



LANCASTER
UNIVERSITY



University Hospitals **NHS**
of Morecambe Bay
NHS Foundation Trust

Lancaster Medical School

Lancaster Medical School: Admission Requirements

A105: Guidelines for applicants offering International 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.

International Baccalaureate:

- **36 points overall;** to include Biology, Chemistry and one other subject at Higher Level [HL], all at a minimum of 6 points each, plus three subjects at Standard level [SL], all at a minimum of 5 points each.

Applications from candidates resitting components of the International Baccalaureate may be considered if the applicant otherwise meets the GCSE criteria (as above). **Applicants must acknowledge and reflect on their need to resit in their personal statement.**

Applicants with 12-14 points at GCSE may be considered if, at the time of application, they have achieved the 36 points in the IB diploma as stated above (at their first sitting).

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