Admission Requirements

A100: Guidelines for applicants with EU Qualifications

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/](http://www.admissionstestingservice.org/for-test-takers/bmat/about-bmat/)

The qualifications below are the minimum required for direct application to A100. If your country is not on the list below please contact medicine@lancaster.ac.uk for advice.

Subject requirements: Applicants must have studied both Biology and Chemistry in their final academic qualification (see below). Applicants are usually expected to have studied English, Maths and Sciences (to include some level of study in Biology, Chemistry and Physics) as part of their secondary education.

English Language requirements: All EU applicants 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.

Applicants must demonstrate their English language proficiency before application. 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.

Interviews: No offers are made without interview, and therefore, all applicants must be prepared to travel to the UK for interview, with no guarantee of being successful. Interviews are generally held in January and February. Lancaster Medical School endeavours to give EU applicants at least 3 weeks’ notice of interview dates, if they are called for interview. More information about the selection procedure can be found on the website: [http://www.lancaster.ac.uk/fhm/study/undergraduate/medicine/entry-requirements-and-policies/selection-process/](http://www.lancaster.ac.uk/fhm/study/undergraduate/medicine/entry-requirements-and-policies/selection-process/)

A graduate who offers the equivalent of a good 2:1 honours degree in an appropriate subject may not need to meet the full academic criteria stated below. The Admissions Tutor will comment on a pre-application curriculum vitae.
Academic qualifications:

- **AUSTRIA**: Pass Reifeprüfungszeugnis/Maturazeugnis with a score of 1 (sehr gut) in the majority of subjects taken. ‘1’ must be achieved in both Biology and Chemistry.
- **BELGIUM**: Diploma van Hoger Secundair Onderwijs, Certificate d’Enseignement Secondaire Supérieur’ or Abschlusszeugnisch with an overall score of at least 80% (16/20 or 8/10) and no less than 80% in both Chemistry and Biology.
- **CYPRUS**: Pass Cypriot Apolytirio/ Greek Apolytirio of Lykeio with a minimum average of 19.5 plus 19.5 in 3 specified (Katefthinis) subjects which must include both Biology and Chemistry.
- **ESTONIA**: Pass Gumnaasiumi Loputunnistus (Secondary School Leaving Certificate) & Riigieksamid (State Examinations) with 90% overall average with 90 or 5 in specified subjects which must include both Biology and Chemistry.
- **FINLAND**: Pass Ylioppilastutkintotodistus with four subjects (including Biology and Chemistry) achieving E (6), E (6), E (6), L (7) in those four subjects.
- **FRANCE**: Pass Baccalaureate with an average of 15 and a minimum of 15 in 3 specified subjects (to include Biology and Chemistry).
- **GERMANY**: Pass Abitur with a GPA of 1.3 or less plus a minimum of 13 in 3 Leistungskurs subjects (to include Biology and Chemistry). Realschulabschluss considered in lieu of GCSEs.
- **GREECE**: Pass Apolytirion of Lykeio with a minimum average of 19.5 plus 19.5 in 3 specified subjects which would include both Chemistry and Biology. Apolyterio of Gymnasio considered in lieu of GCSEs.
- **HUNGARY**: Pass Erettseg with 5 subjects taken in grade 12 (usually age 18) with 5, 5, 5 to include Biology and Chemistry as specified subjects.
- **ITALY**: Pass Diploma di Esami di Stato with minimum average 95% with no less than 95% in Chemistry and Biology.
- **LITHUANIA**: Pass Brabdos Atestatas with average of 10 with no less than 10 in Chemistry and Biology.
- **LUXEMBOURG**: Pass Diplome de Fin d’Etudes Secondaires with a minimum of 50 points (tres bien) with 50 achieved in both Chemistry and Biology.
- **NETHERLANDS**: Overall average of 8.5 in Diplome Voorbereidend Wetenschappelijk Onderwijs (VWO) with a minimum of 9 in Chemistry and Biology.
- **POLAND**: Pass Matura (Basic and Extended level) with an average of 85% with at least 2 extended level subjects which must include Chemistry and Biology (at least 85% in each).
- **PORTUGAL**: Pass Diploma de Ensino Secundario with an average of 18 plus a minimum of 18 in specified subjects (to include Chemistry and Biology and one other).
- **ROMANIA**: Pass Diploma de Bacalaureat with an overall score of 9 (with 9 in both Biology and Chemistry).
- **SPAIN**: Pass Titulo de Bachiller with an average of 9 overall plus 9 in specified subjects (to include Biology and Chemistry). Graduado en educacion Secundaria (GES) considered in lieu of GCSEs.
- **SWEDEN**: Pass Avgangsbetyg/Slutbetyg Fran Gymnasieskola with no less than VG in every subject and MVG in majority of subjects including both Biology and Chemistry. Slutbetyg fran Grundskola considered in lieu of GCSEs.
- **EUROPEAN BACCALAUREATE**: Grade average of 85% minimum; At least 85% (or 8.5) in both Biology and Chemistry is required.
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)