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Lancaster Medical School

Lancaster Medical School: Admission Requirements

A105: Guidelines for applicants offering Cambridge Pre-U or the AQA Baccalaureate

We usually require:

Academic qualifications: *Evidence of excellent attainment in general and advanced secondary education.*

GCSEs in nine subjects:

- attained by the end of Year 11 and
- at least a score of 15 points from the nine (where A*/A = 2; B = 1) and
- at least grade B in the following required subjects: Core & Additional Science (or Biology, Chemistry, and Physics), English Language and Mathematics. All other subjects must be at least grade C.
- Two points is the maximum score awarded in each subject area: e.g. only one of Maths and Further Maths will be considered; a maximum of 2 points will be available for Dual Award GCSEs (with the exception of Dual Award Science, which could be awarded up to 4 points). Short course GCSEs will be awarded, at most, half the points of a full GCSE but two short courses can be offered in place of a full GCSE.

Preference may be given to applicants with a higher GCSE score.

- Some qualifications that are not GCSEs may be awarded points as follows:
 - Level 2 DiDa: Dist/Merit = 2 points; Credit = 1 point
 - Level 2 CiDa: Dist/Merit = 1 point; Credit = 0.5 points
 - BTEC first Diplomas: Dist/Dist* = 2 points; Merit (or equivalent) = 1 point
 - OCR awards/BTEC First certificates: Dist/Dist* = 1 point; Merit (or equivalent) = 0.5

BTEC qualifications and OCR awards are not acceptable replacements for English, Maths and Science subjects.

Cambridge Pre-U

Diploma must offer three principal subjects (including Biology and Chemistry) and the Independent Research Report. The third principal subject can be in any academic subject. Up to two A-levels may be substituted for Principal subjects.

- Usually a minimum of D3, D3, M1 acceptable in Principal Subjects with D3 in both Biology and Chemistry, A grade in any A-levels offered.
- M2 usually acceptable for Global Perspectives and Independent Research Report.

AQA Baccalaureate

Baccalaureate must offer three A-levels to include Biology and Chemistry and a fourth AS level subject. The extended project qualification may be offered in some instances in place of the AS level qualification.

- Usually AAA plus at least (b) in the 4th AS subject: General Studies, Critical thinking or Citizenship only considered as 4th subject. Only one of Maths or Further Maths will be considered.
- Extended project may be acceptable at grade B.

The Cambridge Pre-U and the AQA Baccalaureate must be completed within 2 years of study.

- Applications from candidates resitting Level 3 examinations may be considered if the applicant otherwise meets the GCSE criteria (as above). **Applicants must acknowledge and reflect on their need to resit in the personal statement.**
- Applicants with 12-14 points at GCSE may be considered if, at the time of application, they have achieved, at first sitting, AAA(b) in the AQA Baccalaureate or the required standard in the Cambridge Pre-U (as stated above).

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