A100 Admission Guidelines
for applicants offering Scottish Qualifications Authority qualifications
2019-20

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/for-test-takers/bmat/

Academic qualifications:

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<td>At least seven(^1) subjects attained by the end of S4 including Biology, Chemistry, Physics, English Language, Mathematics(^2), plus at least two other subjects. Required grades: National 5 (A or B) or Standard Grade Credit (1 or 2) or Intermediate 2 (A or B)</td>
<td>At least five subjects taken at one sitting, after one year of study including Biology (A), Chemistry (A), plus at least three other subjects. Minimum grades required: AAAAB(^3)</td>
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English Language Requirements:
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 above. 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.

Additional Information:
1. Applicants who have taken less than seven subjects at National 5 may be considered if the academic reference states that it is school or local authority policy for National 5 students to be entered for fewer than seven examinations.
2. All applicants must study Biology, Chemistry, Physics, English Language and Mathematics to National 5/Standard grade. Applicants may be able to take an additional National 5 subject alongside their Highers or Advanced Highers to meet this subject requirement.
3. This includes those who have retaken their Advanced Highers or taken additional subjects at Advanced Higher after 6th year to meet the entry requirements. Applicants must acknowledge and reflect on their individual circumstances (need to re-take Advanced Highers, need to take additional subjects after 6th year etc.) in their personal statement. Applicants who have taken longer than 3 years to achieve the required grades in Highers and Advanced Highers will not be considered.

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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: [www.gmc-uk.org/education/standards-guidance-and-curricula/guidance/professional-behaviour-and-fitness-to-practise](http://www.gmc-uk.org/education/standards-guidance-and-curricula/guidance/professional-behaviour-and-fitness-to-practise)

Sarah Bethel (Lonsdale College) is studying on the MBChB Medicine and Surgery programme. Here is what she had to say about the course:

My experiences so far at Lancaster have been fantastic. One aspect of the course that I have really enjoyed is the early patient contact, which is a definite bonus in terms of training. Since the start of second year we have had both medical and surgical placements in both Lancaster and Barrow hospitals. Both placements have allowed me to see what specialties I do/don’t enjoy, and I have had countless opportunities to get involved in many aspects of patient care. Every day I surprise myself with what specialties I enjoy, and it is so exciting. The best part of second year by far for myself, is having the opportunity to go into different theatres, seeing orthopaedic, general and ENT surgery. I haven’t yet had many opportunities to work in primary care and so I am excited to undertake a placement in GP in third year and see how different it is to hospital life.

Lancaster has definitely been the best choice for me and I think this has mainly been down to the small, friendly nature of the medical school. It is very easy to get to know the staff and other students, who offer so much advice and support, particularly during the stressful processes of settling in and exams. There are also lots of opportunities to get involved in Lancaster’s medical society. As the current social secretary, I am having an amazing time working with the rest of the exec arranging the social calendar for all 5 years, including our two annual balls.

When applying for medicine, I think people often overlook the fact that you need to like where you are studying. It’s very easy to get caught up in league tables etc. but 5 years is a long time to live somewhere, particularly if you don’t like the area. For anyone considering applying for medicine, I would say to just go for it as it is by far the best decision I’ve made.

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

Any queries should be directed to medicine@lancaster.ac.uk