

School of Medicine

A100: Guidelines for applicants offering GCSEs/Open University Modules

Applicants offering non-traditional qualifications are assessed on an individual basis. However all applicants should be able to provide evidence of excellent attainment in general. We usually require:

Admissions Test: All non-graduate applicants applying to the A100 programme must take UCAT.

Details at www.ucat.ac.uk and www.liverpool.ac.uk/medicine/study-with-us/undergraduate/admissions-information/

Academic Requirements

- Offer a minimum of 5 GCSEs at Grade B (score 6) or higher (or equivalent). These must include English Language, Maths, and Science (either Core & Additional Science or separate Biology/Chemistry/Physics). The qualifications should preferably be achieved at one sitting. Note: For GCSEs awarded a score 6 is equivalent to a B grade, 7 to an A grade and 8/9 to an A*.
- Depending on individual circumstances applicants may be required to demonstrate a competitive GCSE score of at least 15 points or better from nine GCSEs in line with other A100 applicants: **Points awarded as in table below:**

Qualification and Grade awarded	Points value
GCSE (A*/A/7/8/9)	2 points
GCSE (B/6)	1 point

AND typically:

- Open University modules
 - **Compulsory Units: S104** (Exploring Science), Level 1=60 points; **SK277** (Human Biology) Level 2 = 30 points
 - One of the following modules must also be taken:
 - SDK 125** (Introducing Health Sciences), Level 1 = 30 points
 - S205** (The Molecular World), Level 2 = 60 points
 - SD 226** (Biological psychology; exploring the brain), Level 2 = 30 points
 - S320** (Infectious Disease), Level 3 = 30 points
 - S377** (Molecular and Cell Biology), Level 3 = 30 points
 - SD329** (Signals and Perception), Level 3 = 30 points

The Admissions Tutor will comment on a pre-application curriculum vitae.

Other attributes:

Evidence of appropriate experience, aptitude, and communication:

Candidates must demonstrate suitable evidence of:

- health care career awareness/insight and
- a caring contribution to the community and
- a critical, coherent, and informative approach to verbal and written communication and
- the values that embody and underpin good healthcare practice

Please Note:

Applicants **must** read our Departmental Supplement to the Admissions Policy. Applications made through UCAS in the normal way. An **additional on-line form** may need to be completed by certain groups of applicants and those applying via the access to medicine route are encouraged to use this form to outline extenuating circumstances in relation to poor prior academic history. Please refer to www.liverpool.ac.uk/medicine/study-with-us/undergraduate/admissions-information/ for details.

The selection procedure at Liverpool is a competitive process. The indicative criteria is the usual **minimum** required. Invitation to interview is highly competitive and dependant on UCAT performance and academic success (both achieved and predicted). Non-academic attributes will be assessed at interview. The threshold for progressing through each stage varies from year to year depending upon the quality and quantity of applications that year. No candidate will be made an offer without interview. Further details at: www.liverpool.ac.uk/medicine/study-with-us/undergraduate/admissions-information/

If an applicant fails to achieve a place on the A100 programme they may only make one further consecutive application to the programme.

Applications may be considered from students entering the final year of study in degree programmes. However, please be advised that we do have specific criteria for A100 graduate applicants who are applying with pending or achieved degrees.

We do not usually consider transfers to our programme, but are committed to reviewing all new applications on an individual basis.

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