

School of Medicine

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

We usually require:

Admissions Test: All non-graduate applicants applying to the A100 programme must take UKCAT. Details at www.ukcat.ac.uk and www.liverpool.ac.uk/medicine/undergraduate/admissions

Academic qualifications: *Evidence of excellent attainment in general and advanced secondary education.*

- GCSEs in nine subjects attained by the end of Year 11 and
- at **least** a score of 15 points (where A*/A = 2; B = 1) from the nine and including: Core & Additional Science (or Biology, Chemistry, and Physics), English Language, and Mathematics (all at least grade B). Two points is the maximum score awarded in each subject area. (e.g. Only one of Maths and Further Maths will be considered and 2 points at most will be available for Dual Award GCSEs **except for** Dual Science for which up to 4 points may be awarded). Note: For GCSEs awarded a score; 6 is equivalent to a B grade and 7 to an A grade.
- 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.
- **Preference may be given to applicants with a higher GCSE score if borderline decisions need to be made.**
- Some qualifications which are not GCSEs may be awarded points as follows:
 - Level 2 DiDa: Dist/Merit = 2 points; Credit = 1 point
 - Level 2 CiDa: Dist/Merit = 1 point; Credit = 0.5 points
 - BTEC first Diplomas: Dist/Dist* = 2 points; Merit (or equivalent) = 1 point
 - OCR awards/BTEC First certificates: Dist/Dist* = 1 point; Merit (or equivalent) = 0.5
 - **BTEC qualifications and OCR awards are not acceptable replacements for English, Maths and Science subjects.**
- A-levels in three subjects taken at one sitting after 2 years of study at a minimum of **AAA**. Chemistry and Biology are subject requirements at A2 level. General Studies and Critical Thinking not considered.
- Applications from candidates resitting advance level examinations may be considered if the applicant otherwise meets the GCSE criteria (as above). **Applicants must acknowledge and reflect on their need to resit in the personal statement. Any mitigating circumstances should be noted in the personal statement and as appropriate in the academic reference.** If an offer is made resit applicants might expect it to be higher than typical (i.e. minimum of A*AA).
- Applicants with a minimum of 12 points at GCSE may be considered if, at the time of application, they have achieved AAA in Biology, Chemistry and 1 other academic A2 level at a single sitting.

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

Please note:

- 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 offer of an interview. 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 but we do not usually accept applications from current undergraduates or consider transfers into the medicine programmes. 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
- The selection procedure at Liverpool is a three 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 of our selection procedure and necessary admission tests at: <http://www.liverpool.ac.uk/medicine/undergraduate/admissions>
- Applications should be made through UCAS in the normal way:
UCAS, Rosehill, New Barn Lane, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire GL52 3LZ, Tel: 0870 1122211 Web-site: www.ucas.com