

School of Medicine

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

Our typical minimum requirements are:

Admissions Test: All non-graduate applicants applying to the A100 programme must take UCAT.

Details at www.ucat.ac.uk and [Admissions information - School of Medicine - University of Liverpool](#)

Academic qualifications:

Typical GCSE or equivalent requirements:

- GCSEs in nine subjects attained by the end of Year 11 which must include: English Language, Mathematics, Biology and Chemistry. Core & Additional Science combined, or dual/triple science are an acceptable alternative to the two individual sciences. Minimum of grade B (score 6) required in core subjects.
- A minimum score of 15 points from the best 9 GCSEs or equivalents. **Points awarded as in table below:**

Qualification and Grade awarded	Points value
GCSE (A*/A/7/8/9)	2 points
GCSE (B/6)	1 point
BTEC (Non-Science) Level 2 and OCR awards (Distinction*/Distinction)	2 points
BTEC (Non-Science) Level 2 and OCR awards (Merit)	1 point

- Two points is the maximum score awarded in each subject area. (e.g. Only one of Maths and Further Maths).
- Two points is the maximum score awarded for Dual Award GCSEs **except** for Dual Science for which up to 4 points may be awarded. Triple science can achieve a maximum of 6 points.
- 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.
- No more than two** Level 2 BTEC qualifications or OCR awards will be considered as part of the 9 GCSEs/equivalents. **These cannot be used as replacements** for English Language, Maths and Science subjects. I.e. a minimum of 7 full GCSEs required.

Typical A-level requirements:

- A-levels in three subjects taken at one sitting after 2 years of study.
- Grades **AAA**, to include Chemistry together with either Biology, Physics or Maths, plus a third academic subject. The Advanced Welsh Baccalaureate Skills Challenge Certificate is accepted in lieu of a third academic subject.
- Alternatively, **A*AB** is also accepted, but the **A*A** grades **must** include Chemistry together with either Biology, Physics or Maths.
- General Studies and Critical Thinking and Level 3 BTECs are **not** considered as a third academic subject.
- Resitting candidates may be considered if the applicant otherwise meets the GCSE criteria (as above). If applying to us for the first time, resit applicants must usually have achieved a minimum of ABB at first sitting. **For resit applicants declaring extenuating circumstances, these must be noted in both the academic reference and the Liverpool School of Medicine, Applicant On-line Form A (the latter will be available on our website in September 2024).** If an offer is made, resit applicants might expect this to be higher than typical (i.e. minimum of **A*AA**). Resit applicants, who applied in the previous admissions cycle, are invited to contact us via mbchb@liverpool.ac.uk for advice.
- Applicants with a minimum of 12 points at GCSE may be considered if, at the time of application, they have achieved **AAA** at A-level at a single sitting, to include Chemistry together with either Biology, Physics or Maths, and a third academic subject or **A*AB** with **A*A** grades to include Chemistry together with either Biology, Physics or Maths.

Other attributes:

Evidence of appropriate experience, aptitude, and communication:

Candidates must usually demonstrate suitable evidence of:

- health care career awareness/insight and
- a caring contribution to the community and
- a critical, coherent, and informative approach to verbal and written communication 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** will need to be completed by certain groups of applicants. Please refer to: [Admissions information - School of Medicine - University of Liverpool](#)

The selection procedure at Liverpool is a competitive process. The indicative criteria is the usual **minimum** required. Invitation to interview is highly competitive and dependant on UCAT performance and academic success (both achieved and predicted). Non-academic attributes will be assessed at interview. 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: [Admissions information - School of Medicine - University of Liverpool](#)

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. However, please be advised that we do have specific criteria for A100 graduate applicants who are applying with pending or achieved degrees. We do not usually consider transfers to our programme but are committed to reviewing all new applications on an individual basis.

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