A100 Admission Guidelines
for applicants offering non-traditional qualifications (Access courses) 2019-20

The following Access to Higher Education qualifications are currently accepted:

- Access to HE Diploma (Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy and Medical Science at The Manchester College
- Access to HE Diploma (Medicine) at East Sussex College
- Access to HE Diploma (Medicine and Health Professionals) at Newcastle and Stafford Colleges Group

Open University modules are also accepted.

If you have completed an alternative Access qualification or Open University modules and would like to know if it would be accepted for entry to A100, contact medicine@lancaster.ac.uk for further advice.

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.admissiontesting.org/for-test-takers/bmat/

Academic qualifications: Applicants offering non-traditional qualifications are assessed on an individual basis. However, applicants offering an Access qualification should meet both of the following:

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| A minimum of a grade B or 6 in the following required subjects:
  - Biology, Chemistry, and Physics (or Core & Additional Science)  
  - English Language and
  - Mathematics |
| Qualifications should be achieved at one sitting. |
| Depending on individual circumstances, applicants may be required to demonstrate at least a score of 15 points from nine GCSEs where A*-A or 7-9 = 2 points; B or 6 = 1 point²,³ |
| Complete an approved Access to Medicine course and achieve distinction in 45 Level 3 credits. |
| 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. |

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. 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:

1. BTEC qualifications are not acceptable replacements for English, Maths and Science subjects.
2. **BTEC Level 2**: Dist/Dist* = 2 points; Merit (or equivalent) = 1 point
3. Two points is the maximum score awarded in each subject area: for example, only one of Maths and Further Maths considered; Dual Award GSCEs (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 GSCE.
   - 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 and applicants applying with an Access-type qualification are expected to meet the academic requirements at first attempt.
   - 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 and have achieved at least BBB.
   - Applicants without AS or A2 qualifications should demonstrate excellent attainment in vocational/professional qualifications at a higher level than GCSE.

**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)

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)

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