

- (e) All areas of the UCAS on-line application must be completed. We cannot consider applications that leave any areas blank or who forward additional documents in lieu of their completion.
- (f) If you wish to apply for deferred entry you may do so. If so, you should provide a clear plan of activity for your "gap" year, preferably involving work of a caring nature.
- (g) It is helpful to send this University written evidence that you have adequate financial support for your course, at the same time as the UCAS form is submitted.

Open Days and Visiting the Medical School

The Medical School holds an Open Day each year held at the Foresterhill Site, where the School is located. This forms part of the main University Open Day arrangements, these being held on the main University site at Old Aberdeen.

If you are living in or visiting the UK you are most welcome to visit Aberdeen.

For information about the Open Days or to arrange a visit to the Medical School, please contact Student Recruitment and Admissions Service (details below)

Where Can I Get Further Information?

Student Recruitment and Admissions Service
University of Aberdeen
University Office
King's College
Aberdeen
AB24 3FX

Tel: +44 (0)1224 272090/91
E-mail: sras@abdn.ac.uk
Web: www.abdn.ac.uk/sras

Or be our friend at
www.facebook.com/universityofaberdeen
www.twitter.com/aberdeenuni



MEDICINE (MB ChB) FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

This leaflet will give international students an outline of the application process and entrance requirements at the University of Aberdeen. Our web site is very comprehensive and offers a great deal of extremely useful information for applicants and is located at: www.abdn.ac.uk/medicine/prospective-students

Basic Facts and Course Information

School: Medicine & Dentistry
Degree on qualification: MB ChB (Aberdeen)
UCAS course code: A100
UCAS code for Aberdeen: A20
Course length: 5 years
Size of Medical School: 860 Home/EU students: 95 Overseas students
Estimated annual intake: 152 Home students: 16 Overseas students
Key contact:
Student Recruitment and Admissions Service
University of Aberdeen
Tel: +44 1224 272090/1
Fax: +44 1224 272576
Email: sras@abdn.ac.uk
Web: www.abdn.ac.uk/sras

How many Places are Available?

The Medical School is limited to an annual intake of 16 entrants from outside the European Union.

General Outline of the Curriculum.

The Aberdeen MB ChB programme has just undergone a complete Review. The length of the programme is 5 years, during which, in first to third year, a revised systems-based course allows for full integration of the sciences with clinical teaching using patient scenarios (case-based learning).

For further details of the curriculum, please refer to our website at: www.abdn.ac.uk/medicine/prospective-students

What are the Course Costs?

The 2012/2013 tuition fees will be as follows:

For each year studied £24,500*

Optional Intercalated year £13,200*

Annual living expenses

Allow a minimum of £650 per month

* These fees are likely to increase in line with inflation for 2013/14 academic year

Please note that students are responsible for identifying funds prior to beginning their studies. There is no financial support available to assist with tuition fees

The 2012/13 tuition fees will be:

Years 1-5 £24,500

What are the Entrance Requirements?

Our requirements of candidates, whether classed as "Home", "European Union" or "Overseas", are identical. You should thus refer to the section below and our website for further information regarding academic and non-academic entrance requirements and fitness to practice issues.

Candidates should achieve our minimum Academic Requirements to allow for further consideration of their application. However, this achievement alone does not guarantee a place for Medicine. You should demonstrate in your Personal Statement, that you have acquired some knowledge and understanding of the implications of



How are Applications Assessed?

Upon receipt of UCAS forms in October, the Admissions Process in Aberdeen normally involves the allocation of an objective score in each of the following categories:

1. An **Academic score** is given for the attained or predicted qualifications
2. A **Review of the UCAS Application**. Two Selectors carefully consider all aspects of the remaining application and score the form objectively, based upon three categories:
 - > Commitment to medicine
 - > Knowledge of core qualities required of a doctor and candidates' personal qualities relating to this
 - > Understanding of professional issues e.g. teamwork; evidence of outside interests
3. **UKCAT** achievement will be allocated a score
4. An **Interview**. Interviews form an integral part of the assessment process. International students who are currently living in the UK, may be asked to attend an interview, where the above attributes will be further explored and objectively scored. Other qualities will also be assessed, including understanding of issues, problem-solving, enthusiasm, communication skills and fluency in English.

If applicants are living overseas, it may be possible to meet with a representative of the University who may be able to interview candidates locally (we have representatives who

travel regularly to Malaysia and Singapore). The details of such candidates will be forwarded on to the Representative, and applicants will be informed of the arrangements made for interview. Applicants from North America are expected to attend for interview.

How Do I Apply?

- (a) All candidates should apply through the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS).

You should apply in the academic year in which A Levels or equivalent are taken. All candidates who re-apply must retake the UKCAT. UCAS can be contacted at: Rosehill, New Barn Lane, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire GL52 3LZ, UK
Tel: +44 (0)1242 222444,
E-mail: app.req@ucas.ac.uk
Web: www.ucas.ac.uk
- (b) Check the UKCAT registration & testing deadlines (see: www.ukcat.ac.uk)
- (c) The UCAS application deadline is 15th October of the year prior to entry date. Late applications will not normally be considered.
- (d) You must only write a maximum of 4 Medical Schools on your UCAS form, otherwise your form will be sent back to you. You may use the remaining choice to apply for another course if you wish; this will not affect your application for Medicine.

this career and that you are a well-rounded individual prepared to work in multi-professional teams who is thus suited to a career in Medicine. (see details below in non-academic section)

All applicants to Medicine at Aberdeen must complete the UK CAT by the appropriate closing date for that year's entry. For more information, including the rules for exempted candidates, please visit: www.ukcat.ac.uk

(A) Academic requirements

- (i) **GCE A-Levels: AAA in 3 A-Levels taken at first sitting**
 - > A-Level Chemistry essential
 - > 1 subject from Biology, Maths or Physics
 - > 1 further A-Level
 - > General Studies not acceptable
- (ii) **Malaysia STPM, Sri Lankan A-Levels, Hong Kong A-Levels: AAA (directly equivalent to UK A-Levels):**
 - > Chemistry essential
 - > One subject from Biology, Physics or Mathematics
 - > One other subject

GCSE/O-Levels:

- > Maths & English required to grade C level, Biology & Physics strongly recommended

- (iii) **International Baccalaureate: 3 subjects at Higher level at Grade 6 or better + 3 other subjects at an average of 6** (including two additional sciences – Maths, Biology or Physics, with at least one at HL)
 - > Chemistry to be included at HL
 - > At least 36 points to be achieved overall to exclude points for TOK & bonus points
- (iv) **Other Qualifications:** In general all applicants, regardless of country of origin, will be expected to hold one or other of the above qualifications. If in doubt about the acceptability of other qualifications, please contact the Medical School before completing your UCAS form.

English Qualifications: All candidates must comply with the general entrance requirements of the University. These state that candidates must hold a Standard Grade 3 or GCSE level C pass in English (Language) or equivalent. Candidates whose first language is not English, must also achieve either IELTS overall score of 7.0 with a minimum of 7.0 in speaking section, TOEFL IBT score of minimum of 100, with a minimum of 28 in the speaking test or PTE Academic overall score of 70 or above with a minimum of 70 in the speaking section

Note: School leaving examinations should all be taken in a single sitting; applications on the basis of two sittings are not normally considered



(B) Non-Academic Requirements

The following guide will give you an idea of what the Selectors are looking for in a medical application and how you might achieve these.

What the Selectors are looking for	Possible ways in which to develop a full Personal Statement
Clear understanding of life as a doctor:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Undertake as much work experience or shadowing as possible > Talk with doctors about their careers. > Reflect on what you have learned from this experience in your PS
An appreciation of the concerns of patients, the disabled, the elderly etc:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Undertake (paid or unpaid) work of a caring nature > Work with people in any capacity > Be involved in caring or charity groups at school > Reflect on what you have learned from this experience in your PS
A well demonstrated sense of social awareness and ability to shoulder responsibilities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Continue to be involved with school life in clubs, mentoring, buddy and anti-bullying campaigns etc > Undertake paid part-time work with the public
Evidence of being an all-rounder. Doctors lives are busy and challenging, and time management is very important:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Evidence of being able to work hard at school and also enjoying your free time to the full
Demonstration of the ability to work in a team, and to assume different roles within the team:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Undertake leisure, sporting, creative activities involving teamwork

You should now be well placed to prepare drafts of your Personal Statement. The UCAS form is the only means we have of finding out anything about you, so tell us all about yourself, why you want to study medicine, your

hopes for your career and a summary of the points discussed above. Your Reference is very important and should be supportive, also indicating your personal strengths.