**ADDITIONAL ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR A SUCCESSFUL UCAS APPLICATION**

**A**  Essential requirements

**Knowledge/Understanding of the Profession**

1) Demonstrate an understanding of the role of an Orthoptist and the different professions within the eye health care.

2) Ability to discuss in lay terms the conditions/tests undertaken by an Orthoptist.

Sections (B), (C) & (D) are additional requirements. We require at least one element from each section to be demonstrated and points will be awarded for evidence relating to each area.

**B**  Evidence of Care/Compassion for others

1) Involvement in voluntary/paid experience in a health/well-being environment.

2) Active involvement in school/college support systems such as peer mentoring etc.

3) Using own time and effort to the benefit of others such as charity fund raising etc.

**C**  Evidence of Teamwork and Personal Achievement

1) Hobbies and interests that demonstrate experience of team and small group work.

2) Evidence of a leadership role.

3) Evidence of personal achievement.

**D**  Evidence of Verbal and/or Written Communication Skills

1) The ability to express ideas clearly and logically and to listen to the point of view of others.

2) Competent communicator with people of all ages and abilities.

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**BSc (Hons) Orthoptics**

2017 Academic & Clinical Entry Criteria

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GCE A2 Level at BBB
From three A2 levels (or two A2 Levels and two AS Levels, however higher grades may be required).
Biology at A2 level must be offered.
General Studies is not accepted.
Higher grades may be required from resit students.
Applied Science A2 Level must be accompanied by another Science A-Level, not Applied.

AND

5 GCSE SUBJECTS AT GRADE A*-C
(subject to change in line with new numeric grades. Please speak to Admissions Tutor direct)
Subjects to include English, Language, Mathematics, and a Science.
(Science dual Award is acceptable).
(Appplied GCSEs will not be considered).

BTEC SUBSIDIARY DIPLOMA
We will only accept one Subsidiary Diploma at a minimum of Distinction. This must be accompanied by
two A-Levels at Grade B. The A2 subjects must include Biology. In total between the two qualifications,
three separate subjects must be taken.

BTEC APPLIED SCIENCE WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

BTEC NATIONAL EXTENDED DIPLOMA
Will be considered at Grade D*D*D in addition to 5 GCSEs at Grades A*-C

SCOTTISH CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION:
Advanced Higher Level/Higher Level
A minimum of 5Bs from any combination of advanced higher and higher. Consideration will only be given
to advanced highers in different subjects to those of highers. All grades offered must be at least B.
Higher grades may be required from students resitting.

IREISH LEAVING CERTIFICATE
Junior Certificate
6 subjects at Grade B or above, to include Science, Mathematics and English Language.

AND

Leaving Certificate
6 Higher Level subjects at Grades B, to include a Biological Science at B1, and one other Science subject or
Mathematics.

Higher grades may be required from resit students.

WELSH BACCAULAUREATE IS NOT CONSIDERED

ACCESS TO HE DIPLOMA
We consider Access Courses to be suitable for adult learners who should generally have been out of
education for at least 3 years and have had no access to higher education.
We do not consider Access Courses to be appropriate for students who have failed to achieve the
necessary A2 Level grades.

It is required that all applicants attain 60 Credits at Level 3. Please note that all 60 Credits should be
new learning, ie it is required that GCSE awards should not be APL'd against the Diploma.

45 Level 3 Credits must be gained from graded academic (GA) modules and passed at Distinction. The
Access to HE Diploma must include at least one of the following Unit Sets: Human Physiology/Biology and
Maths/Applied Maths and Psychology/Professional Healthcare Practice.

AND

5 GCSEs at Grades C to include: English Language, Mathematics and Science.

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA
30 points to include 3 Higher Level subjects at minimum of Grade 5. Biology must be offered at a
minimum of Grade 6.

CERTIFICATE IN ADVANCED ENGLISH (CAE)
http://www.cambridgeesol.org/exams/general-english/cae.html

Will be considered at a minimum of Grade A

GRADUATE APPLICANTS
We welcome applications from graduates holding a minimum of a 2:2 classification If your degree is not
science related, contact the admissions tutor direct. Experience in health care is also an advantage.
The degree qualification should be supported by a sound academic background, with a minimum of 5
GCSEs at grades A*-C, which should include English Language, Mathematics and Science.

There are no shortened courses for graduates although some students may apply for Accreditation of
Prior Learning (APL) and therefore be exempt from some modules. Information about applying for APL is
sent out with our offer letter.

INTERNATIONAL & EU APPLICANTS
Residents of ‘European Union’ countries, educated under a non-British system should present with
qualifications which have a strong biological science component and which would admit them to a degree
course at a University in their own country.
Translations of all educational certificates must be provided. Overseas applicants are advised to apply
early to NARIC the National Agency responsible for providing information, advice and expert opinion on
vocational, academic and professional skills and qualifications from over 180 countries worldwide in
orderfor educational qualifications t
to be verified.

Students whose native language is not English must show evidence of proficiency in English to a standard
equivalent to average academic level 7 of the International English Language Testing System (IELTS), with
no component lower than 7.

NB: Please note that this degree may not be acceptable in other countries.

IMPORTANT
The academic profile, reference and personal statement of each candidate are given equal consideration.
Due to the large number of applications it is advised that candidates ensure that they present with the
strongest possible application.

For qualifications not listed in this document, please visit our web site or email the Admissions Team.