

School of Medicine

Admission Requirements

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 UKCAT. Details at www.ukcat.ac.uk and www.liverpool.ac.uk/medicine/undergraduate/admissions

Academic Requirements

- Offer a minimum of 5 GCSEs at Grade B or higher (or equivalent). These must include English, 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 and 7 to an A grade.
- 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*/A = 2; B = 1): To include: Core & Additional Science (or Biology, Chemistry, and Physics), English Language, and Mathematics (all at least grade B)

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:

- The above indicative criteria are the usual minimum required. Because of the competition, meeting the minimum academic requirements does not guarantee that you will receive an offer of an interview
- No candidate will be made an offer without interview. The Medical School reserves the right to vary offer conditions depending on a candidate's application.
- 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
- 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
- Further details of our admissions process 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**