

## School of Medicine

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

Our typical minimum requirements:

**Admissions Test:** All non-graduate applicants applying to the A100 programme must take UCAT. Details at [www.ucat.ac.uk](http://www.ucat.ac.uk) and [www.liverpool.ac.uk/medicine/study-with-us/undergraduate/admissions-information/](http://www.liverpool.ac.uk/medicine/study-with-us/undergraduate/admissions-information/)

**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, Chemistry, and Physics. Core & Additional Science is an acceptable alternative to the three individual sciences. Minimum of grade B ( score 6 ) required in core subjects.
- A minimum score of 15 points from the best 9 GCSEs or equivalents. **Points awarded as indicated in table:**

Qualification and Grade awarded	Points value
GCSE (A*/8/9 )	3 points
GCSE (A/7)	2 points
GCSE ( B/6)	1 point
BTEC (Non-science) Level 2 and OCR awards (Distinction*/Distinction/Merit)	(3 /2/1 ) points

- Three points is the maximum score awarded in each subject area. (e.g. Only one of Maths and Further Maths).
- Three points is the maximum score awarded for Dual Award GCSEs **except for** Dual Science for which up to 6 points may be awarded. Triple science can achieve a maximum of 9 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.
- 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: **(Please note 2020 calculated grades are considered to be equivalent to A-level grades)**

Usually:

- A levels taken in one sitting after a 2 year period of study
- AAA**, to include Chemistry together with either Biology, Physics or Mathematics and a third academic subject. The Advanced Welsh Baccalaureate Skills Challenge Certificate is accepted in lieu of a third academic subject. Alternatively **A\*AB** also accepted but the A\* A grades **must** include Chemistry together with either Biology, Physics or Maths; and a B grade required in the third academic subject
- General Studies, Critical Thinking and Level 3 BTECs are not considered
- Resitting candidates:** Please note that candidates sitting A-level examinations following receipt of calculated grades awarded in 2020 are not considered as resitting candidates. However, candidates are expected to take these examinations at the first opportunity made available to them. Other resitting candidates are advised to consult our Departmental Supplement to the Admissions Policy.
- Applicants with a minimum of 12 points at GCSE may be considered if, at the time of application, they have achieved **AAA** or **A\*AB** (as defined above).

**Other attributes:** *Evidence of appropriate experience, aptitude, and communication as assessed at interview:*

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 communication an
- 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. Please refer to [www.liverpool.ac.uk/medicine/study-with-us/undergraduate/admissions-information/](http://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 are the **minimum** required. Invitation to interview is highly competitive and dependant on ranking of academic achievement and UCAT performance. Non-academic attributes will be assessed at interview and offers will be made to the most competitive applicants. No candidate will be made an offer without interview. The threshold for progressing through each stage of the process 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/](http://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. Please be advised that we do have specific criteria for A100 graduate applicants, and this can be found on our Admissions page.
- 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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