Admission Requirements

**A100: Guidelines for applicants offering non-traditional qualifications (Access courses)**

Access to Higher Education (Medicine) qualifications from the following local FE colleges are considered: Wirral Metropolitan, Southport. Also considered are: Access to Higher Education (Medicine) qualifications from Manchester College and West Anglia College of Medicine; the Staffordshire Access to HE course (Medicine and Health Professionals); B991 Foundation Year in Clinical Sciences at the University of Bradford; the A900 Pre-medical Studies course at Lancaster University ([http://www.lancs.ac.uk/shm/bls/teaching/ug/premedA900.htm](http://www.lancs.ac.uk/shm/bls/teaching/ug/premedA900.htm)).

**Entry requirements:** Our entry requirements have three components: the Biomedical Admissions test (BMAT), academic qualifications, and non-academic criteria.

**BMAT:** For 2016 entry onwards, all applicants must sit the Biomedical Admissions test to be eligible for consideration. More information about the test and how to register can be found online: [http://www.admissiontestingservice.org/for-test-takers/bmat/about-bmat/](http://www.admissiontestingservice.org/for-test-takers/bmat/about-bmat/)

**Academic qualifications:**

*If you are applying from outside the UK or if English is not your first language,* you must demonstrate proficiency in English through one of the following recognised English Language qualifications: either IELTS (a minimum score of 7.0 with no component less than 7.0) or the Pearson PTE Academic qualification (at least 70 overall and at least 70 in each communicative skill sub-test). This is in addition to the academic entry requirements outlined below. We do not accept other English Language proficiency qualifications. **Applicants must demonstrate their English language proficiency before application.** Applicants who do not include details of their English language qualification on their UCAS application will not be considered. English language qualifications must be less than 2 years old at the time of application.

Applicants offering non-traditional qualifications are assessed on an individual basis. However applicants offering an Access qualification should usually:

- Offer a minimum of 5 GCSEs at Grade B or higher (or equivalent). These must include the following required subjects: Core & Additional Science (or Biology, Chemistry, and Physics), English Language and Mathematics
- The qualifications should preferably be achieved at one sitting.

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- The required level (usually distinction or equivalent) in the approved Access to Medicine course. The Level 3 components of the Access course will need to offer at least 15 Level 3 credits in Biology, 15 in Chemistry and 15 in at least one other subject.

**Additional Information**

- Applicants offering Access type qualifications often have previous qualifications and these will be taken into consideration. Access instead of resitting A-levels is usually not recommended.
- Depending on individual circumstances, applicants may be required to demonstrate a score of 15 points from nine GCSEs in line with other A100 applicants.
- Any AS or A2 qualifications held (irrespective of subject) should usually be at a minimum of grade C at first attempt.
- Applicants offering an Access-type qualification to compensate for having studied the wrong subjects at A-level are usually expected to offer three A-levels and a 4th subject at AS-level.
- Applicants without AS or A2 qualifications should demonstrate excellent attainment in vocational/professional qualifications, at a higher level than GCSE.
- The Admissions Tutor will comment on a pre-Access curriculum vitae.
Non-academic criteria:

Applicants must demonstrate suitable evidence of:

- Relevant work experience – what have you done to establish that medicine is the right career path for you?
- Insight into a medical career and your suitability, drawn from your work (and voluntary) experience.
- An understanding of the NHS constitution and core values, reflecting on work and voluntary experiences to discuss their relevance and importance and
- A commitment to society; working for the benefit of others, including voluntary work or significant caring roles
- Effective written communication skills: a coherent, well-structured personal statement.

More information about our non-academic criteria can be found on our website: [http://www.lancaster.ac.uk/fhm/study/undergraduate/medicine/entry-requirements-and-selection-process/non-academic-entry-requirements/](http://www.lancaster.ac.uk/fhm/study/undergraduate/medicine/entry-requirements-and-selection-process/non-academic-entry-requirements/)

The Selection process:

Lancaster Medical School considers applications to its medical degree programme in a five stage process:

**Stage 1:** Academic Qualifications: All applicants who meet the academic entry requirements will progress to stage 2.

**Stage 2:** Applicants will be ranked according to their BMAT score.

**Stage 3:** Applicants’ personal statements will be assessed for evidence of our non-academic criteria

**Stage 4:** Multiple mini-interview. No applicant will be made an offer without interview.

**Stage 5:** Fitness to practice. All applicants must have the potential to function as a fully competent doctor and fulfil the rigorous demands of professional fitness to practice. More information can be found on the GMC website: [http://www.gmc-uk.org/education/undergraduate/professional_behaviour.asp](http://www.gmc-uk.org/education/undergraduate/professional_behaviour.asp)

More information about our degree programme, our entry requirements and our selection process can be found on our website: [http://www.lancaster.ac.uk/fhm/study/undergraduate/medicine/](http://www.lancaster.ac.uk/fhm/study/undergraduate/medicine/)

Applications should be made through UCAS in the normal way: [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)