

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 (where A*/8/9 = 3 points; A/7 = 2; B/6 = 1): To include: Core & Additional Science (or Biology, Chemistry, and Physics), English Language, and Mathematics (all at least grade B/6)

AND

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

In addition, candidates with non-traditional qualifications will usually have relevant significant and substantial workplace experience, usually in paid employment.

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 with non-traditional qualifications 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 above indicative criteria are the usual minimum required. Invitation to interview is highly competitive and both academic **and** non-academic criteria inform the selection process. Because of the competition, meeting the minimum academic and non-academic requirements does not guarantee that you will receive an interview or offer. The Medical School reserves the right to vary offer conditions depending on a candidate's application.
- 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.
- The selection procedure at Liverpool is a four stage process which is competitive at each stage. 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/
- Graduate applicants (i.e. those who already hold a minimum of a good 2:1 honours degree or who are on, or about to enter, the final year of a degree programme and have a degree award pending) would need to offer the GAMSAT admissions test
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