the Matriculation Certificates

is the 21st of August.

2. **Curriculum Vitae** (Resume) in English.
3. **Motivation letter**
4. **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. The **certificate downloaded from the University's website** (http://semmelweis.hu/english/files/2019/01/Medical_certificate_sample_20190_SEMAPHOR.pdf) should be issued within 90 days before the date of application.
5. **Copy of passport (or ID card for citizens of Schengen Area member countries)** with your personal data.
6. **Passport photo**.

Applications can only be submitted after the payment of the **Admission Procedure Fee of 350 USD**, which covers the application fee and the costs of organizing and conducting the entrance examinations but does not include the costs of the venue for the entrance examinations.

Entrance examinations either take place in Budapest or outside of Hungary. The venue for all entrance examinations taking place in Budapest is provided free of change by Semmelweis University or its partner institutions, i.e. no further entrance examination-related fees should be paid for those entrance examinations. Applicants who choose to participate at an entrance exam outside of Hungary should contact the host of the entrance examination for information about additional expenses related to providing the venue for the entrance examinations.

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 USD account. In the latter case, the name of the applicant and the application ID from the SEMAPHOR system has to be included in the comment field of the wire transfer and the proof of payment has to be uploaded to the online application portal. 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!

Exemption from Taking the Entrance Examination

Applicants, who have submitted their application(s) via SEMAPHOR, may apply for an exemption from the entrance examination if they have obtained a B.Sc. (or higher) degree in a relevant field of specialty (i.e., closely related to medicine, biology or chemistry) in a higher education training program in English language. Exemption is not automatic. All requests for exemption are considered by the Admissions Committee and will be decided upon on the basis of the type(s) and issuing Institution(s) of the diploma(s), the attached transcript(s) showing the applicants performance, the recommendation letter(s), the proof of good command of English and of other details contained in the curriculum vitae and in the motivation letter. All documents should be submitted online as attachments to the application(s) in SEMAPHOR, and after having the application(s) submitted, a simple request for exemption from the entrance examination needs to be sent to the Directorate by e-mail: english.secretariat@semmelweis-univ.hu. Requests without online submission of application(s) are not considered. Applicants may sign up to and participate in entrance examinations if their request for exemption has been rejected.

Withdrawal of Applications

Submitted applications can only be withdrawn before the application deadline (the 31st of May, 2020). Applications cannot be withdrawn if one 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

Date of Examinations

Entrance examinations are organized by Semmelweis University and held in Budapest (at the premises of Semmelweis University or its cooperating partners, or worldwide at locations provided by local representatives. The actual list of entrance examinations can be found at http://semmelweis.hu/english/prospective-students/entrance-examinations/.

Content of the Entrance Examinations

The exams consist of multiple choice tests in Biology, Chemistry and English (both general and biomedical), followed by an oral examination, which will also focus on the applicant's knowledge of Biology, Chemistry and English (both general and biomedical). The examination will also be supplemented by a personal interview that aims to examine the applicant's professional attitude.

Guideline of Topics for the Entrance Exams for the Faculty of General Medicine, Dentistry and Pharmaceutical Sciences

The main topics of the exams are as follows:

1. **Evolution:** chemical and biological aspects
2. **Chemical background in Biology:** structure of atoms; chemical bonds; ionic compounds and molecules; solutions; types and energetics of chemical reactions; acid-base reactions; redox reactions; inorganic constituents of living organisms; hydrocarbons; organic compounds containing oxygen or sulphur; organic compounds containing nitrogen; carbohydrates; amino acids and proteins; lipids; vitamins; nucleic acids.
3. **The cell and its organization** (morphology and function): Prokaryotes (bacteria) and Eukaryotes (focus on cilia and flagella, cell wall, cell membrane, endoplasmic reticulum, Golgi, lysosome, mitochondrion, ribosome, centriole, nucleus, nucleolus).
4. **From cells to tissues** of different structure and function.
5. **Cell division:** mitosis and meiosis.
6. **Anabolic and catabolic pathways** regarding nucleic acids, proteins, carbohydrates, lipids (bioenergetics included).
7. **The physiology of living organisms:** respiration, ingestion and digestion, excretion, circulation, endocrine and neural regulation, immune-biology, locomotion.
8. **Reproduction and development of animals.**
9. **Viruses.**
10. **Genetics:** Mendelian inheritance, human genetics.

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

The lists of topics in medical chemistry (http://semmelweis.hu/english/files/2019/10/MedicalChemistry_topics_2020.pdf) and in medical biology (http://semmelweis.hu/english/files/2019/10/MedicalBiology_topics_2020.pdf) are available online.

Registration

Applicants have to register (sign up) for the entrance examinations in SEMAPHOR after having submitted a valid application (and payed the Admission Procedure Fee). Registrations can only be withdrawn before the deadline for registration to 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.

Evaluation

Entrance Examinations will be evaluated by the University Admission Committee Board based on the knowledge and performance of the applicant at the Entrance Examination and other strategic aims of the University including geographical and cultural diversity and gender balance.

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 detail, please visit: http://konzuliszolgalat.kormany.hu/how-to-apply-for-visa

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

Fees and Costs

Fees related to the application and enrollment procedure for the Faculties of Medicine, Dentistry and Pharmaceutical Sciences

Admission Procedure Fee: USD 350

The Admission Procedure Fee is payable upon application.

Deposit: USD 2 000

Applicants admitted to the university have to pay a non-refundable deposit of 2 000 USD within 14 days after the notification of admittance. This amount will be deducted from the first semester's tuition fee.

Enrollment fee: USD 220

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 August 21. 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 Faculties of Medicine, Dentistry and Pharmaceutical Sciences

Tuition Fees

Medicine (6 years)	USD 9 100/semester
Dentistry (5 years)	USD 9 100/semester
Pharmaceutical Sciences (5 years)	USD 6 000/semester

Tuition fees should be paid:

before 1 September for the autumn semesters
before 1 February for the spring semesters

Special conditions apply for the first tuition fee payment before formal enrollment (see above).

Students failing a year or after passive status pay the tuition fees paid by students of the year they join after the failure/passive status.

Additional Material Fee for Dentistry Students (years 3-5): USD 1 800/semester
This fee is subject to change.

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 SEMAPHOR 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
Deposit	No	Yes	No
Enrollment fee	No	Yes	No
First tuition fee	No	Yes	No

Online payment by credit/debit card through the SEMAPHOR 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 (SEMAPHOR). 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 USD.

Account details of Semmelweis University are as follows:

Account holder: Semmelweis University
Account Number (IBAN): HU67 1000 4012 1000 8016 0051 4534
Bank name: Magyar Államkincstár (Hungarian State Treasury)
Bank address: Hold utca 4, 1054 Budapest, Hungary
SWIFT code (BIC): HUSTHUHB
Correspondent SWIFT code (BIC): MANEHUHB

The money transfer sheet should include the name of the student as written in the passport, as well as the SEMAPHOR 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 SEMAPHOR 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 officially appointed local representative recruiting for Semmelweis University in your country to inquire about further information on payment details.

Refund Policy

1. Prior to enrollment (registration) at the university

Refundable: tuition fee payment, except the admitted applicants' **deposit of USD 2 000**, which is **non-refundable.**

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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. Any claim for refund of Admission Procedure Fee *must be sent before the 30th of June via e-mail to application.finances@semmelweis-univ.hu.*
Refund process may take between 30-60 calendar days.

Health Insurance

As a part of the tuition fee, a special insurance for students is offered which includes an English-language call center, GP-service and treatment at the Polyclinics and Clinics of Semmelweis University. As long as you pay your tuition fee each semester and you are a registered active student, this insurance is automatically renewed until the end of your studies. You will find the details in the letter of acceptance.

The Hungarian health insurance provided by the University is only valid from the date of registration at the university. If needed, a "gap insurance" may be obtained from Semmelweis Egészségügyi Kft.

The health insurance is automatically suspended, if the student registers for a passive semester.

Housing

The rent of an apartment is the responsibility of the student and rental prices vary according to the personal needs. Without an official address in Hungary the Residence Permit cannot be obtained. Student Housing link: https://www.housingbudapest.hu/en

Student Life

International Student Association of Semmelweis – ISSA

ISSA is the student organization for the international students of Semmelweis University. Their roles are:

- working to obtain a better communication between the administration and the international students,
- to enable a better flow of information, and improve academic standards,
- dedication to the education and development of the Semmelweis University diverse student body and to creating a meaningful, learning centered campus life for students at the University,
- working in active partnership with student, faculty, and staff colleagues to strength and support student opportunities for learning, involvement, leadership, and creative expression that complement their academic experiences,
- supporting other student organizations and their leaders, who in turn provide programs and resources to the student body and the wider University community.

Book Fair

ISSA holds the Book Fair annually, and on demand per semester. It is a great opportunity for everyone to get the most useful books for less and to sell the ones not needed anymore. It is also a social gathering, and a chance for changing ideas about studying techniques and best teachers, notes, etc. You may also bring study tools/accessories to this event. It is not exclusively for books. Great way to connect, to save and make money. Hope to see you there!

Alumni Relations

Since the introduction of the English Language Program 31 years ago, several thousand foreign students have studied and graduated at Semmelweis University. These students had come from almost every corner of the world, adding a unique international character to our university. Thanks to the university's solid international reputation and to our ongoing strive to enhance the quality of education foreign nationals show a steady interest in studying at Semmelweis University.

Semmelweis University is decided to launch Semmelweis Alumni Association (SAA). With the help of SAA Semmelweis University aims at:

keeping regular contact with our former students,
providing a database for former students to reach each other,
providing information about important events at Semmelweis University,
providing information on the possibility to participate in residency and specialty training,
organizing alumni reunions in the future.

The alumni homepage of Semmelweis University is http://alumni.semmelweis.hu

Faculty of Health Sciences

Brief History of the Faculty of Health Sciences

The University's second largest Faculty is the Faculty of Health Sciences. The Faculty started its first academic year in 1975 with the aim of training highly accomplished, skilled, committed and open-minded health care professionals. This was the first higher-level school in Hungary that trained dietitians, health visitors, physiotherapists, public health and epidemiology inspectors, vocational teachers and paramedics.

During the past years, both the structure and the curriculum have undergone changes in the spirit of modernization. As a result, there are at present 14 departments, about 200 highly qualified lecturers and more than 3500 students.

It was an important event in the life of the Faculty, when it became an integrated part of the famous and well-known Semmelweis University in 2000.

Facts and Figures

Since 1975, 20 programs have been established, and more than 23,000 students graduated from the Faculty.

During the last four decades, the Faculty has developed extensive international contacts in Europe, Asia and America. Within the framework of the ERASMUS+ Student Exchange Program, about 20 students and 6-10 lecturers have the opportunity to deepen their professionalism and knowledge in other European higher education institutions, gain new experience, and get acquainted with new, more advanced methods and techniques applied in foreign training centers each year. In the USA, we have been nurturing years-long cooperation with Rutgers University School of Nursing – Camden.

The Faculty's Asian relations have also been largely extended by establishing a fruitful relationship with Shanghai Jiao Tong University School of Nursing (P. R. of China), with Heilongjiang University of Chinese Medicine (P. R. of China). HLJUCM launched their Traditional Chinese Medicine B.Sc. training at our Faculty in 2010. We are also proud of having operated our B.Sc. Physiotherapy training in Lugano, Switzerland since 2009.

The Faculty continuously expands the range of its training programs in Hungarian and English. It offers study rooms, lecture halls, specialist laboratories, demonstration rooms and a public library all equipped with state-of-the-art technology, as well as a great variety student activities and a motivating environment to prospective students. Following graduation, students of the Faculty can immediately be involved in different areas (e.g.: health care, tourism, education, sociology) and they are able to improve their close and broad environment.

The Faculty of Health Sciences currently has more than 3100 students including 220 students studying in the English programs and more than 100 students studying physiotherapy at the Lugano Campus in Switzerland.

International Recognition of the Degrees Obtained at the Faculty of Health Sciences

From 2004 – with Hungary becoming a member state of the EU – all diplomas of the Faculty of Health Sciences have been accepted by the member states of the EU with supplementary exams if needed. What is more, our graduates can also work in the United States and Canada after they have acquired sufficient proficiency of English and passed supplementary exams if needed.

Statement of Non-Discrimination

The Faculty of Health Sciences does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, religion, gender, marital status, age or disability.

Programs in English

The Faculty of Health Sciences offers Physiotherapy, Nursing, Midwifery, Medical Diagnostic Analysis (Optometry) and Health Visitor B.Sc. programs, furthermore, Nursing and Physiotherapy M.Sc. level program in English language for its applicants.

Application Procedure

Applications should be completed online at: https://semaphor.semmelweis.hu **until 20 August 2020.** Applicants can assign one of the officially appointed local representatives recruiting for Semmelweis University (see the list of representatives at http://semmelweis.hu/english/prospective-students/our-representatives/). For more information, please contact the Foreign Students' Secretariat of the Faculty of Health Sciences (mailing address: H-1085 Budapest, 26 Üllői út, Hungary; E-mail: student@se-etk.hu).

Documents Required on Application to the B.Sc. Programs

The following documents are required to be uploaded (original or as attested copies, in English or the original language with an authorized English translation).

1. **Secondary School Leaving Certificate** from an accredited secondary school. This document is a necessary prerequisite of starting the studies (original/attested copy + copy). If the student at the time of applying has not completed his/her studies at secondary school yet, the leaving certificate can be submitted until the registration day.
2. **Medical report for application –** signed by a GP (the form can be downloaded from the Faculty's website)
3. **Photograph.** One passport size photo
4. **Curriculum Vitae** in English
5. **Copy of Passport/ID card** with the applicant's personal data and the expiry date of the passport/ID card.
6. **Letters of Recommendation.** Letters in English from a secondary school principal or science instructor are welcome, but not obligatory.
7. **Payment Certificate** about the payment of the 450 EUR admission procedure fee if the applicant chooses not to use the online payment system.

Documents Required on Application to the M.Sc. Programs

The following documents are required to be uploaded (original or as attested copies, in English or the original language with an authorized English translation).

1. **B.Sc. diploma**
2. **Medical report for application –** signed by a GP (the form can be downloaded from the Faculty's website)
3. **Photograph.** One passport size photo
4. **Curriculum Vitae** in English
5. **Copy of Passport/ID card** with the applicant's personal data and the expiry date of the passport/ID card.
6. **Letters of Recommendation.** Letters in English from a secondary school principal or science instructor are welcome, but not obligatory.
7. **Payment Certificate** about the payment of the 450 EUR admission procedure fee if the applicant chooses not to use the online payment system.

Entrance examinations

Entrance exams are held regularly **in Budapest and worldwide** (please see http://semmelweis.hu/english/prospective-students/entrance-examinations/). Applicants will be informed about the place and date of the exams by the Faculty or by the local representative.
Entrance examinations consist of an English test, a test in Biology, and writing of a Motivation letter for both B.Sc. and M.Sc. programs, and an (online or in-person) oral interview in case of MSc programs.
The exams will be evaluated by the Faculty Board, and applicants will be notified about the results within three weeks.

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 detail, please visit: http://konzuliszolgalat.kormany.hu/how-to-apply-for-visa

Accepted students have to apply for a student visa. The visa application form can be downloaded from http://www.bmbah.hu.

Students coming from EU & EEA countries and holders of passports issued by countries that granted visa-free travel to Hungary under bilateral agreements (http://konzuliszolgalat.kormany.hu/visa-waiver-agreements) do not need a student visa, but have to apply for a registration card within 90 days after their arrival.

Tuition Fees and Additional Costs

The yearly tuition fee is to be paid in two installments by semesters until the deadlines given below.

For B.Sc. Studies in Nursing, Physiotherapy, Midwifery, Medical Diagnostic Analysis (Optometry) and Health Visitor

Admission procedure fee: EUR 450
Payable at the time of application and also covers the entrance examination fees of exams held in Budapest, Hungary. Should the applicant wish to take an entrance exam outside of Hungary, he/she should contact the local representative recruiting for Semmelweis University for information about any additional expenses beyond the above admission procedure fee.
The admission procedure fee should be paid online by credit card through a secure payment channel from the online application portal, or by wire transfer directly to Semmelweis University.

Enrollment fee: EUR 220
Payable at the beginning of your studies, together with the 1st semester's tuition fee.

Tuition fees payable by students establishing student status in the 2020/2021 Academic Year:
The tuition fee of the first semester has to arrive on the bank account at the latest by the date indicated in the acceptance letter (together with the enrollment fee). The tuition fees of the following semesters have to be paid until the deadline indicated in the Academic Calendar of the Faculty.

Program	Fee/semester
Physiotherapy	EUR 3400
Nursing	EUR 3300
Midwifery	EUR 3600
Medical Diagnostic Analysis (Optometry)	EUR 3300
Health Visitor	EUR 3400

Please note that the payment is considered fulfilled when the amount arrives to the account below. Note that bank transfers can take 3–5 workdays.

For M.Sc. Studies in Nursing and Physiotherapy

Admission procedure fee: EUR 450
Payable at the time of application and also covers the entrance examination fees of examinations held in Budapest, Hungary. Should the applicant wish to take an entrance exam outside of Hungary, he/she should contact the local representative recruiting for Semmelweis University for information about any additional expenses beyond the above admission procedure fee.

The admission procedure fee should be paid online by credit card through a secure payment channel via the online application portal or by wire transfer directly to Semmelweis University.

Enrollment fee: EUR 220
Payable at the beginning of your studies, together with the 1st semester's tuition fee.

Tuition fees (semesters 1, 2, 3)
The tuition fee of the first semester has to arrive on the bank account by the date indicated in the acceptance letter (together with the enrollment fee) at the latest. Tuition fees of Semesters 2 and 3 have to be paid until the deadline indicated in the Academic Calendar of the Faculty.

Program	Fee/semester
Nursing	EUR 3200
Physiotherapy	EUR 3300

Please note that the payment is considered fulfilled when the amount arrives to the account below. Note that bank transfers can take 3–5 workdays.

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 SEMAPHOR 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.

The following table summarizes 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	Upon request
First tuition fee	No	Yes	Upon request

Online payment by credit/debit card through the SEMAPHOR 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 (SEMAPHOR). 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 bank account bellow. Payments have to be made in EUR.

Account details of Semmelweis University are as follows:

Account holder: Semmelweis University
Account Number (IBAN): HU46-10004885-10008016-00714538
Bank name: Magyar Államkincstár (Hungarian State Treasury)
Bank address: Hold utca 4, 1054 Budapest, Hungary
SWIFT code (BIC): HUSTHUHB
Correspondent SWIFT code (BIC): MANEHUHB

The money transfer sheet should include the name of the student as written in the passport, as well as the SEMAPHOR 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 SEMAPHOR 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 officially appointed local representative recruiting for Semmelweis University in your country to inquire about further information on payment details.

Cash payment
Admitted applicants who have received an official letter of admission can pay the various fees (Enrollment fee and First tuition fee) by cash payment directly to the University upon request and pre-authorization. A formal request needs to be submitted immediately after receiving the official letter of admission. Further instructions and pre-authorization of cash payment will then be provided. The EUR amounts may need to be converted to HUF currency before payment.

Refund Policy

1. Prior to enrollment (registration) at the university

Tuition fee is refundable prior to enrollment.

2. 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 report of the above-mentioned conditions with accompanying official certificates.

3. Suspension of studies:

a) Student's legal relationship is suspended after registration 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 after registration more than a month later than the beginning of the semester. Tuition fee is non-refundable. It cannot be transferred to the next active semester and the semester must be considered as active.

4. 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. Any claim for refund of Admission Procedure Fee *must be sent before the 20th of August. Refund process may take between 30-60 calendar days.*

Field Practices

Students of the Faculty of Health Sciences are required to have some medical examinations to start Field Practices. Students need to acquire these certificates themselves and they also have to pay for most of them.

Health Insurance

A full coverage basic health insurance for Hungary is a prerequisite for registration at the university. As a part of the tuition fee, a special insurance for students is offered which includes an English-language call center, GP-service and treatment at the Polyclinics and Clinics of Semmelweis University. As long as the tuition fee is paid each semester and you are a registered active student, this insurance is automatically renewed until the end of your studies. The details can be found in the letter of acceptance.

Programs in English

Physiotherapy B.Sc. Program

Physiotherapists act as autonomous practitioners who are able to perform functional examinations, identify impairments, functional limitations, abilities and disabilities by using clinical decision-making processes. Physiotherapists treat patients with movement therapy and manual techniques, as the professionals' chief task is to improve the functions of the musculoskeletal system. The therapists develop movement therapies, and apply electrotherapeutic treatment, therapeutic ultrasound, and different manual and massage treatments for the sake of healing and rehabilitation or for the prevention of health damage. Graduates take part in healing locomotor (orthopedic, rheumatologic, traumatologic), cardiovascular, obstetrical, gynecological, neurological and psychiatric disorders. Prevention and health promotion belong to the specialists' profession, too. Physiotherapists plan, explain, carry out, and adapt an examination-based treatment, draw conclusions from the examination as a whole and rank the main problems according to priority.

Minimum of enlisted applicants: 15

Length of studies: 8 semesters, 240 credits

Degree: B.Sc.

Entrance requirements: applicants must successfully complete a language test in English.

Major curricular components: Functional Analysis of the Musculoskeletal System, Radiology and Imaging Diagnostics, Basics of Medical Technology and Biophysics, Electro-, Balneo-, Hydro-, Climatotherapy, Applied Training Methodology, Cardiorespiratory Physiotherapy, Physiotherapy in Internal Medicine, Physiotherapy in Orthopedics, Physiotherapy in Traumatology, Physiotherapy in Rheumatology, Physiotherapy in Neurology and Psychiatry, Complex Rehabilitation, Physiotherapy in Specific Age-groups, Physiotherapy in Special Life Situations, Clinical Simulation.

Career opportunities: Hospitals, Clinics, Outpatient Clinics, Rehabilitation Centers, Adult Care Institutions, Primary Care, Home-Based Care, Schools, Hospice Care, Workplace Health Centers, Medical Tourism (Wellness Hotels, Thermal Baths, Spas), NGO Regional Community Wellness Programs, Sports Centers, Professional Sport Teams. After completing this program, students can go on with their studies to the M.Sc. Program.

Physiotherapy M.Sc. Program

Master's level physiotherapists develop therapeutic procedures and protocols based on their extensive national and international knowledge and skills, recognize and analyze physical, anatomical, physiological and pathological factors affecting physical ability and capacity. They participate in solving scientific problems in physiotherapy and finding new skills and knowledge in their expertise. The specialists perform scientific evaluation of the effectiveness of physiotherapeutic methods, organize and realize clinical research in physiotherapy, act as leaders in hospital units of physiotherapy, apply fundamental regulations and quality control principles in the management of health institutions and private enterprises. The promotion of health education on local, community, national and international levels also belongs to the tasks of a physiotherapist.

Minimum of enlisted applicants: 15

Length of studies: 3 semesters, 90 credits

Degree: M.Sc. in Physiotherapy

Entrance requirements: applicants are required to have a Bachelor degree in Physiotherapy and they have to complete a theoretical written exam of professional knowledge

Major curricular components: Significance of Diagnostic Imaging in Physiotherapy Practice, Pharmacology, Clinical Science of Musculoskeletal Disorders, Clinical Science in Neurological Disorders, Clinical Science of Cardiorespiratory Diseases, Developmental Neurology, Clinical Exercise Physiology, Assistive Devices in Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation, Clinical Neuropsychology, Differential Diagnosis in Physiotherapy Practice, Scientific Background and Evidence-based Practice of Active Therapeutic Exercise, Evidence-based Manual Therapy in Physiotherapy Practice, Evidence-based Neurological Physiotherapy in Physiotherapy Practice.

Career opportunities: In a variety of healthcare settings including hospitals, rehabilitation and community health centers, private practice, industrial clinics and specialist facilities. Qualified master physiotherapists may also work in education as a clinical supervisor and researcher.

Nursing B.Sc. Program

The occupation of nurses is a vocation that is pursued for the sake of health preservation, promotion and patient healing. Nurses observe patients in the hospital and continuously monitor their needs, take part in disease prevention and act as active contributors to the process of the patient's recovery and rehabilitation. They help patients absorb and understand the information on their health status. Nurses holding a BSc degree can organize, manage and supervise all their internal medical, surgical, obstetric-gynecological, psychiatric, intensive nursing and primary care tasks in every area of health care. They are responsible for conducting the healing-nursing activities prescribed by the physician and help the patient and the physician perform certain examinations. Graduates of the specialty are able to provide health care treatment for each age group from premature infants to elderly patients, explore the special needs of the patient and the person cared for, prepare nursing diagnoses and perform the tasks professionally on the basis of priorities, participate in planning, developing and implementing health care and social services.

Minimum of enlisted applicants: 15

Length of studies: 8 semesters, 240 credits

Degree: B.Sc.

Entrance requirements: applicants must successfully complete a language test in English.

Major curricular components: Basics of Nursing, Nursing Ethics, Internal Medicine and Nursing, Surgery and Nursing, Obstetrics-Gynecology and Nursing, Anesthesiology, Intensive Therapy and Nursing, Pediatrics and Nursing, Neurology and Nursing, Psychiatry and Nursing, Primary Health Care and Community Nursing, Oncology and Nursing, Case Studies in Simulation.

Career opportunities: Primary Care, Specialized Care (Hospitals, Clinics, Nursing Homes, Hospice Care).

Nursing M.Sc. Program

Graduates of the B.Sc. Nursing program can go on with their studies in the master program. The M.Sc. program aims at training professionals who have thorough knowledge of the operation of the domestic health care system and the developmental opportunities concerning society, who participate in solving the scientific problems of nursing. M.Sc. graduates can conduct research projects in their professional field and initiate the adaptation of findings into practice. Completing the master program, nurses are able to work independently, define problems, priorities and goals concerning public health, and fulfill tasks of resource management. Graduated master nurses can continue their studies in the Ph.D. program.

Minimum of enlisted applicants: 15

Length of studies: 3 semesters, 90 credits

Degree: M.Sc.

Entrance requirements: applicants must successfully complete a language test in English and conduct a personal interview.

Specialization: Community Health Nursing (APN)

Major curricular components: Health promotion-Health education , Health Informatics, Chronic Diseases, Family planning, Antenatal care, Preventive Pediatrics, Multiculturalism-Transcultural Nursing, Place and relationships of the APN in the healthcare, Complex Rehabilitation, Pharmacology, Scientific Research and Biostatistics, Acute diseases, Clinical Diagnosis and Decision Making, Clinical Practice ,Community Nursing - Modern nursing interventions Community Nursing - Modern nursing interventions, ECG basics, Communication in health care, Health Care Management - Project Management, Healthcare Law, Nursing Management and Leadership, Health ethics, nursing ethics, Community project practice, Nursing Education in Clinical Practice

Career opportunities: Primary Care, Specialized Care, Educational Institutions, Local Government, Media, Prevention, Insurance Company, Commercial Enterprises.

Midwifery B.Sc. Program

Midwives fulfil caring and nursing tasks during pregnancies, in the postpartum period and in case of gynecological problems. Their responsibilities include monitoring pregnancies, labors and the postpartum progress while cooperating with other healthcare professionals in order to achieve the best possible outcome for each family. From the start of the parturition, midwives prepare and continuously support and encourage the woman during labor, monitor the process of deliveries and the mother-infant connection, assess and register their observations. Midwives individually assist deliveries, take care of the protection of the perineum and of the treatment of the woman and the newborn baby during the postpartum period. Graduate midwives look after, nurse and care for female patients and perform the required specialized treatment. State of the art skill laboratories help the preparation of the students for their future profession.

Minimum of enlisted applicants: 15

Length of studies: 8 semesters, 240 credits

Degree: B.Sc.

Entrance requirements: applicants must successfully complete a language test in English.

Major curricular components: Obstetrics-Gynecology and Nursing, Neonatal-, Infant-, Pediatric Medicine and Nursing, Psychology of Supportive Connection, History of Obstetrics, Ethics in Midwifery, Basics of Clinical Knowledge, Basics of Nursing, Internal Medicine and Nursing, Surgical Nursing, Case Studies in Simulation, Adult Intensive Care Nursing, Perioperative Care; and practices in different fields of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Career opportunities: Obstetrics-Gynecology Department/Delivery Room, Special Outpatient Department, Prenatal Care, Postpartum Care, Lactation Consultant, Family Planning.

Medical Diagnostic Analysis B.Sc. Program (Optometry)

Optometrists are able to utilize their optic, optometric, measuring and clinical knowledge gained during the training program, conduct the examination and correction of the eye individually and prescribe optical aids (eyeglasses, contact lenses) with the aim of attaining the optimal visual acuity in patients. The professionals are able to estimate the refractive medium, refractive ability, errors of refraction, the way eye muscles function, and the ability of heterophoria and convergence. They examine binocular vision, the chamber of the eye, crystalline lens, vitreous humor and the eye fundus with the help of a slit lamp, and they estimate ocular tension. Optometrists utilize their clinical and nursing knowledge during their daily activities, actively participate in improving the culture of vision of individuals, communities and the population. Through examinations, the optometrist recognizes and evaluates the disorders of the eye and so contributes to the immediate receipt of specialized care.

Minimum of enlisted applicants: 15

Length of studies: 8 semesters, 240 credits

Degree: B.Sc.

Entrance requirements: applicants must successfully complete a language test in English.

Major curricular components: Ocular Anatomy, Ophthalmic Pathology, Practice in the Demonstration Room, Ophthalmic Optics, Prescribing Eyeglasses, Contactology, Clinical Ophthalmology, Physiology and Pathology of Binocular Vision, Ophthalmic Technology, Basics of the Optometrist Profession, Pediatric Ophthalmology, Optical Materials and Manufacturing Technology.

Career opportunities: Optic Shops, Outpatient Ophthalmologic Clinics and Hospitals, Optical Products and Project Management, Ophthalmologic Diagnostic Laboratories, Ophthalmic Assistance, Ophthalmic Research Projects.

Health Visitor B.Sc. Program

The health visitor is present in the families' life during the most important steps of life: during pregnancy, reception of the newborn baby, formation of family life and at the time of enrollment to nursery and elementary school. Graduates are able to provide counselling concerning family planning and parenthood, help and provide nursing care to the pregnant woman, and perform screening tests. After the childbirth, the health visitor teaches the mother the ways of breastfeeding and her tasks related to the child. They monitor the health condition and development of neonates, provide community health care for children (aged 3-18), aid in the prevention of behavioral disorders and bad habits, solve the problems of teenagers and direct them to the appropriate professional. Health visitors give mental hygiene support to families and organize vaccinations. They take part in planning, organizing and conducting health development and promotion programs for individuals and communities. They perform their duties either independently or in cooperation with doctors and other medical experts.

Minimum of enlisted applicants: 15

Length of studies: 8 semesters, 240 credits

Degree: B.Sc.

Entrance requirements: applicants must successfully complete a language test in English.

Major curricular components: Health Visitor Basic Methodology, Fundamental Family Science, Female Health Care and Pregnant Care Methodology, Child Development and Care Methodology, Public Care Methodology, Preventive Family Care, Mental Health Practice in Health Visiting, Neonatology and Pediatrics, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Nursing, Developmental Neurology, Newborn Ward, Obstetrics and Gynecology Practice, Pediatrics, Health Visitor Regional Practice.

Career opportunities: Regional Health Visitor Services, Hospitals, Public Educational Institutions, Family Care Services, Other Fields of Prevention and Health Promotion.

General Information about Studies at the Faculty of Health Sciences

Transfer from other Universities

Students who have successfully pursued studies at other accredited universities (in Hungary or abroad) can apply for admission without being obliged to take an entrance examination. Subjects of previous studies with identical or at least 75% similar content to the subjects included in the curriculum of Semmelweis University Faculty of Health Sciences can be accredited, meaning that admission to an upper year might be possible.

Transfer students are required to prove their **current student status** and **previous study results.** The previous study results will be examined by Semmelweis Credit Transfer Committee. On the basis of this examination it will be decided how many of the previously completed subjects get accredited, and in which year the applicant can start his/her studies.

Required documents for Transfer to the Faculty:

1. **Completed transfer request form:** indicating the student's intentions about the transfer (form is downloadable from the Faculty's website: Forms, Transfer request form)
2. **Official Transcript/Academic record:** including all the grades and credits from the previous college/university studies (original/attested copy)
3. **Student status certification:** from the current university (issued not more than 30 days prior to the request's submission, indicating the currently active/passive student status)

Please note that we need:

– the original English document OR
– the attested copy of the original English document OR
– the authorized English translation of the original non-English document.

Further Documents Required for Credit Transfer

In case the applicant would like to turn in a Credit Transfer Request to get his/her earlier studies (credit points) accredited, it is necessary to present the following documents:

– official Subject Descriptions
– completed credit transfer request form for each and every target subject (form is downloadable from the Faculty's website: Forms, Credit transfer request form)
– official certification about the field practices
– marking scale in order to evaluate/compare academic records accurately

Further information about the credit transfer request will be provided at the Foreign Student Secretariat after a successful enrollment.

The deadline for turning in transfer and/or credit transfer request to the Faculty of Health Sciences is 15 June 2020.

Academic Policies

Students are required to know and act according to the Faculty's **Studies and Examinations Regulations.** Attendance at classes and practical exercises are prescribed in the valid Subject Descriptions.
Students are expected to take examinations when scheduled, otherwise they lose their chances to take exams in the given subject. The credit-system allows a certain degree of flexibility in signing up for courses and in the timing of exams.
It conforms to international standards and helps an easier setting-in of students with different educational backgrounds.
Students get more information about study matters at the Registration and during the course entitled 'Introduction to Higher Education Studies'.

Basics of the Credit-based System

A new credit system was introduced in September, 2003 to sub-serve free workflow in the EU, and to promote easy career adjustment in the framework of lifelong learning.

1. A credit point is a unit of measure of average total student coursework workload needed to complete a subject. A credit is earned if the student receives at least a pass mark (or a "satisfactory" mark) for a course. The value of the credit earned is independent of the mark received for the course.

No credit will be earned if any of the policies are violated.
2. One credit is earned for every thirty hours of the student's academic work. This academic work includes the time spent in class and the time spent on individual work by the student.
3. Credits can be earned for courses that conclude with examinations.

For Accreditation Process
In case the applicant would like to submit a Credit Transfer request to have the earlier studies (credit points) admitted.
4. At the end of the four years of study, students have to write a thesis and pass a final exam. These are prerequisites of a diploma.

Appendix – Summary of Fees, Additional Charges and Deadlines

	Admission procedure fee	Enrollment fee	Tuition fee (per semester)	Additional material fee (per semester) (Years 3-5)	Application deadline
FACULTY OF MEDICINE					
Medicine (undivided)	USD 350	USD 220	USD 9 100	–	May 31, 2020
FACULTY OF DENTISTRY					
Dentistry (undivided)	USD 350	USD 220	USD 9 100	USD 1 800	May 31, 2020
FACULTY OF PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES					
Pharmaceutical Sciences (undivided)	USD 350	USD 220	USD 6 000	–	May 31, 2020
FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES					
B.Sc. in Physiotherapy	EUR 450	EUR 220	EUR 3 400	–	August 20, 2020
B.Sc. in Nursing	EUR 450	EUR 220	EUR 3 300	–	August 20, 2020
B.Sc. in Midwifery	EUR 450	EUR 220	EUR 3 600	–	August 20, 2020
B.Sc. in Medical Diagnostic Analysis (Optometry)	EUR 450	EUR 220	EUR 3 300	–	August 20, 2020
B.Sc. in Health Visitor	EUR 450	EUR 220	EUR 3 400	–	August 20, 2020
M.Sc. in Physiotherapy	EUR 450	EUR 220	EUR 3 300	–	August 20, 2020
M.Sc. in Nursing	EUR 450	EUR 220	EUR 3 200	–	August 20, 2020