Admission Requirements

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

**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](http://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:** Evidence of excellent attainment in both GCSE and A-level examinations.

**GCSE**

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<th>In nine subjects</th>
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<td>At least a score of 15 points from the nine</td>
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<td>At least grade B or 6 in the following required subjects:&lt;br&gt;- Biology, Chemistry, and Physics (or Core &amp; Additional Science)&lt;br&gt;- English Language and&lt;br&gt;- Mathematics</td>
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<td>All other subjects must be at least grade C or 4.</td>
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**A-level**

- Chemistry and Biology are subject requirements at A2 level.
- Three subjects taken at one sitting, after 2 years of study, plus a 4th subject at AS-level or EPQ.
- **Minimum grades required: AAA (b)**
- Three subjects taken at one sitting, no 4th AS or EPQ.
- **Grades required: AAA - A*AA** (depending on individual circumstances)
- Only one of Maths or Further Maths will be considered.
- We will consider applications from applicants who have taken 3 years to achieve the required grades at A-level.

1. Some qualifications that are not GCSEs may be awarded points as follows:
   - **Level 2 DiDa:** Dist = 2 points; Merit = 1 point
   - **Level 2 CiDa:** Dist = 2 points; Merit = 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 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. Applicants who have achieved 12 – 14 points from 9 GCSEs and have already achieved AAA at A Level including Biology and Chemistry before applying, will be considered.

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

5. General Studies, Critical Thinking and native language A-Levels are only considered as the 4th subject.

6. This includes those who have retaken Year 12, resat their A-levels or taken additional subjects at A-level after year 13. In the absence of mitigating circumstances, you must have achieved ABB in your A-levels at the first attempt. Otherwise, all AS and A2-level qualifications must be grade C or above at the first attempt, regardless of mitigating circumstances. Applicants must acknowledge and reflect on their individual circumstances (e.g. 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.

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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](http://www.lancaster.ac.uk/lms)

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