

School of Medicine

A100: Guidelines for applicants with non-traditional qualifications (Access courses)

Appropriate Access to Higher Education (Medicine or potentially Science) qualifications from FE colleges are considered. We consider several Access to Higher Education qualifications which include those that comply with the QAA's subject descriptor for Medicine (developed in collaboration with the Medical Schools Council (MSC) selection alliance).

At Liverpool University, our School of Allied Health Professions and Nursing offers our own Foundation Year programme: [Foundation to Human and Animal Health Professions \(Medicine\) \(Year 0\) - 2023/24 entry - Courses - University of Liverpool](#)

Applicants offering non-traditional qualifications are assessed on an individual basis. However, applicants considering offering an **Access to HE (Medicine or Science)** qualification should check that it meets the criteria listed below. Applicants will also need to offer our minimum GCSE requirements:

Our typical requirements:

- A minimum of 5 GCSEs at Grade B (score 6) or higher (or equivalent). These must include English Language, Maths, Chemistry and Biology or Core & Additional, Dual or Triple Science. The qualifications should preferably be achieved at one sitting. A GCSE score of 6 is deemed equivalent to a B grade, 7 an A grade and 8/9 as A*.
Plus
- 45 level 3 credits at distinction (or equivalent) in a QAA approved & appropriate Access to Medicine/Science course. The 45 Level 3 credits will usually need to offer at least **15 Level 3 credits in Biology, 15 in Chemistry and 15 in at least one other subject**, but may differ depending on the course offered e.g. a typical offer for an MSC approved Access to HE (Medicine) course may vary depending on its content

Additional Information

- If you have questions on the acceptance of your **Access to HE/Science** course, please contact mbchb@liverpool.ac.uk for further advice.
- Applicants offering Access-type qualifications often have previous qualifications and these will be taken into consideration. An Access course taken in place of resitting A levels is not usually considered.
- **Please ensure that you provide, via the UCAS form, a full breakdown of academic and employment history. Failure to do so will result in the application being rejected based on insufficient information.**
- Depending on individual circumstances, applicants may be required to demonstrate a competitive score of at least 15 points from nine GCSEs in line with other A100 applicants. Scoring is as outlined in the relevant Departmental Supplement to the Admissions Policy.
- All non-graduate applicants applying to the A100 programme must take UCAT. Details at www.ucat.ac.uk. **Note:** Graduate applicants will be assessed against specific graduate criteria and will be required to sit the **GAMSAT** admissions test. Please consult our web-site [Admissions information - School of Medicine - University of Liverpool](#) Details of GAMSAT at <http://gamsat.acer.edu.au/gamsat-uk>

Other attributes:

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 and verbal communication, including reflection on their previous academic achievements **and**
- 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 and those applying via the access to medicine route are encouraged to use this form to outline extenuating circumstances in relation to poor prior academic history. Please refer to [Admissions information - School of Medicine - University of Liverpool](#) 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. 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.
- If an applicant fails to achieve a place on the A100 programme they may only make one further consecutive application to the programme.
- We do not usually consider transfers into the medicine programmes but we commit to reviewing all new applications on an individual basis.
- Applicants should usually have achieved their GCSEs prior to application. Further details at: [Admissions information - School of Medicine - University of Liverpool](#)
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