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Please note all applicants must consult our E2027 A100/A101 Departmental Supplements to the Admissions policy prior to placing an application for entry in the next admissions cycle. These policies provide details of how your application will be processed. Policies may be updated over time and applicant should always re-check the details immediately prior to placing an application with us.

COURSE/PROGRAMME:

How many places are there available on the Liverpool medicine programme? For E2027 it is expected that there will be **292** home places and 23 EU/international places available on the A100 (5-year) programme. 33 places are expected to be available via the A101 (4-year) graduate entry programme (3 of these places are reserved for OMFS applicants). For entry in **2027**, approximately 40 of the A100 places have been filled with deferred entrants. The number of deferred applicants varies annually.

Where can I find to out how to apply? Full details of our academic and non-academic criteria for our programmes can be found on our website.
Our Departmental Supplements to the Admissions Policy can also be accessed from our website and provides details of how we process applications.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Do I need A-levels to apply? While most applicants offer A-levels we consider a variety of other equivalent qualifications. Potential applicants are encouraged to check their qualifications against the guidelines on our website. If further advice is required, please submit your enquiry together with full details of your academic history (including qualifications taken, subjects studied and grades achieved), to our team at mbchb@liverpool.ac.uk

What GCSEs do you look for? For our 5-year A100 programme we require GCSEs in nine subjects usually attained by the end of Year 11 which must include: English Language, Mathematics, Biology and Chemistry. Core & Additional Science combined or triple science is usually an acceptable alternative to the individual sciences. A minimum of grade B (score 6) is required in core subjects.

We award 2 points for an A/A*/7/8/9 and 1 point for a B/6 and a minimum score of 15 points from the best 9 GCSEs or equivalents is required

I do not meet the minimum GCSE (or other academic) requirements. Would you advise me to apply anyway? Applicants who do not meet the minimum academic requirements are advised that their application is likely to be considered unsuccessful. We cannot pre-judge applications but if applicants wish to make us aware of any extenuating circumstances which may have impacted on their academic progress, they are advised to declare them via our applicant online form, which can be accessed from our website from September. The School of Medicine usually considers contextualised data when processing applications. Please see our A100 Departmental Supplement to the Admissions Policy which is available on our website.

Your website states that I need a minimum of 15 points from 9 GCSEs. I only have 8 GCSEs. Can I still apply? Offering 15 points from 8 GCSEs with our core subjects of English Language, Maths, Chemistry and Biology included (core & additional science, combined or triple usually accepted instead of individual sciences) is fine. If you were unable to sit 9 GCSEs and cannot offer 15 points, you must inform us via our Applicant online Form A which is available on our website from September 2026 until 23rd October. International applicants rarely sit 9 GCSEs and should always submit an Applicant online Form A and upload evidence of school achievements (such as a subject/grade transcript) from Years 10/11. This is taken into consideration when processing applications.

For the GCSE entry requirements, can English Literature be used instead of English Language? English Language GCSE is a requirement and one of the core subjects; it therefore must be offered at a minimum of Grade 6 or B. We cannot consider an English Literature GCSE grade in place of this. For the full GCSE and A level requirements for A100, please refer to the following Admissions requirements

I do not offer the required GCSEs. Will you consider resits?
Resits of Core GCSE subjects may be considered if the applicant otherwise meets the minimum of 15 points from the remainder of their GCSE subjects taken by the end of year 11. However, we can consider individual circumstances on a case-by -case basis and we would advise that you contact mbchb@liverpool.ac.uk for advice.

My predicted A-level grades might not be AAA. Will this affect my application? For entry to E2027, we will not be using predicted grades. This is in line with recommendation from the Office for Students. We will, however, check that you meet the subject requirements for our programme.
Guidelines for applicants offering A-levels entry 2027
Guidelines for applicants offering IB entry 2027

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Is there any benefit to applicants offering four A-levels? Our typical offer is based on three A-levels and in the interest of fairness, our process is designed so that the ability to offer additional qualifications is not a factor which is considered when determining who is invited to interview.

Do you consider the Welsh Baccalaureate? We do consider the Advanced Welsh Baccalaureate Skills Challenge Certificate as a third A-level, which needs to be offered alongside A-levels in both Chemistry and either Biology, Physics or Maths.

Is taking an extended project (EPQ) of value to applicants to the Liverpool programme? Our admissions team recognise that an extended project may enhance the skill set of an applicant in relation to enhancing independent learning or appropriate knowledge. However, not all applicants are offered the chance to do these projects, and they are equivalent in tariff to an AS qualification. For this reason, the extended project will not usually be used as part of the Liverpool Admissions criteria.

As a Liverpool Scholar, would I get the same offer as other applicants? As a Scholar the minimum academic requirements differ from non-Scholars. Usually, a minimum of 12 points at GCSE would be required, and an offer of **ABB** (up to 2 grade reduction from typical offer) is likely should you be successful at interview. The A grade would need to be in either Chemistry, Biology, Physics or Maths. For full details, please click Admissions requirements.

As a Liverpool Pathways student, would I get the same offer as other applicants? As a Scholar the minimum academic requirements differ from non-Scholars. Usually, a minimum of 12 points at GCSE would be required, and an offer of **AAB** (1 grade reduction from typical offer) is likely should you be successful at interview. At least one A grade would need to be in either Chemistry, Biology, Physics or Maths. For full details, please click Admissions requirements.

Do Realising Opportunity Group Students get the same offer as other applicants? Yes – However, although not eligible for special consideration because you are part of the Realising Opportunity Scheme, you may be eligible for additional consideration in the admissions process if your application raises a contextual flag. Please see the university's website for information on contextual data https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/applying/contextual-data/ and https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/media/livacuk/schoolofmedicine/admissions/Contextual,Data,E2027.pdf

Do you consider contextual data when inviting to interview? Special consideration **may** be given to applicants who meet the agreed criteria for the university's policy on contextual data for fair access during selection for interview and when making offers. Please see the university's website for information on contextual data https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/applying/contextual-data/ and https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/media/livacuk/schoolofmedicine/admissions/Contextual,Data,E2027.pdf

I'm a mature applicant with only GCSE qualifications. Applicants not offering A-levels may wish to consider if they are eligible to enrol in one of our approved Access courses which meet our stated criteria. Information regarding our GCSE requirements and which Access courses we would consider can be found Admissions requirements (liverpool.ac.uk).

However, you may also wish to consider your suitability for the University of Liverpool's Foundation to Medicine (Year0) programme, which, if completed successfully, provides you with direct entry to year 1 of the A100 course: Foundation to Human and Animal Health Professions (Medicine) (Year 0).

I do not have any Science A–levels. Can I be considered for the course? Applicants without the required Science-based A-levels may wish to consider if they are eligible to enrol in one of the QAA approved Access courses. Information regarding our GCSE requirements and which Access courses we would consider can be found Admissions requirements (liverpool.ac.uk).
However, you may also wish to consider your suitability for the University of Liverpool's Foundation to Human and Animal Health Professions, which, if completed successfully, provides you with direct entry to year 1 of the A100 course: Foundation to Human and Animal Health Professions (Medicine) (Year 0).

Do you accept A Level resits? We normally only consider a resit application if you achieve a minimum of ABB grades at first sitting. Applicants who are re-sitting any examinations are expected to complete the applicant online form, which is available on our website from September. Any offers made to resitting applicants will usually be higher than AAA e.g. A*AA

Do you consider extenuating circumstances? If so, how do I let you know about them? If an applicant has had their study or examinations interrupted due to circumstances beyond their control, such as illness or bereavement, they should complete the applicant online form, which will be available on our website from September. This is an opportunity for us to be informed as to what the circumstances are/were, how the applicant's study/exams have been affected, and upload any evidence the applicant has to support this. Each case will be considered individually and without prejudice, but please note that a declaration of extenuating circumstances does not mean that your application will necessarily be successful.

NB: Please note that as we are aware that the COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted the education of many students and we do not usually require applicants to submit an online form for this reason.

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I am an International/EU student and have not sat GCSEs. Can I still apply? Yes. Please check our guidelines for your country and the qualifications we accept before you apply. Please note that EU applicants are now considered within our international pool and thus there are limited places available:

Guidelines for EU Qualifications entry 2027
Guidelines for International applicants entry 2027

If you believe that you meet/are predicted to meet our criteria, you should upload your Year 10/11 transcript, via our Applicant Online Form A by October 23rd, so that an equivalent GCSE score can be determined.

Must the IELTS requirements be met on the first attempt or are re-sits accepted? We can consider IELTS resits but we also accept IELTS One Skill Retake. Proof of meeting the English Language qualifications must be held in our office by the time of A-level confirmation each year. The admissions team will be happy to advise students of this date each year and applicants are advised that we will be unable to consider English Language qualifications that are submitted after this date.

PERSONAL STATEMENT/WORK EXPERIENCE:

What do you look for in a personal statement? Although we don't use the personal statement in deciding who gets invited to interview, we do expect each personal statement to be an accurate reflection of what each applicant has done to prepare themselves for the reality of being a student doctor. We would advise all applicants to consider how their experiences relate to the Core Values and Attributes outlined by the Medical Schools Council (Link).

Information that is typically provided via the personal statement is likely to be explored at interview.

Are personal statements considered as part of the applications process? Your personal statement is likely to be considered as part of the interview, in assessing your non-academic attributes. Non-academic attributes valued by the School are listed on our guidelines (link).

1. health care career awareness and insight
2. caring for the community
3. a critical, coherent, and informative approach to written communication
4. the values that embody and underpin good healthcare practice

Do you have any tips for writing a personal statement? At Liverpool we don't use the personal statement in making the decision of who to invite to interview but can provide the following advice: The statement should be structured with good use of paragraphs and appropriate spelling, it should address the non-academic criteria of the medical schools you have applied to and it should demonstrate reflection and be evidence based. The aim is to avoid it being a tick list of where you have been rather that it being a reflective document that helps you demonstrate to the reader that you have health care awareness and insight and that you understand the role of the doctor and the core values and attributes needed for the career. You should aim to provide evidence to show that you have or are developing these attributes**.** It is advised that you consult the MSC resources that are signposted in our Departmental Supplement or go directly to access them from the website. The resources here will give further advice on personal statement & interview preparation. You should also make sure you do not break the confidentiality of anyone you might have had contact with during work experience.

If we haven't been able to get any work experience, would you recommend doing online work experience courses? Liverpool expects applicants to possess the non-academic attributes listed on their guidelines but are not prescriptive about the type of experiences that an applicant would use to provide evidence that they have/or are developing these. We would recommend potential applicants to make full use of the resources from the Medical Schools Council and to note the statement on the core values and attributes needed to study medicine and the guidance on gaining relevant work experience (Link) to study medicine. Thus, no minimum work experience is specified when applying to Liverpool although experience in customer facing and caring roles can be very informative in the development of your skill set.

Do you have to do medical work over summer? No medical work is required to be undertaken over the summer break. We would like you to arrive refreshed and ready for your studies, but we would not deter you from wanting to gain further insight and experience of healthcare practices.

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UCAT:

Do I need to sit an admissions test to apply to Liverpool Medical School? All new non-graduate applications to the A100 programme are required to offer the UCAT admissions test undertaken in the year of application. Graduate applicants applying to A100 or A101 are required to sit GAMSAT http://gamsat.acer.org

What is your UCAT cut off score? UCAT cut off scores will annually and the UCAT test changed in 2025. Please refer to the UCAT 2025 page for further details. These changes meant that historic UCAT scores of previous applicants could not be used to guide applicants applying in 2025 for entry to 2026. Historic UCAT scores of our successful applicants have therefore been removed from our website. Based on cut off scores from entry to 2026 and information provided by the UCAT consortium in relation to the test change our estimation is that home students applying in 2027 will potentially require a UCAT score within the 5th to 7th Candidate Decile Ranking (1880-2010) and that international students are likely to require UCAT scores falling in the 7th to 9th Candidate Decile Ranking (2010 - 2220). As UCAT scores vary annually depending on the applicant pool and their performance these scores are for guidance **only**.

How would you recommend revising for the UCAT? Please consider using the information and guidance available to you on the UCAT website. Here you will find several resources that enable you to practise the different elements of the test, and advice from other students as to how they prepared. Please view their website: Prepare | UCAT Consortium

Due to unforeseen circumstances, I have been unable to sit the UCAT exam. Will this affect my application? Should you have very specific circumstances that UCAT need to consider, you should contact the UCAT office. Please see here for guidance from UCAT.

If you have been unable to sit the UCAT exam you should inform us, via email (mbchb@liverpool.ac.uk) as to why this was the case, with evidence that this has been discussed with UCAT, prior to placing your application.

I meet the minimum academic criteria for your medicine programme. Can you tell me if my UCAT score is competitive? Details of how we use UCAT are published annually in our A100 Departmental Supplement to the Admissions Policy. It is expected that you will consult our A100 Departmental Supplement entry 2027(PDF) before applying.

When assessing my UCAT score will you take the SJT into account? Yes. Applications from HOME students who have achieved band 4 in the SJT will be deemed unsuccessful. The SJT component of the UCAT test will not be used in assessing EU/international applications.

GRADUATES:

Graduate applications for both our A100 (5-year) and A101 (4 year) programmes should be submitted via UCAS and applicants will be required to offer a valid GAMSAT score (https://gamsat.acer.org/). The A101 programme will only accept applications from home students. International graduates are only eligible to apply to the A100 programme. Graduate criteria for both programmes can be accessed from our website.

What help is available to fund me as a graduate? As a graduate, funding should be carefully considered before applying and embarking on a further degree. Information relevant to funding your study can be found on our website, within our A101 guidelines entry 2027and A101 Departmental Supplement entry 2027 to the Admissions Policy.

GAMSAT:

All graduates applying to the A100 or A101 programmes will be required to sit the GAMSAT admissions test, information can be found here.

For graduate applicants applying to the A100 programme in 2026 for entry to 2027 **only the following GAMSAT results can be used:**

- 2025 March & September
- 2026 March & September

I am a graduate applying to the A100 programme. What GAMSAT score will I require? Applicants need to offer a minimum overall score of 50 with no less than 50 in each subcomponent to be considered. It should be noted that minimum academic competence, in part evidenced by meeting the GAMSAT threshold, is a first and non-negotiable requirement and contextual information will not impact upon this. All applicants who offer a minimum score of 50 or above in each sub-component will be ranked based on their overall score. Please see the A100 Departmental Supplement to the Admissions Policy for further information A100 Departmental Supplement entry 2027. Note that entry is competitive and achieving this score does not guarantee an interview or place on the programme.

A100 programme - interviews:

How do you decide who gets an invite to interview? The top scoring applicants in the relevant admissions tests who also meet our minimum academic criteria are likely to be those invited to interview. Please see our A100 Departmental Supplement entry 2027.

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How many interviews do you offer? The number of interviews varies annually but we expect to offer approximately 1800 - 1900 home interviews and 120 international interviews annually

If I receive an interview when will it be? For E2027 we are currently planning for face-to-face MMI interviews for home applicants and on-line MMI for those holding international status. Details will be confirmed on our website, and interviews will take place in January/February 2027. **Please note that the format of the interview (online or home) is decided by the admissions team and not applicant choice.**

A101 programme – interviews

For E2027 we are currently planning for face-to-face MMI interviews for home applicants. Details will be confirmed on our website, and interviews will take place in January/February 2027. It is expected that we will interview approximately 120 applicants to the A101 programme.

OFFERS:

What is a typical offer for the A100 programme? A typical offer is one of three A-levels (grades AAA), to include Chemistry together with either Biology, Physics or Mathematics and a third academic subject.

Do you make alternate offers? Offers of **A*AB** may be made but **A*A** grades must include Chemistry together with either Biology, Physics or Maths: and a B grade in the third academic subject. In fairness we may be able to offer alternate offers to those offering equivalent level 3 qualifications.

How many offers do you make for the Liverpool Programmes? This varies on an annual basis. We have made approximately 730 offers for 2026 entry to home students who applied to the A100 programme (292 places available).

Do you consider deferred applications? We do consider deferred applications, but only for home applicants to the A100 programme. A100 applicants should indicate on their UCAS form if they wish to be considered for deferred entry to the programme. Requests for deferral submitted after the deadline for applications (October 15th 2026, for E2027) will be considered on an individual basis, but may not be granted, and applicants are advised that they should have no expectation of deferral if they have not specified this on their UCAS application.

Will the 345 places available for entry in 2027 include any deferred entry offers from E2026. Yes, this is possible. Every year we have deferred applicants for our programme.