



## School of Medicine

### Scoring of Applications 2016/17 Admissions cycle (A100 and A108)

The following information provides guidance on our assessment processes.

We generally receive around 2500 applications for the 5 year A100 medicine course and 350 applications for the six year A108 medicine with a foundation year.

We interview approximately 700 applicants for the A100 course and 50 for the A108 course.

Information on how we assess A108 medicine with a foundation year programme can be found on pages 4 and 5 of this document.

#### Our Initial Assessment of your Application

##### ***A100 5 year medicine course***

Academic ability and the UKCAT scores you achieved and are predicted to achieve are assessed at this stage. The UKCAT test must be taken in the same year as the application is made to UCAS. With the exception of exemptions issued by UKCAT, if you haven't taken the UKCAT test your application will not be considered.

Applicants who have completed GCSE's or IGCSE's and are studying, or have completed, A-levels will be assessed as follows:

The GCSE/IGCSEs scored are limited to the highest 8 subjects (**first sit results only** – we do not consider re-sit results). GCSESC and BTEC/Diplomas are not included. The following GCSE/IGCSE subjects included are:

double science		biology
maths	<b>Or</b>	chemistry
English language		physics
best four other subjects		English language
		maths
		best three other subjects

The GCSE's are scored as follows:

A*	= 2 points
A	= 1 point

A maximum of 16 points will be awarded.

Achieved AS Levels: Points are not given to complete AS levels. However, we expect applicants to have achieved A or B grades.

A-levels: the requirement is AAA including biology and chemistry, excluding general studies and critical thinking. The third subject can be any other subject. A fourth A-level will not benefit your application. A-levels are **NOT** scored.

**Please note:**

Qualifications must be studied over a two year period.

**UKCAT**

There are five components to the UKCAT test which will be scored. The four cognitive components (verbal reasoning, quantitative reasoning, abstract reasoning, decision analysis) are each scored as follows:

801 – 900	= 9 points
701 – 800	= 8 points
601 – 700	= 7 points
501 – 600	= 6 points
401 – 500	= 5 points
301 – 400	= 4 points

The weighting for each of the four components is equal.

The fifth component, SJT is scored as follows:

Band 1	= 3 points
Band 2	= 2 points
Band 3	= 1 point
Band 4	= 0 point

Applicants who achieve a band 4 are not considered further.

To help you work out your score for the UKCAT test, please follow this example:

An applicant who has achieved the following scores will be awarded the following number of points:

Verbal Reasoning score of 680	= 7 points
Quantitative Reasoning score of 500	= 5 points
Abstract Reasoning score of 710	= 8 points
Decision Analysis score of 580	= 6 points
SJT Band 2	= 2 points

Total points awarded for UKCAT = 28 out of a maximum of 39.

## **UKCATSEN**

Applicants who are entitled to additional time for public examinations are entitled to take the UKCATSEN. The UKCAT website [www.ukcat.ac.uk](http://www.ukcat.ac.uk) provides information relating to the range of medical conditions acceptable.

### **Please Note:**

The School of Medicine requires applicants who sit the UKCATSEN to provide supporting evidence.

## ***Outcome of the Initial Assessment***

The aforementioned scores are totalled and the top 50% of applicants will be considered further and have their personal statement and reference read and scored.

The lower 50% of applicants will not be considered further.

## ***Personal Quality Assessment***

A maximum score of 16 can be achieved for the personal statement and reference.

The following attributes are considered:

- An understanding of the challenges of a medical career
- Motivation
- Commitment
- Voluntary experience
- Extracurricular activities
- School/College contribution
- Supporting evidence in reference

## ***Final Selection for Interview***

The score given for personal statement and reference is added to the previous scores for academic ability and UKCAT. Applicants with the highest overall score at this stage are invited for interview.

## ***Interviews***

The style of interviews will be Multiple Mini-Interview (MMI) and will comprise between 4 – 8 stations. Information on the assessment of each station will be given to applicants who are invited for interview.

## ***Interview Schedule***

The dates of the interviews will appear on the website once they have been scheduled.

## ***Outcome of Interviews***

Applicants will be scored based on performance in each station. The scores will be totalled and applicants ranked. Approximately 400 offers for A100 5 year medicine course and approximately 35 offers for A108 6 year medicine with a foundation course will be made. The UKCAT score will be used as a tie-break should applicants be equally ranked following interview.

Although a few offers will be made early, the majority will be made when all interviews have been completed.

## ***A108 medicine with a foundation year***

This course is open to students who are from disadvantaging backgrounds and who live in the United Kingdom. Applicants from international countries must have 'Indefinite Leave to Remain' in the United Kingdom before making an application for this course.

Applicants must meet the additional criteria requirement as well as the GCSE and A-level requirement.

The information given above for the A100 5 year medicine course also applies to the A108 medicine with a foundation year, with the exception of the following:

The GCSE/IGCSEs scored are limited to the highest 6 subjects (**first sit results only** – we do not consider re-sit results). GCSESC and BTEC/Diplomas are not included. The following GCSE/IGCSE subjects included are:

double science		biology
maths	<b>Or</b>	chemistry
English language		English language
best two other subjects		maths
		best two other subjects

The GCSE's are scored as follows:

A*	= 4 points
A	= 3 points
B	= 2 points
C	= 1 point

You will NOT be considered for this course if:

- Your GCSE AND A-level profile both meet the requirement for the A100 five year medicine course.
  - If either your GCSE OR your A-level profile meets A100 requirements, you must be attending a below average school at time of application.
- You have already studied at a higher education institution,

- You are not living in a disadvantaged area of the United Kingdom – a postcode tool is used to assess this.
- You have met the postcode requirement but do not fulfil one other criterion from the list below:
  - Are, or have previously been, in local authority care/looked after. (A confirmation letter from the Local Authority is required).
  - Living in a household that is in receipt of a means-tested benefit showing household income is no more than £35,000.
  - Being the sole carer of a parent/s, or if living away from home being the sole carer of a sibling. (A confirmation letter from your school/college is required).
  - You have Refugee status. (A letter of confirmation from the Home Office is required).

Further assessment is the same as for A100 5 year medicine course and can be found on pages 2 – 4 of this document.