



LANCASTER
UNIVERSITY



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

Lancaster Medical School

Lancaster Medical School: Admission Requirements

A105: Guidelines for applicants offering GCSEs/Open University Modules

Applicants offering non-traditional qualifications are assessed on an individual basis. However all applicants should be able to provide evidence of excellent attainment in general:

Academic Requirements

- Offer a minimum of 5 GCSEs at Grade B or higher (or equivalent). These must include English, Maths, and Science (either Core & Additional Science or separate Biology/Chemistry/Physics). The qualifications should preferably be achieved at one sitting.
- Depending on individual circumstances applicants may be required to demonstrate a score of at least 15 points from nine GCSEs in line with other A105 applicants (where A*/A = 2; B = 1): To include: Core & Additional Science (or Biology, Chemistry, and Physics), English Language, and Mathematics (all at least grade B)

AND

- Open University modules
 - **Compulsory Units:** **S104** (Exploring Science), Level 1=60 points; **SK277** (Human Biology) Level 2 = 30 points
 - One of the following modules must also be taken:
 - SDK 125** (Introducing Health Sciences), Level 1 = 30 points
 - S205** (The Molecular World), Level 2 = 60 points
 - SD 226** (Biological psychology; exploring the brain), Level 2 = 30 points
 - S320** (Infectious Disease), Level 3 = 30 points
 - S377** (Molecular and Cell Biology), Level 3 = 30 points
 - SD329** (Signals and Perception), Level 3 = 30 points
- 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

In addition, candidates with non-traditional qualifications will usually have substantial, relevant workplace experience, usually in paid employment.

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.
- 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