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A100 admission guidelines for **2025** entry for applicants with international qualifications



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Here is what he had to say about the course

The application process can be both stressful and extremely exciting at times. I would advise students to ask as many questions as they can on Open Days and apply to a medical school with the curriculum that suits them rather than the choosing a university for its status. Its small cohort, excellent facilities, and group teaching within the PBL curriculum attracted me to Lancaster Medical School.

I am thankful that I applied and chose Lancaster Medical School. Working in small groups within the PBL curriculum enables you to be fully engaged in the session and provides a fantastic opportunity to learn off others. Starting clinical placement at the start of second year has provided me with an excellent insight into my future career and has enabled me to apply the knowledge that we learn in first year. Because of the small cohort, we have lots of opportunity for one to one teaching and this means that I feel well supported throughout my learning.

In second year, we spend two days per week in hospital. Initially it was very daunting starting to clerk and examine real patients on the ward,

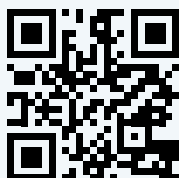
but I have found it crucial to my understanding of the PBL curriculum. The best part about placement is the breadth of cases that we may see throughout our ward rotations and on the key clinical experiences organised throughout the year. A highlight for me was the orthopaedic theatre session and this has further reinforced my interest in surgery.

Medicine is unlike other courses at Lancaster and I would suggest that you are proactive from the beginning and try to stay organised. What really helped me was planning how much time I had free and fitting my learning around that. The most important thing to remember is that you are not alone, and the beauty of the small cohort means that you can easily interact with other students if you do feel overwhelmed. Your Year 2 mentor is an excellent resource for information; do make sure to ask them if you have any questions. Because of the nature of PBL, you direct the learning outside of contact hours. Find what strategies of learning work best for you.

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UCAT

All applicants must sit the University Clinical Aptitude Test to be considered for interview. More information about the test and how to register can be found online: ucat.ac.uk



Subject requirements

Applicants must have studied any two of Biology, Chemistry and Psychology in their final academic qualification. Applicants are expected to have studied English, Maths and Sciences (to include some level of study in Biology, Chemistry and Physics) as part of their secondary education, usually until age 16.

English Language Requirements

If you are applying from outside the UK or if you have been permanently domiciled in the UK for less than 5 years and have not continuously resided in a majority English Language speaking country (as listed on the gov.uk website), you may be required to 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 may not be considered. English language qualifications must be less than 2 years old at the time of application. If you are unsure, please email medicine@lancaster.ac.uk.

Interviews

No offers are made without interview. Interviews are generally held in January and February. Lancaster Medical School endeavours to give international applicants an interview time that is during the day time of their home country but this may not always be possible.

More information about the selection procedure can be found on the website: <https://www.lancaster.ac.uk/lms/medicine/mbchb-medicine-and-surgery/how-to-apply/>



Graduates

A graduate who offers the equivalent of a good 2:1 UK honours degree in an appropriate subject may not need to meet the full academic criteria stated below.

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 progress to stage 2.

Stage 2: Applicants will be ranked according to their **UCAT** 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



Academic qualifications

The qualifications below are the minimum required for direct application to A100. If your country is not on the list below, please contact medicine@lancaster.ac.uk for advice.

Nation	Qualification	Requirement
Australia	Senior Secondary Certificate of Education & ATAR / OP	ATAR of at least 98 including Biology and Chemistry ¹ or Queensland OP of 2
Austria	Reifeprüfung / Matura	A score of 1 (sehr gut) in Biology and Chemistry ¹ , with a 2 (gut) in all other subjects
Belgium	Diploma van Hoger Secundair Onderwijs, Certificate d'Enseignement Secondaire Supérieur' or Abschlusszeugterrichs	An overall score of at least 80% (16/20 or 8/10) and 80% in Biology and Chemistry ¹
Brunei	Brunei-Cambridge GCE A-levels	A*AA including Biology and Chemistry ¹
Bulgaria	Diploma za Zavarsheno Sredno Obrazovanie	An overall grade of at least 5.5 with grade 6 in both Biology and Chemistry ¹
Canada	Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) or equivalent	At least 90% average in six grade 12 U or M courses including Biology and Chemistry ¹
Caribbean Islands	Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE)	Grade 1 in 3 CAPE-2 Units including Biology and Chemistry ¹
Croatia	Matura	4.8 average with no less than 5 achieved in Biology and Chemistry ¹
Cyprus	Cypriot Apolytirio / Greek Apolytirio of Lykeio	A minimum average of 19.5, plus 19 in 3 specified (Katefthinis) subjects including Biology and Chemistry ¹
Czech Republic	Vysvědčení o maturitní zkoušce	1.5 average with no less than 1 in Biology and Chemistry ¹
Denmark	Bevis for Studentereksamen	A score of 11 overall, including 11 in Biology and Chemistry ¹
Estonia	Gumnaasiumi Loputunnistus and Riigieksamid	5.0 overall in at least 5 subjects including Biology and Chemistry ¹ 90% average in 3 State Examinations
Finland	Ylioppilastutkintotodistus	3 subjects at Laudatur (7) including Biology and Chemistry ¹
France	French Baccalaureate (Série scientifique)	An average of 15 and a minimum of 15 in 2 principal subjects including Biology and Chemistry ¹
Germany	Abitur	A GPA of 1.3 or less plus a minimum of 13 in 3 Leistungskurs subjects including Biology and Chemistry ¹
Greece	Apolytirion of Lykeio	A minimum average of 19 plus 19.5 in 3 specified subjects including Biology and Chemistry ¹
Hong Kong	Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)	5, 5, 5 in 3 elective subjects including Biology and Chemistry ¹ (excluding Integrated Science or Combined Science) and at least 5, 5, 4, 4 in the 4 core subjects, including English Language at 5.
Hungary	Erettsegi	Grade 5 in 5 subjects taken in Grade 12 including Biology and Chemistry ¹
India	Indian Certificate of Secondary Education (Standard XII)	An average of 90% at Standard XII and no less than 90% in Biology and Chemistry ¹ at Standard XII
Iran	Pre-University Certificate or National Entrance Examination (Konkur)	An overall score of 19 and no less than 18 in Biology and Chemistry ¹

Nation	Qualification	Requirement
Ireland	Irish leaving certificate	H1, H1, H2, H2, H2, H2 inc. H1 in two of Biology, Chemistry or Psychology
Israel	Bagrut	An average score of 90% across all units and an average score of 90% for Level 4 or 5 Biology and Chemistry ¹
Italy	Diploma di Esame di Stato	A minimum average 96% with no less than 9 in Natural Science
Latvia	Atestāts par vispārējo vidējo izglītību	An overall score of 9.0 with 85% or above in State exams, which must include both Biology and Chemistry ¹
Lithuania	Brandos Atestatas	An average of 90% (9.0) with no less than 85% (8.5) in Biology and Chemistry ¹
Luxembourg	Diplome de Fin d'Etudes Secondaires	A minimum of 50 points (tres bien) with 50 achieved in Biology and Chemistry ¹
Malaysia	Sijil Tinggi Persekolahan Malaysia (STPM)	AAA including Biology and Chemistry ¹
Netherlands	Diplome Voorbereidend Wetenschappelijk Onderwijs (VWO)	An average of 8.5 with a minimum of 8 in Biology and Chemistry ¹
New Zealand	University Entrance with National Certificate in Educational Level 3 (NCEA)	Achieve University Entrance through NCEA Level 3, with three subjects at L3 or above, made up of 14 credits each, in three approved subjects at grade E, including Biology and Chemistry ¹
Norway	Vitnemål – videregående opplæring (VVO)	An overall grade of at least 5.5 with grade 6 in both Biology and Chemistry ¹
Poland	Matura	An average of 85% with at least 85% in Biology and Chemistry ¹ at Extended level
Portugal	Diploma de Ensino Secundario	An average of 19 plus a minimum of 18 in 3 specified subjects including Biology and Chemistry ¹
Romania	Diploma de Bacalaureat	An overall score of 9 with 9 in Biology and Chemistry ¹
Singapore	Singapore/Cambridge A-levels NUS High School Diploma	AAA in Singapore-Cambridge H2 A-levels including Biology and Chemistry ¹ Graduation CAP requirements 4.5/5
Slovenia	Spričevalo o splošni maturi	4.8 average with no less than 5 in Biology and Chemistry ¹
South Africa	South African National Senior Certificate (SANSC)	A score of 7 in 6 subjects, excluding life orientation, and no less than 7 in Life Sciences and Physical Sciences.
Spain	Titulo de Bachiller	An average of 9.3 out of 10 overall with 9 in Biology and Chemistry ¹
Sri Lanka	Sri Lanka Advanced Level	AAA in Sri Lankan A-levels including Biology and Chemistry ¹
Sweden	Avgångsbetyg/Slutbetyg Fran Gymnasieskola	An A in the majority of final year subjects including Biology and Chemistry ¹ and no less than a B grade in the remaining subjects.
Switzerland	Certificat de maturité / Attestato di maturità / Maturitätszeugnis	An average of 5.7 or above with 6 in Biology and Chemistry ¹
USA	High School Diploma (HSD) and SAT or ACT and Advanced placements (APs)	At least 3.5 in HSD and either SAT at 1300 or ACT Composite Score of 28 or above and 4 Group A Aps at grades 5, 5, 5, 4 with a 5 in Biology and Chemistry ¹

Additional Information

1. Where available, Psychology can act as a replacement for one of either Biology or Chemistry.