

Your Guide to Applying to Medical School – *Part 2: Grades*

Above all else, you need to have the minimum grade requirements set by the medical school admissions team. They expect you to be able to understand complex theoretical concepts when you are at Medical school so by doing this at high school, you are proving to the admissions team that you would be capable of doing this!

Work hard at school but still enjoy it. It’s a fantastic opportunity to learn. The workload seems like a lot at the moment, but remember that it may not get much easier in the future.

# What are the grade requirements?

Different universities differ in their entry requirements but they are usually higher than a lot of course. The grade requirements will change from year to year and so you should always check the most up-to-date sources – either UCAS or the website of wherever you are applying. However, most universities expect 3 A grades and some specify which subject the should be in.

# FAQ: Should I take an extra subject?

Some schools encourage their students to take extra subjects.  When applying to medicine having an extra subject will not give you an advantage over those taking the usual number of courses for that year.  Usually, only the best minimum number of grades are taken into account. If you think that taking an extra subject will hinder you in getting the minimum grade requirements, then you should not pursue a further subject. However, if there is something you enjoy and it won't compromise your ability to achieve the minimum grades then go ahead!