Admission Requirements

**A100: Guidelines for applicants offering GCSEs/Open University Modules**

**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/)

**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 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.

Applicants offering non-traditional qualifications are assessed on an individual basis. However all applicants should be able to provide evidence of excellent attainment:

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<td>A minimum of 5 GCSEs at Grade B or higher.</td>
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  Core & Additional Science (or Biology, Chemistry, and Physics), English Language and Mathematics |
| The qualifications should be achieved at one sitting. | One of the following modules must also be taken: |
| Depending on individual circumstances applicants may be required to demonstrate a score of at least 15 points from nine GCSEs in line with other A100 applicants |  
  SDK 125 (Introducing Health Sciences), Level 1 = 30 points  
  S205 (The Molecular World), Level 2 = 60 points  
  SD 226 (Biological psychology; exploring the brain), Level 2 = 30 points  
  S320 (Infectious Disease), Level 3 = 30 points  
  S377 (Molecular and Cell Biology), Level 3 = 30 points  
  SD329 (Signals and Perception), Level 3 = 30 points |
| A*/A = 2; B = 1 | The Admissions Tutor will comment on a pre-application curriculum vitae. |

1. Some qualifications that are not GCSEs may be awarded points as follows:
   - Level 2 DiDa: Dist/Merit = 2 points; Credit = 1 point
   - Level 2 CiDa: Dist/Merit = 1 point; Credit = 0.5 points
   - 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 GCSEs (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 GCSE.

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

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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)