Admission Requirements

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

Access to Higher Education (Medicine) qualification from the following FE colleges will be considered:
- Wirral Metropolitan
- Southport
- Manchester College
- Sussex Downs College
The Staffordshire Access to HE course (Medicine and Health Professionals) and the B991 Foundation Year in Clinical Sciences at the University of Bradford will also be considered.

**BMAT:** 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: www.admissionstesting.org/images/352236-bmat-flyer.pdf

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:
- IELTS (a minimum score of 7.0 with no component less than 7.0) or
- 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.

**Academic qualifications:**

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 6 (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.

**PLUS**
- 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 not recommended.
- If you have already taken three years to complete your A-levels, you are not eligible to apply to Lancaster Medical School with an Access-type qualification.
- 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.
- 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.
The Selection process:

Lancaster Medical School considers applications to its medical degree programme in a four 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: Multiple mini-interview. No applicant will be made an offer without interview.

Stage 4: 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:


More information about our degree programme, our entry requirements and our selection process can be found on our website: http://www.lancaster.ac.uk/lms

Applications should be made through UCAS in the normal way: www.ucas.com