A100: Guidelines for applicants offering GCSEs/Science-based A-levels

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.admissionstestingservice.org/for-test-takers/bmat/about-bmat/

Academic qualifications: Evidence of excellent attainment in both GSCE and A-level examinations.

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 who do not include details of their English language proficiency qualification on their UCAS application will not be considered. English language qualifications must be less than 2 years old at the time of application.

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<th>GCSE</th>
<th>A-level</th>
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<td>In nine subjects</td>
<td>Three subjects taken at one sitting, after 2 years of study plus a 4th subject to at least AS-level</td>
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<td>Attained by the end of year 11</td>
<td>Minimum grades required: AAA (b)</td>
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<td>At least a score of 15 points from the nine</td>
<td>Chemistry and Biology are subject requirements at A2 level.</td>
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<td>A* or A = 2 points; B = 1 point</td>
<td>General Studies and Critical Thinking are only considered as the 4th subject.</td>
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<td>At least grade B in the following required</td>
<td>Only one of Maths or Further Maths will be considered.</td>
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<td>subjects:</td>
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<td>- Biology, Chemistry, and Physics (or Core &amp; Additional Science)</td>
<td>We will consider applications from applicants who have taken 3 years to achieve the required grades at A-level</td>
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<td>- English Language and Mathematics</td>
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<td>All other subjects must be at least grade C.</td>
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1. Some qualifications that are not GCSEs may be awarded points as follows:
   - Level 2 DiDa: Dist/Merit = 2 points; Credit = 1 point
   - BTEC first Diplomas: Dist/Dist* = 2 points; Merit (or equivalent) = 1 point
   - OCR awards/BTEC First certificates: Dist/Dist* = 1 point; Merit (or equivalent) = 0.5

2. Two points is the maximum score awarded in each subject area: for example, only one of Maths and Further Maths considered; Dual Award GSCEs (with the exception of Dual Award Science) are awarded a maximum of 2 points. Short courses will be awarded, at most, half the points of a full GSCE.

3. Applicants with 12-14 points at GCSE may be considered if, at the time of application, they have already achieved AAA in Biology, Chemistry and a third subject at A2 level at a single sitting (plus a 4th subject to at least AS-level, grade B or above)

4. BTEC qualifications and OCR awards are not acceptable replacements for English, Maths and Science subjects.

5. The extended project qualification may be acceptable at grade B in place of the AS level qualification in some instances.

6. This includes those who have retaken their AS year, resat their A-levels or taken additional subjects at A-level after year 13. All AS and A2-level qualifications must be grade C or above, regardless of mitigating circumstances. Applicants must acknowledge and reflect on their individual circumstances (need to re-take year 12, need to resit A-levels etc) in their personal statement. Applicants who have taken longer than 3 years to achieve the required grades will not be considered.
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)