

MB BS MEDICINE

**with a Foundation Year** (A104)

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS



This course is a ‘Widening Access’ programme for students who are in the **13th year** **of education** **or left school no more than three years prior to the course start date.** It is designed for students whose circumstances or educational opportunities have prevented them from realising their academic potential.

All applicants must meet the **compulsory contextual** criteria, one of the **additional contextual** criteria and the **academic requirements** to be considered.

**Compulsory Contextual Criteria**

Your secondary school (GCSE education) achieved an Attainment 8 score of 50% or less, in the year you sat your GCSEs, according to the Department for Education data ([www.education.gov.uk/schools/performance/](http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/performance/)). For applicants who sat GCSE’s prior to 2016/7 your secondary school must have 60% or less students achieving 5+ grade A\*-C GCSEs including Maths and English in the year you achieved your GCSEs.

**Additional Contextual Criteria**

* Your combined household income is under £35,000 per year, excluding Government benefits. Examples of evidence accepted: UKCAT bursary eligibility confirmation, recent payslips, Child Tax Credit eligibility (applicant named).

OR

* You have been in Local Authority care. Examples of evidence accepted: Letter from Social Worker/Local Council.

OR

* You currently live locally to UEA (Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire, Cambridgeshire & Peterborough, Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex or Lincolnshire). Evidence taken from UCAS application.

Local applicants and those whose parents/legal guardians did not attend Higher Education will be given particular consideration.

**Minimum Academic Requirements**

* **A levels**: **BBB/666 in any subjects**, excluding General Studies and Critical Thinking. All science A levels must include a pass in the practical element. **Module resits** are considered providing they are completed within the AS & A level two year period.
* **BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma (QCF):** **DDM** in any subject.
* **International Baccalaureate (UK based only):** **32 overall including 3 subjects at Higher level in any subject. IB Middle Years** (in lieu of GCSEs) with 6 passes at 6 including English Language, Mathematics and two science subjects.
* Applications can only be considered from those who are currently studying in Year 13 of their education or have left within the last three years prior to the start of the course.
* **GCSEs: Six GCSEs at grade B/6** or above, including English Language, Mathematics and either a single science subject (Biology, Chemistry or Physics) or double science.
* **Not accepted:** General Studies, Critical Thinking, Citizenship Studies, GCSE short courses, BTEC Level 2, OCR Level 2, Functional Skills.
* EU applicants will be considered if A level and GCSE qualifications were taken in the UK.
* Applicants who have started or completed study post A level (or equivalent) will not be considered.
* This course is not open to International applicants.
* Applicants predicted to meet the MB BS Medicine (A100) academic requirements are unlikely to benefit from this course and should apply directly to A100.

If there are any gaps in an applicant’s educational history they will be required to provide information on this.

**UK Clinical Aptitude Test (UKCAT)**

* **ALL** applicants are required to take the UKCAT in the year of application, prior to applying. **UEA does not have a cut off score.** A high score is advantageous, however a low score does not disqualify an applicant from consideration. Further information is available at [www.ukcat.ac.uk](http://www.ukcat.ac.uk).
* The subsection scores are used alongside the GSCE score (above) to rank the applicants for selection for interview.
* The overall (cognitive) score is used alongside the interview score to rank and select applicants to whom an offer is made.
* The SJT component score is included within the interview score.
* Applicants who take the UKCAT (SEN) will be requested to provide supporting evidence of their eligibility for this. This evidence may take the form of a Psychologist, medical (GP) or a Dyslexia report.
* Information regarding the UKCAT Bursary and how to apply is available at [www.ukcat.ac.uk/registration/bursaries/](http://www.ukcat.ac.uk/registration/bursaries/)

**Work Experience in the Healthcare Profession (paid or voluntary)**

* All applicants are advised to have some **people focused experience** of providing care. This will allow them to demonstrate that they understand the realities of working in a caring profession and are developing the values, attitudes and behaviours essential to being a doctor, including conscientiousness, good communication skills and the ability to interact with a wide variety of people.
* Work experience is essential to gain a realistic understanding of medicine and the physical, organisational and emotional demands of the career.
* Applicants should be able to demonstrate an awareness of the NHS Constitution and its core values and key principles (<http://bit.ly/29VzwyA>).
* The Medical Schools Council provide information on core values and attributes required for studying medicine <https://www.medschools.ac.uk/media/1202/statement-on-core-values-and-attributes.pdf> and guidelines on relevant work experience <https://www.medschools.ac.uk/media/2331/relevant-experience-for-applying-to-medical-school.pdf> .

Meeting these minimum entry requirements does not guarantee an invitation to interview, due to the competitiveness of this course

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