



## Lancaster Medical School: Admission Requirements

### A105: Guidelines for applicants offering an Honours degree

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.**

A minimum of 12 points may be considered but individuals offering < 15 points at GCSE will be expected to show exceptional attainment in post GCSE qualifications (A-levels and degree).

**A-levels in three subjects taken at one sitting after 2 years of study (plus a 4<sup>th</sup> subject to at least AS-level):**

- comprising B in Biology, B in Chemistry, and at least B in one other subject (plus at least B in the 4<sup>th</sup> subject):
- General Studies and Critical Thinking only considered as 4<sup>th</sup> subject. Only one of Maths or Further Maths will be considered
- usually a combination of three A-levels and one AS-level, at a minimum of **BBB(b)**, if combined with a Biological, Biomedical or Health Science degree

**Higher education:**

- A minimum of a good Upper Second Class honours degree (transcript marks of 65% or greater) already attained in a Biological, Biomedical, or Health Science subject
- Dental graduates must already hold MFDS Parts A, B, and C or have successfully completed the MJDF examinations (Portfolio plus Part 1 and Part 2) before application.
- There are additional requirements if the degree is in a subject other than those stated above: A-levels in Biology and Chemistry, both at grade A. If taken later than initial A-levels, the original A levels must be at a minimum BBB(b).
- The Admissions Tutor will comment on a pre-application 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](http://www.ucas.com)