UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL

# School of Medicine: Admissions Requirements

## A100: Guidelines for Liverpool Scholars offering GCSEs/Science-based A-levels

Our typical minimum requirements:

Admissions Test: All non-graduate applicants applying to the A100 programme must take the UCAT test. Details at www.ucat.ac.uk and Admissions information - School of Medicine - University of Liverpool

Academic qualifications:
GCSE or equivalent requirements. Usually:

- GCSEs in nine subjects attained by the end of Year 11 which must include: English Language, Mathematics, Biology and Chemistry. Core & Additional Science, or dual/triple science are an acceptable alternative to the two individual sciences. Minimum of grade B (score 6) required in core subjects.
- A minimum score of **12** points from the best 9 GCSEs or equivalents. **Points awarded as indicated in table:**

| **Qualification and Grade awarded** | **Points value** |
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| **GCSE** (A*/A/7/8/9) | 2 points |
| **GCSE** (B/6) | 1 point |
| **BTEC** (Non-Science) Level 2 and OCR awards (Distinction*/Distinction) | 2 points |
| **BTEC** (Non-Science) Level 2 and OCR awards (Merit) | 1 point |

- Two points is the maximum score awarded in each subject area. (e.g. only one of Maths and Further Maths).
- Two points is the maximum score awarded for Dual Award GCSEs **except for** Dual Science for which up to 4 points may be awarded. Triple science can achieve a maximum of 6 points.
- Short course GCSEs will at most receive half the points of a full GCSE, but two short courses can be offered in place of a full GCSE**.**
- Resits of Core GCSE subjects may be considered if the applicant otherwise meets the minimum of 12 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.
- No more than two Level 2 BTEC qualifications or OCR awards will be considered as part of the 9 GCSEs/equivalents. These cannot be used as replacements for English Language, Maths and Science subjects. i.e. a minimum of 7 full GCSEs required.

A-level requirements are **usually**:

- A-levels in three subjects taken at one sitting after 2 years of study at a minimum of ABB, to include Chemistry, together with one of either Biology, Maths or Physics and a third academic subject. The A grade needs to be offered in either Chemistry, Biology, Maths or Physics. The Advanced Welsh Baccalaureate Skills Challenge Certificate is accepted in lieu of a third academic subject.
- General Studies, Critical Thinking and Level 3 BTECs are not considered as a third academic subject.
- **Resitting candidates**: May be considered if the applicant otherwise meets the GCSE criteria (as above). If applying to us for the first time, resit applicants must usually have achieved a minimum of BBB at first sitting. **Resit applicants must note any mitigating circumstances in both the academic reference and the Liverpool School of Medicine, Applicant Online Form A (the latter will be available on our website in September 2026).** If an offer is made resit applicants might expect it to be higher than typical (i.e. minimum of AAB). Resit applicants, who applied in the previous admissions cycle, are invited to contact us via mbchb@liverpool.ac.uk for advice.
- To be considered for a reduced offer for the medicine programme, Liverpool Scholars will need to successfully complete their Scholars programme.

Other attributes:

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 written and verbal communication **and**
- the values that embody and underpin good healthcare practice.

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Please note:

- Applicants **must** read our A100 Departmental Supplement (PDF) to the Admissions Policy.
- Applications made through UCAS in the normal way. An **additional online form** will need to be completed by certain groups of applicants. Please refer to: Admissions information - School of Medicine - University of Liverpool
- The selection procedure at Liverpool is a competitive process. The indicative criteria are the **minimum** required. Invitation to interview is highly competitive and dependent on ranking of academic achievement and UCAT performance. Non-academic attributes will be assessed at interview and offers made to the most competitive applicants. No applicant will be made an offer without interview. The threshold for progressing through each stage varies annually, depending upon the quality and quantity of applications. The Medical School reserves the right to vary offer conditions depending on a candidate's application. 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 into the medicine programmes, but we commit to reviewing all new applications on an individual basis.
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