Foundation to Medicine (Year 0): UCAS code 789S

Foundation to Medicine (Year 0) is a Health Sciences programme which can lead to progression to year 1 of the A100 MBChB programme.
International applicants are not eligible to apply to this programme and deferred entry is not considered.

Potential applicants must consult both https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/courses/foundation-to-human-and-animal-health-professions-medicine-year-0 and the information within this document. This programme is designed for mature and non-traditional students who typically have taken a break from studies. Please note: Entry is competitive, and it may not always be possible to interview all applicants who meet minimum academic and non-academic criteria for the programme.

Typical Minimum Academic Criteria

5 GCSEs at a minimum of Grade 6 (B) to include Maths, English Language, Biology and Chemistry or dual combined science.

Please note: This programme is designed for mature students who have typically been out of formal education for some time or who have taken non-traditional qualifications.
Applicants who hold degrees are considered ineligible to apply to this programme. Graduates considering applying to medicine should consult guidelines for the A100 and A101 medicine programmes (Admissions information - School of Medicine - University of Liverpool)

Typical Non-Academic Criteria

Candidates must demonstrate suitable evidence of knowledge and insight into the profession with emphasis on learning from work experience/observation and are expected to demonstrate the skills and values that embody and underpin good healthcare practice.

Applicants should normally:

- Have been out of education for at least 5 years.
- Be considered ineligible to apply to either of the MBChB programmes. Thus, applicants are advised to familiarise themselves with the criteria for direct entry to the A100/A101 medicine programmes and to take advice from the medicine admissions team by contacting mbchb@liverpool.ac.uk if uncertain of their eligibility for the A100/A101 programmes. Details at Admissions information - School of Medicine - University of Liverpool
- We will consider mature students who have recently studied an access course (that is not eligible for direct entry to the A100 programme) or who offer work-related qualifications if the applicant can also offer the minimum GCSE requirements.
- We will consider extenuating circumstances that warrant candidates applying with more recent qualifications on a case-by-case basis.

Please note:

- **We can advise according to published guidance, but we cannot pre-judge potential applications.**
- The indicative criteria listed are the **minimum** required.
- Priority in the decision-making process will be given to those with **achieved** qualifications at the time of application.
- Applicants should have **achieved** the minimum GCSE criteria prior to applying. Applicants may be considered if they have resat GCSEs as a way to re-enter education. In general, only one attempt at resitting an individual subject would be accepted. While applicants can resit more than one GCSE subject, preference may be given to applicants who take all resit GCSEs at a single sitting.
- Level 2 BTECs are not considered in lieu of GCSEs.
- Applications are welcomed from individuals who have had a significant break in their studies and who offer non-science A-levels.
- Science A levels can usually only be considered if achieved more than 5 years prior to application.

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Please note:

- Applications from individuals who have studied medicine and failed to progress at other medical schools are unlikely to be successful.

Application Review

- Applications should be made through UCAS in the normal way. Applicants should take care to ensure that the UCAS form is completed fully, honestly, and without any omissions. **Please ensure that you provide a full breakdown of all academic and employment history. Failure to do so might result in the application being rejected on the basis of insufficient information.** Applicants who are returning to education must ensure that their personal statement is as informative as possible and illustrates their full journey prior to placing a foundation to medicine application**.**
- On receipt of your application, the Health Sciences admissions team will screen your application to ensure that it meets the minimum criteria of 5 GCSEs at grade 6 (B) – as outlined under **Typical Minimum Academic Criteria**. Applications which meet/exceed the criteria will be passed to the medicine team for further review.
- The medicine admissions team will review your application against both academic and non-academic criteria to decide if an interview for the programme will be offered. The competitive nature of the process means that meeting the minimum academic and non-academic requirements does not guarantee that you will receive an invitation to interview.
- All applicants must ensure that an academic/employer reference (whichever is the most appropriate) is provided as part of their UCAS submission. All areas of the reference should be completed fully, and any extenuating circumstances must be ratified by referees in the appropriate section of the reference.
- Academic review will consider how appropriate the programme, which is designed for mature and non-traditional students, is for the applicant. **Applicants who are considered eligible to apply directly to the A100 or A101 programmes will be deemed unsuccessful**. If checking your eligibility, you are advised to keep an e-mail trail of correspondence with the appropriate Admissions team/s.
- Interviews are expected to be delivered in the period March–May. Applicants should make every effort to attend and to be aware that no more than two interview dates will be offered to any individual applicant.
- No candidate will be made an offer without interview. To fully assess the competitiveness of any application, the School of Allied Health Professions and Nursing/School of Medicine reserves the right to ask for further information as necessary and reserves the right to record a 'deemed unsuccessful' decision against the applications of candidates who have consistently failed to respond to requests.
- Offers will be made to the most competitive applicants when assessed against both our published academic and non-academic criteria.
- If an applicant wishes to inform us of extenuating circumstances, such information should be included in the UCAS application. Please note that while each application will be considered individually, and without prejudice, we will not accept unsolicited correspondence in relation to extenuating circumstances that were available for inclusion in the UCAS application at the time of application. Candidates should note that evidence in support of any claims of mitigation will be required and that it is often impossible to know the extent to which any specific set of circumstances has impacted on an applicant's performance, and therefore it may be impossible to give priority in the admissions process to applicants who advise us of extenuating circumstances, even where these are considered valid.
- Note that applicants who go ahead with the interview will be declaring themselves as 'Ready for Interview'.
- The Medicine admissions team will advise the Health Science team of the applicants to receive offers. Offers will be made by the Health Sciences team and all feedback requests should be directed to the School of Allied Health Professionals and Nursing team via SAHPNadmissUG@liverpool.ac.uk who will liaise with the medicine team as required.
- **Deferred entry is not available for this route.**
- Students will be required to undertake an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check and an occupational health check if they progress to the A100 MBChB programme.

  Ethical guidance for doctors - GMC (gmc-uk.org)
  and
  https://www.bma.org.uk/pay-and-contracts/contracts/criminal-record-checks-and-declarations/criminal-record-checks-dbs-check

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