**Bachelor of Medicine Bachelor of Surgery**

**Frequently Asked Questions**

***What are the entry requirements?***

Our typical entry requirements are A\*AA-AAA at A level. We would specifically require A level Chemistry and Biology plus one further subject.

General Studies will not be included in any offer.

The typical entry requirement for the International Baccalaureate is 38-36 points overall with scores of 6 in Higher Level Biology and Higher Level Chemistry.

You will need to show evidence of acceptable levels of literacy and, where applicable, numeracy. This is normally evidenced by GCSE English and GCSE Mathematics with a minimum pass of Grade C. Higher grades may be specified for individual programmes of study. International students should view our requirements at <http://www.exeter.ac.uk/undergraduate/degrees/medicine/medicine/entry/>

***Do I need to take the UKCAT or GAMSAT test?***

Candidates applying with predicted or achieved A Levels will be considered as direct school leavers and will be required to take the UK Clinical Aptitude Test (UKCAT). A threshold score will be set upon receipt of all scores in November in the year of application. As the UKCAT changed format in 2016 we are unable to outline a guideline regarding the score to achieve.

On the other hand, if you have completed a degree programme or it has been more than two years since you completed your full A levels, you will be considered as a non-direct school leaver. In this instance you will be required to take the Graduate Medical School Admissions Test (GAMSAT) in order to be considered. Your performance in GAMSAT will be the only necessary information on your application. Your performance in a prior degree or past secondary school will not be taken into consideration. Applicants who achieve less than 59 overall are *unlikely* to be invited to attend an interview. Threshold scores in each section will need to be met.

***Do you require work experience in order to be considered for the Medicine programme?***

Work experience is not part of our standard entry requirements and therefore whether you have work experience or not, you are very welcome to apply to our programme.

***Do you accept re-sit students?***

Exeter Medical School does not discriminate against applicants who have re-taken part or all of a qualification and will treat an achieved or predicted qualification grade in the same way irrespective of whether or not re-takes are involved.

***How do you select for interview?***

Candidates will be tiered according to their academic performance, e.g. A Level students;

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| Tier 1 | A\*A\*A\* |
| Tier 2 | A\*A\*A |
| Tier 3 | A\*AA |
| Tier 4 | AAA |
| Tier 5 | AAB |

Etc.

**The above table is an example only.**

Applicants with achieved grades will receive a *one rank advantage*. Your UKCAT performance will be used to select candidates within a tier where a cut-off has been made.

***What is the interview process like?***

Our Multiple Mini Interviews (MMI) are designed to determine whether applicants possess the non-academic qualities such as the communication skills, reflectiveness and empathy required to become successful doctor. Whether or not an offer is made will depend on your performance at the interview.

Seven stations will be offered. Each station will last 3 minutes and students will then have 3 minutes in which to move to their next station. You will not be required to undergo any group work or written test. Candidates may be required to go through one role play station; all other stations are question and answer. Further information is provided to candidates at the Interview Briefing Session on the interview day.

***Where is the programme run?***

You will be based at St Luke’s campus for the first two years of study. The third and fourth years of the curriculum are delivered in locations across the South West. You will rotate through a series of hospital and community placements which provide extensive experience of a wide range of clinical settings. Your campus rotation will be given to you following enrolment on the programme.

***How will I be assessed on the programme?***

Our Medicine programme is mainly assessed through The Applied Medical Knowledge Test (AMK). This test is delivered in a multiple-choice question format and is designed specifically to assess a student’s long term and practical knowledge and measures how much you are learning, not how good one is at revision or cramming/rote memorisation. All our students take this test four times a year and will receive their grade and percentage score along with the mean percentage of each test.

***What are the tuition fees?***

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|  | **Year 1 & 2** | **Year 3 & 4** | **Year 5** |
| **Home/EU and Islands** | £9,250 per year | £9,250 per year | Paid for by the department of Health |
| **International** | £29,500 per year | £29,500 per year | £29,500 |

***When can I apply?***

All applications must be submitted via UCAS ([www.ucas.ac.uk](http://www.ucas.ac.uk)) between September- 15th October in the year prior to entry.

***Is there an opportunity to intercalate whilst doing my BMBS degree?***

Intercalation is offered to the highest performing students based on assessments during the third year wherein approximately the top quartile receive an automatic offer while the second quartile will have to compete for any remaining places. A small quota may apply to intercalate externally for degrees that are not available locally- e.g. London School of Hygiene and tropical Medicine. You will be able to join the final year of the degree course to BA or BSc level; some Masters programmes are also possible.

***Is the programme approved by the GMC?***

At the end of the course the programme will be subject to GMC approval and you will receive your BMBS degree (i.e. Primary medical qualification-PMQ).

**Useful Websites:**

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| University of Exeter Medical School | [www.exeter.ac.uk/medicine](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/medicine) |
| UK Clinical Aptitude Test (UKCAT) | [www.ukcat.ac.uk](http://www.ukcat.ac.uk) |
| Graduate Medical School Admissions Test | [www.gamsatuk.org](http://www.gamsatuk.org) |
| Fees and Funding | [www.exeter.ac.uk/studying/funding/](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/studying/funding/) |