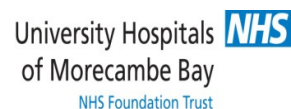


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A105: Guidelines for applicants offering non-traditional qualifications (Access courses)

Access to Higher Education (Medicine) qualifications from Local FE colleges (Liverpool Community, Wirral Metropolitan, Southport) are considered. Also considered are: Access to Higher Education (Medicine) qualifications from Manchester College and West Anglia College of Medicine; the Staffordshire Access to HE course (Medicine and Health Professionals); the A900 Pre-medical Studies course at Lancaster University (<http://www.lancs.ac.uk/shm/bls/teaching/ug/premedA900.htm>).

Applicants offering non-traditional qualifications are assessed on an individual basis. However applicants offering an **Access** qualification should usually:

- Offer a minimum of 5 GCSEs at Grade B or higher (or equivalent). These must include English, Maths, and Science (either Core & Additional or separate Biology/Chemistry/Physics). The qualifications should preferably be achieved at one sitting.

AND

- The required level (usually distinction or equivalent) in the approved Access to Medicine course. The Level 3 components of the Access course will need to offer at least 15 Level 3 credits in Biology, 15 in Chemistry and 15 in at least one other subject.

Additional Information

- Applicants offering Access type qualifications often have previous qualifications and these will be taken into consideration. Access instead of resitting A-levels is usually not recommended.
- Depending on individual circumstances, applicants may be required to demonstrate a score of 15 points from nine GCSEs in line with other A105 applicants.
- A900 students are guaranteed an interview for year 1 of the MBChB programme at either Liverpool or Lancaster University. Applications from A900 students, who have their guaranteed interview at Liverpool, will be assessed against our standard criteria for entry to A105 at Lancaster.
- Any AS or A2 qualifications held (irrespective of subject) should usually be at a minimum of grade C at first attempt.
- Applicants without AS or A2 qualifications should demonstrate excellent attainment in vocational/professional qualifications, at a higher level than GCSE.
- The Admissions Tutor will comment on a pre-Access curriculum vitae.

Other attributes:

Evidence of appropriate experience, aptitude, and communication:

Candidates must demonstrate suitable evidence of:

- health care career awareness/insight and
- a caring contribution to the local community and
- a critical, coherent and informative approach to written communication

Please note:

- 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. Successful applicants often exceed the minimum requirements in both.
- Applicants who are currently registered on a degree programme should finish their degree prior to applying.
- No candidate will be made an offer without interview.
- Further information at Web-site: <http://www.liv.ac.uk/sme/>
- Applications should be made through UCAS in the normal way:
UCAS, Rosehill, New Barn Lane, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire GL52 3LZ

Tel: 0870 1122211 Web-site: www.ucas.com