



# GETTING INTO UNIVERSITY

MEDICAL SCHOOL,  
DENTAL SCHOOL OR  
VETERINARY COLLEGE





# Education Advisers Ltd

UK Private School Consultancy service

Choosing the right private school for your child can be an overwhelming and nerve-racking experience for the whole family. It is, without doubt, one of the most important decisions you will make for your child. Your child's school will play a huge role in forming positive and resilient characteristics, developing talents, building confidence, and preparing them to face our ever-changing world. It is therefore essential you are confident you have fully investigated all suitable options, and are sending your child to a school in which they will thrive both academically and emotionally.



Since 2004 Education Advisers Ltd has supported over a thousand British and international families in identifying and gaining entry to the best-fitting schools. Our commitment is to provide completely impartial advice, and to ensure you and your child are fully informed and prepared from the very beginning until they are happily enrolled in a school.

The process of identifying and applying to schools need not be stressful. Managed with expertise and empathy, it should be the first step of an exciting and life-changing journey for your family.

We produce these guides to provide parents with what our experience tells us are the most important considerations when navigating your child's education. We hope you find this guide on How to Choose the Right IB school a useful resource with which to begin your journey.

We also invite you to request a free initial 20-minute phone consultation to explain your objectives and learn more about the most suitable strategy for your individual circumstances.

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## Our core services

Our key commitment is to find the best-fitting private school options for any particular family or child. Our advice is completely impartial, and led by each family's priorities and requirements. We offer a range of bespoke consultancy services, but most fall into one of the following categories:

- Education for Life strategy and consultancy service for new parents
- Day school advice and enrolment service (Ages 2-19)
- Boarding school advice and enrolment service (Ages 6-18)
- 6<sup>th</sup> form applications, day or boarding
- Full consultancy and school enrolment service for families relocating to the UK
- Full consultancy and school enrolment service for families with dyslexic or SEN children
- Personalised pupil assessments in English and Maths
- Consultancy and mentoring for elite school applications
- Summer School recommendations
- University application consultancy service

Please note we do not offer visa, tutoring, guardianship or home relocation services. However, we can offer some initial advice, and introduce relevant, reputable service providers with whom we frequently collaborate.

# Introduction

## **This eGuide is aimed at two audiences:**

- **Those who want to choose the right school or sixth form college for qualifications and resources for a successful application for a medical degree.**
- **Those already studying in a sixth form, or who have finished secondary education, and are now wanting to make their application for medical school, dental school or veterinary college.**

The eGuide concentrates firstly on medical school and later highlights the differences for dental and veterinary options. Many young people aspire to a career in Medicine, and seek entry to degree courses to become a doctor, dentist, or veterinary surgeon. Others are drawn to related professions such as pharmacy, biochemistry or nursing. This guide is written mainly for the first category and concentrates on the process of applying to medical, dental or veterinary school.

The UK has 38 undergraduate medical schools, 16 dental schools and 9 veterinary colleges, to which applications are always oversubscribed. Many academically outstanding students fail to get offers, some of whom will then apply to international medical schools or change track and study Biomedical Science or Pharmacy. Let us emphasise that getting into Medicine, Dentistry or Veterinary Science requires very high grades AND more forward planning than for any other career. Additionally, it has to be the career choice of the student – a pushy parent should never force a child into the medical profession against their will.

Academically it is plainly essential to aim for triple A\*/A grades at A Level or 36+ points in the IB, but that is only one element because the student must also pass special university admissions tests and succeed in a highly competitive interview. To ensure the student stands the best chance of admission, it is absolutely critical to select a private senior school or sixth form college, which will not only tutor the candidate effectively in the sciences, but also prepare him or her for the rigorous entry process. There are a select number of schools and colleges with a remarkable track record of success in medical-related degree applications. The student needs detailed support with all aspects of the medical school application. A string of top grades is no longer good enough to get into medical school. You need counselling on your choice of course provider and preparation for their admissions procedures, tests and interviews to maximise your chance of success.

Do not underestimate the amount of time, effort and dedication it can take to qualify as a doctor, dentist or vet. Most degrees are 5 or 6 years, including on the job training for at least 2 years. Entry to UK medical and dental schools has become incredibly competitive with only a small percentage of applications succeeding.

## **Therefore it is very important to:-**

- Achieve top exam grades in A Levels or the IB (or equivalent international qualifications)
- Have a good academic record at GCSE level in maths and sciences
- Apply to the right target universities/medical schools
- Choose the right type of university course
- Submit a persuasive and positive application
- Be thoroughly prepared for your interview
- Score highly in the university admissions tests and
- Have sufficient, relevant work experience
- Be a well-rounded individual with hobbies and interests other than medicine or health.
- Your choice of senior school / sixth form college needs to be governed by all of these considerations – not just the exam grades. We will return to school / college choice later.



# THE STUDY OF MEDICINE

## Degree Courses in UK Universities and Medical Schools

For those aiming to become a doctor, there are 38 medical schools or university departments of medicine in the UK. There are also 16 dental schools and 9 veterinary colleges. (see the appendices for details). Thus, the number of all types of medical school is considerably less than the total number of full UK universities which is 115. All UK medical schools must be approved by the General Medical Council (GMC), the governing body of doctors.

The proportion of successful medical school applications is between 9 to 12 of total applications, but the statistics vary widely by the university and between UK and international students. The selection rate among top London universities varies dramatically from 6.7 at King's to 21 at Imperial, but they probably pre select candidates with different criteria. It is best to look at the individual medical school statistics in our Appendix A, although a few schools will not provide statistics. The success rates for dental schools is around 11 and for veterinary schools around 12

## International degrees

Some candidates do not have strong enough grades to gain places at UK universities and set their sights on overseas medical or dental schools teaching in English. We can help students to consider faculties in say Czechoslovakia, Ireland, Italy, Spain, Bulgaria, Romania and the Caribbean.

## Related careers

For those students finding the exam grades too demanding for medical school, or who have been unsuccessful in their applications, we can counsel you on alternative degree courses in Pharmacy, Nursing, Biological Sciences, Microbiology, Genetics, Optometry, Sports Science, Physiology, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Osteopathy, Chiropractics or Radiography.

## Types of Degree

Types of degree – All typical degree courses for medicine, or dentistry or veterinary science run for 5 or 6 years, split into several phases where the first 2 years will focus on pre-clinical coursework and the later phases involve patient contact in clinical practice, whether attached to the university department or in another relevant facility. For example, a dental student might spend some time in the ENT department of a local hospital.

# WHICH MEDICAL SCHOOL?

## Process and Timing

With a success rate of less than 10% and some schools receiving over 3000 applications, you need to spread your choice and understand what is on offer. There are significant differences between courses, even if the end qualification is similar. The traditional course entails tutorials and lectures for the first two or three years to build up scientific knowledge, followed by in-hospital experience until graduation at an average course length of 5 years. However traditional is now being superseded by integrated whereby basic medical sciences are taught concurrently with clinical studies. Other courses work on a PBL (Problem-based Learning) model whereby teaching and learning is centred from the outset on applying scientific knowledge and understanding to specific clinical scenarios. Students often work in groups and the development of teamwork, student-led research and communication skills plays a vital role.

Now, even those courses where the delivery has followed a traditional academic format (such as Oxford and Cambridge) are tending more towards a combined approach to give students a more real context for their learning. Some universities have a full 3 year pre-clinical course followed by 2/3 years of clinical training generally leading to a 6 year period of study. There is also now a further type of degree where you effectively add another subject of interest – by taking an extra year out of the medical course - ending up with an intercalated degree. Those interested could look at [www.intercalate.co.uk](http://www.intercalate.co.uk)

Oxbridge is for the elite few and may not be the most suitable choice for a student wanting to study Medicine. However, most students obviously want to choose a top academic medical school and there are various rankings. Course content and teaching style are major factors and it is vital to do your research so that you understand what is on offer before applying, not least because you will be expected to be able to explain and justify your choice if you are invited to interview. Then there are the standard factors to consider like location and cost. You also need to decide whether you want to be part of a larger university or study in a dedicated medical school. Some universities have established medical schools in separate premises whereas others let the medical students integrate with the other mainstream students. Is there much difference? In reality it could just mean that the medical school students end up socialising with the same group of students for 5 or 6 years.

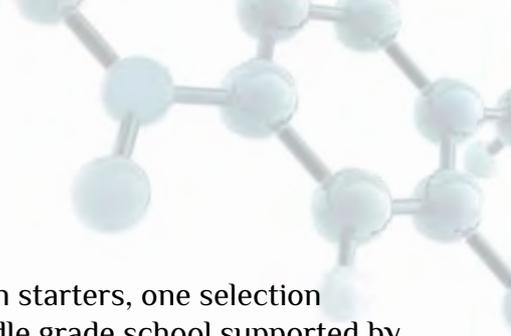
You are allowed to apply for a maximum of 4 university choices for one sector of medicine and you need a range of choices to ensure the best chance of success. One cannot apply to both Oxford and Cambridge.

## Choosing your target medical schools

**Most candidates are going to apply to 4 different university medical schools.**

You might consider:

1. Methodology of teaching – integrated, traditional, problem based or case based
2. A Level or IB DP subjects and grades required
3. Admissions test – UKAT or BMAT
4. Location of medical school
5. Type of university
6. Costs
7. Ranking of medical school



Having worked your way through the first 6 factors and eliminated non starters, one selection method is to pick two aspirational high grade schools, plus a third middle grade school supported by a fourth school with easier entrance requirements or lower costs being closer to home. Most students will start by examining the league tables of medical schools, studying the types of degrees available and the background evaluations for each university. There are a host of league tables available of which the best known are from The Complete University Guide, the Guardian, and the Times. Whilst most medical schools tend to be ranked similarly in all of these tables, there are a few wildly differing scores mostly based on student opinions, some of which are questionable. Everyone has their own opinion – so you cannot go far wrong by averaging their rankings – which is what we have done for the first 20 places in our best medical schools league table in Appendix D. The course scores will be very similar but there are other factors which may be important to you such as student satisfaction. And you can get these different factors most easily in the Complete University Guide.

There are 38 Medical Schools but five are relatively new. In 2016 the UK Government decided to expand the number of medical schools with an aim of providing 25 more places. There was an 8 increase in 2018 and an extra 630 places in 2019. In particular the five new medical schools were at Aston University, Sunderland University, Kent University (Kent & Medway Medical School), Lincoln University (a partnership with Nottingham) and Edge Hill (Ormskirk). Most of these only got underway in 2019 – so they do not yet have any results and some are still being vetted by the General Medical Council. Also one university applied but was vetoed by the Government – namely Bradford which is still trying to open majoring on Foundation Programmes with rather liberal entrance requirements. (104 UCAS tariffs)

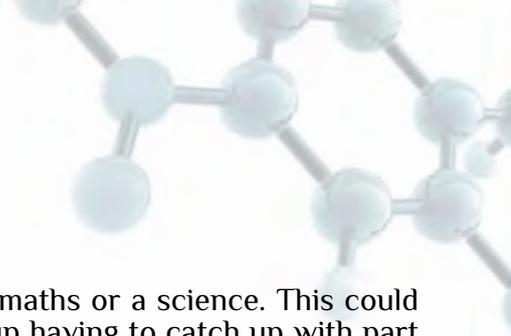
We feel that none of these newcomers can feature with a numbered position in our averaged league tables, but some students might still want to select one as their insurance choice with lower entrance criteria.

Medical applications are submitted earlier than other courses - by 15 October of the year preceding entry. The UCAS application needs to be supported by a Personal Statement. Unlike other degree courses, medical programmes demand some relevant work experience. Most medical schools will also require the applicant to pass a separate admissions test (see later) and to be successful at interview. If the candidate is made a conditional offer by more than one university he or she may elect to choose a maximum of two pending exam results in August.

## **Subjects and Grades**

Most medical schools are looking for a minimum of 3 A levels out of which Chemistry is normally mandatory and at least one other science subject is required. If you are taking the IB, then you must have Chemistry as an HL graded pass preferably at 7 points or above plus another science or maths. Most medical schools quote a threshold of 36 or 37 points at the IBDP but the elite schools will want 41 or 42 points.

Most A Level applicants are applying with a minimum of three out of Chemistry, Physics, Biology and Maths and some with all four. It is possible to successfully apply with two sciences and one or two non science subjects.



In practice you could choose a third A Level/HL subject which is not maths or a science. This could be seen to be showing initiative, but bear in mind that you might end up having to catch up with part of a missed curriculum in the first year at medical school. However, one thing is recommended – do NOT take Drama, Media, Design, Music, PE, IT, Art or Music as a third subject. You could take one of these if it was a 4th A Level with sciences and maths or another facilitating subject making up the first three. If you like Performing Arts, you are safer pursuing it as an extra-curricular activity.

If there are any key science subjects you are not taking at A level, you should ideally have a 9 grade in it at GCSE. A small number of universities offer Medicine with a Preliminary Year for students who do not have the required A Level/IB subjects. This is aimed at high performing students who will be able to catch up on the essential science curriculum over a year in order to start the full medical degree course.

In 2019 most medical schools were looking for a minimum of AAA grades at A Level, but with increased competition for places, a significant number of universities are now requiring at least one A\*. You can see the current grade requirements for each medical school in Appendix C. For medical school entry, universities also look at GCSE grades (at least 5 x 8 or 9 grade and all science subjects should be 9)

Some universities do not like students retaking key subjects and if this applies to you, we recommend you speak to admissions tutors in advance to ascertain their attitude. Whilst you can read a college's grade requirements on their website, it never does any harm to visit them on an Open Day and ask for anecdotal evidence from both admissions tutors and current students. The printed requirements may say a minimum of a B but that is no good if in reality they reject anything below A. Some universities like humanities for an extra choice – some don't. Some don't like perceived soft options such as Sociology, Art, Media, Theatre Studies. You will see a few universities will tell you explicitly which subjects will not count as part of the core three A Levels. There is usually no advantage to having 4 A Levels instead of three and beware of watering down your best three grades with the added pressure.

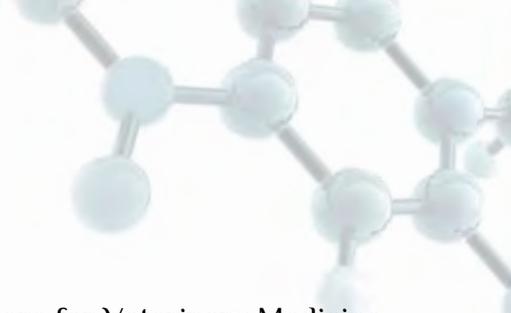
## Application and Personal Statement

A normal UCAS application must be submitted as for all degrees, and this is done online. The Personal Statement is a crucial part of the application and must demonstrate outstanding personal qualities – commitment, perseverance, initiative, personal integrity and above all else a genuine care for human beings (or animals for vets). The Personal Statement should also make reference to benefits gained from relevant work experience. The Personal Statement is hugely important and a significant percentage of students get rejected at first base because of the paucity of their PS. We cannot write your Personal Statement for you, but we can coach you in successful techniques to make your abilities and commitment stand out.

Most universities now score the PS on a marking grid. Students get marks for evidence of performance in different areas. These include variety of work experience, volunteer or community work and strong communications skills. We urge students to get hold of these marking grids and make sure they cover all of the areas. They are sometimes mentioned in the small print on the medical school website. If you are selected for interview you are likely to be asked in depth about your Personal Statement so it is essential that it is a true reflection of your personality and experience. Do not forget that medical degree applications must be submitted three months earlier than other UCAS applications. So, you must be organised to submit before the 15 October deadline.

You can apply for a maximum of:

- Four courses in any one of Medicine, Dentistry or Veterinary Medicine
- One course at either Oxford or Cambridge (but not both) – this is included in the above four.
- One other non-medicine course



You could for example apply for three dental schools and choose one more for Veterinary Medicine, but your personal statement has to be the same for all and a dentistry flavoured personal statement is going to sound distinctly odd for a veterinary course. Many applicants use their fifth option to apply for a related science degree. Alternatively, you can wait until you have heard back from all your choices and, if unsuccessful, use your last choice to apply to an alternative course.

## Admissions tests

Most forms of medical degree require applicants to take a separate admissions test. Depending on your applications you will have to take one or both tests.

### UCAT

The UCAT (UK Clinical Aptitude Test) is required by the majority of medical schools, as well as most dental schools. The UCAT is not a test of medical science, but covers elements such as reasoning skills, decision analysis and situational judgement. The UCAT test must be taken BEFORE the UCAS application is submitted and the results stated on the application. There is no pass/fail mark but the scores are taken into account by admissions staff and there may be a minimum score required for interview (this will vary from year to year depending on the calibre of candidates)

Follow this link to find out about UCAT <https://www.ucat.ac.uk/>

### BMAT

A smaller number of medical schools, including Oxford, Cambridge, Imperial, UCL, Brighton & Sussex, Leeds and the Royal Veterinary College require students to take the BMAT (Bio Medical Admissions Test). The BMAT test has three sections: general problem-solving, application of science and maths (a level equivalent to GCSE/IGCSE standard is required) and essay writing, including ethical issues. You must register for the BMAT test before submitting your UCAS application and the results of the test will then be sent directly to the medical schools you apply to. Further information can be found at <https://www.admissionstesting.org/for-test-takers/bmat/bmat-september/>

The BMAT exams normally take place in November but for an extra fee you can sit them in September. This has the advantage that you can get the results before you have to submit your medical school application to UCAS

Whereas some medical schools say that students should sit these tests without revision, we believe in preparing our students thoroughly and leaving nothing to chance. You should make sure that your school or college is willing to assist you to ensure that you are familiar with the tests and get as much practice as possible.

This eGuide concentrates on the opportunities for undergraduate study, but there are a number of graduate-entry medical schools and several of these require applicants to take a different test called GAMSAT – the Graduate Medical School Admissions Test. See here for more information <https://gamsat.acer.edu.au/>

## Interviews

With a large proportion of medical school applicants presenting themselves with three or more predicted A\*/A grades or equivalent and with high UCAT or BMAT scores, the interview is a key decision point in an application. In fact it is the most important stage in the entire admissions process – this will make or break your medical school application.

### There are two types of interview:

1. The big panel interview – you are grilled by a selection of eminent interviewers in one long session
2. MMI = multiple mini interviews – maybe 10 interviews with of five minutes with different interrogators

The panel interview sounds most intimidating, but it is not. Experience has shown it easier to be coached for, whereas MMIs involve changes of style, pace and questioning.

There are a huge number of different questions you might be asked, but a number of themes tend crop up frequently including:

1. Why do you want to be a doctor
2. What commitment will you bring to medicine
3. Why do you want to join this medical school
4. Explain how you have acquired your knowledge of key impairments / diseases
5. What is your opinion on the way the NHS handles major issues on say coronavirus, AIDS, smoking, mental illness
6. How do you think the NHS should be funded
7. How would you deal with a patient who refuses treatment
8. What do you think of euthanasia
9. What do you believe are the key skills which make a good doctor
10. Explain what you have written on your UCAS application
11. Will your personal / religious beliefs conflict with your duties as a doctor
12. What is homeopathy Do you approve
13. Tell us about something stressful you have experienced. How do you deal with stress

Always remember the panel is not really interested in your opinion. They want to see if you can consider all sides of the argument / issue before summarising with a balanced response.

You have done very well if you are invited to interview - indeed, the average medical school will only interview 25 to 30 of all applicants. It is therefore of critical importance in securing an offer. Again, there are admissions tutors suggesting that you should not prepare, but we say leave nothing to chance. Success depends on preparation and practice. We can coach you in successful interview techniques, until you are perceived to be self-assured, knowledgeable and capable of presenting more than one side to an argument.

### Our training includes:-

- General interview technique: how to manage the perfect interview, interview psychology, body language and presentation
- Past questions and answers
- Medical practice and ethics
- Current issues in medicine
- Mock interviews with detailed feedback

A good interview is not about preparing answers and responding to questions parrot- style. You will be taught to understand why the assessor asks a question and the kind of reasoned answer that will impress them.

There are often two or three interviewers on a panel – including a science tutor and a clinician – sometimes even a medical student as well. They look for evidence of academic ability, motivation to join a caring profession, speed and creativity of thought, communication skills, empathy and other essential attributes for doctors. Questions can be very searching. A good school/college will thoroughly prepare you in interview technique and give you plenty of practice with sample questions. Education Advisers can also supply this coaching to you with one of our experienced university consultants.

## Creating your own portfolio of experiences

We strongly recommend keeping your own diary or scrapbook. This is not compulsory as part of the application, but let us explain the benefits. You could start by listing the advantages and disadvantages of becoming a doctor / dentist / vet if only to become clear in your own mind that you are aiming for the right career. However, by gathering evidence and slowly building up a scrapbook of articles it becomes a very personalised experience. Then you should keep a record of your encounters with the medical profession and your work experiences. Collect articles on medical careers. By the time you get to write your personal statement and your actual interview, this portfolio will give you valuable material and will be a useful source of evidence to your referee and the admissions panel.

## Facilitating work experience

The importance of obtaining relevant work experience cannot be overstated. Whilst there are not usually specific minimum periods of work experience required, you will generally be expected to have spent at least four weeks in a relevant medical facility. (Some medical schools do have specific requirements so always check) It is getting increasingly difficult for students to arrange on their own, especially if you don't have any friends or relatives in the profession, and thus you ideally need a school or college which can help. Some colleges have specific connections used to providing work experience. Other colleges will not find work experience for you but at least will have a long list of relevant organisations to try. Always remember to ask about their help with this when you go for your first interview.

You cannot expect to sit in as an observer on open heart surgery. It is not the complexity of the medical science that is important. First-hand experience of the realities of daily work in a nursing home, hospice or pathology unit is extremely valuable and will also serve to reinforce your determination – or not – to enter the medical profession.

It is very helpful to gain two types of work experience firstly real work experience getting your hands dirty and secondly, shadowing a doctor treating patients, but the first type is more important. What you do is less important than the lessons you learn from it. Admissions interviewers are usually more impressed that you physically helped patients and what this has taught you about caring for the sick and vulnerable. They often ask about topical or fashionable issues such as AIDS, coronavirus, the ageing population, MRSA etc– so any views you can pick up from work experience are useful. For prospective dentists, it is very helpful to establish a relationship with your own personal dentist before even starting 6th form study. By showing interest and commitment you should be able to not only shadow him/her in holiday periods but probably get a reference.

# INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL SCHOOL

With the increased competition for vacancies at UK Medical Schools driving minimum entry grades ever higher, some students may wish to look at International Medical Schools with lower entry thresholds. This is also important for students who may need to resit a core A Level because many UK medical schools are not overly enthusiastic about considering resit candidates, even if they will not say that to your face.

## **The closest to hand for UK candidates are in Ireland:**

Queen's University Belfast in N. Ireland  
University College Cork (UCC)  
National University of Ireland, Galway  
Royal College of Surgeons Ireland  
University College Dublin (UCD)  
The University of Dublin (Trinity College)

Be aware that applying to an Irish University is not an easy option because most require straight A grades. They have their own version of UCAT called HPAT. Irish registrations go via Central Applications Office (CAO) ([www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie)) whereas Queen's Belfast goes via UCAS. Elsewhere overseas, the key requirement for many students is for the course be taught in English. Examples of these international medical or dental schools are:

American University of Antigua , Coolidge– Antigua  
Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic  
Comenius University, Prague, Czech Republic  
Palacky University, Olomouc, Czech Republic  
Maskarysk University – BRNO, Czech Republic  
Institute of Technology, Sligo, Ireland  
St Matthew's University, Grand Cayman  
The Medical University of Gdansk, Poland  
University Cardenal Herrera, Valencia  
University of Debrecen, Hungary  
University of Pecs – Pecs, Hungary  
Semmelweis University- Budapest, Hungary  
Szeged University - Szeged, Hungary  
University of Health Sciences, Dow's Hill, Antigua (UHSA)  
University of Lodz Medical School, Poland  
University of the West Indies

In some cases it is possible to obtain a place with A Level grades as low as BBC, but remember if you want to practise medicine in the UK you may have to sit further GMC tests on your return. International medical schools usually charge fees, although they are often heavily subsidised by the government of that country. With the recent increase in UK university fees to 9250 per annum (for UK/EU students) the above universities are now mostly cheaper than the UK.

As well as having lower A level entry grades than the UK medical schools, the international medical schools, more importantly, offer alternative routes to gain admission. There are separate education companies who run pre medical programmes specifically designed for entry to international medical schools. Furthermore, if you are successful, one year on these pre-med programmes often puts you straight into the second year of medical school.

# DENTISTRY– APPLYING TO DENTAL SCHOOL

We are not covering dental schools in the same depth as medical schools for the simple reason that the process of application is so similar and much of the information in this guide relates equally to dental school entry. Here we simply highlight some of the key differences in dentistry as a degree course and career.

There are approximately 37,000 dentists registered with the General Dental Council in the UK – not a huge number, but there will always be a need for dentists worldwide. Some run practices which offer NHS or private treatment or both; some work in hospitals; some work in industry; some for the Armed Services; some in research or training. However, most follow the same initial path – a 5-year degree followed by one year of paid vocational training. Following VT, the majority join an established general practice before later deciding whether to specialise such as orthodontics or oral surgery.



Early Dental School

In the UK a significant proportion of dentists are self-employed, which means that they need business management skills and be prepared to work without the safety net of employment on a regular salary.

Some may think that the training of a dentist is easier than that of a doctor, but this underestimates the amount of medical learning required, especially when dentists must learn anatomy, biomedical sciences, physiology, biochemistry, oral biology, pharmacology, sedation, pain / anxiety management and clinical skills including a significant emphasis on manual dexterity. The standard training often involves the student building up their own mini practice in the dental hospital.

Recent applicant numbers are around 3700 competing for 1200 places = ca 2.7 applicants per place. Female applicants are greater at 56% coupled with a slightly higher success rate.

In the case of overseas applicants the success ratio is approximately 17:1. However, if you are an international student reading this do not let the ratio put you off. Some of the reasons include inadequate qualifications / work experience and lack of advice from their schools. Assuming you are reading this to come to a UK sixth form college to gain admission to a dental school, all of these aspects will be addressed by your college. Some dental schools do have quotas for non-EU students, but allocate more priority to those from countries with under-developed dental services.

As mentioned earlier, the admissions process and timing is very similar to that of medical school. Top A level/IB scores are required. One variant is that the majority of dental schools require you to pass UCAT. A few require no extra test, but this could change. Work experience should definitely include work shadowing of one or more dentists, but it is just as important to additionally get some social care experience such as in a hospice.

Some students decide they would like to try dentistry, having completed their A Levels in non-science subjects. There are 4 dental faculties offering a pre-dental course over one year concentrating on Biology, Chemistry and Physics. Upon successful completion you automatically move on to the undergraduate dental course. This is not an easier entry option, because you still have to go through the same entry procedure as for the regular dental courses.

With only 16 dental schools to choose from, there is not so much variation between schools. In fact in looking at the rankings there is only a 5 difference between the top school Glasgow at 100 and the bottom at 95 - so you may be better served by visiting several on their Open Days and make your choice on subjective factors which you liked.

We list the 16 dental schools in Appendix E. Further resources and reading materials can be found in Appendices G & H

# VETERINARY MEDICINE – APPLYING TO VETERINARY SCHOOL

As for dental school, the process of applying for a veterinary degree is not dissimilar to that for medical school entry. We show here the main differences, but you are advised to look at the Veterinary Schools Council, website – [www.vetschoolscouncil.ac.uk](http://www.vetschoolscouncil.ac.uk) .

Vets are actually in great demand but there are generally fewer applications per place than to Medicine or Dentistry and depending on the course, approximately 45 are offered places. There are around 16,000 practising vets in the UK. Most vets work very hard and veterinary practices have to be on call 24 hours a day. Going to a windswept farm on a cold rainy night at 2am for a difficult animal birth is a big contrast to dealing with the beloved pet cat in the surgery to prescribe worming treatment. The public's view of vets in the UK has been greatly influenced by the books and films of James Herriot, but there is a lot of truth in them. Plainly you have to be dedicated to the care of animals but it is equally important to be able to counsel their owners, whether it is a short-tempered farmer or a distraught old age pensioner. Either way you need perseverance, determination, good judgement and empathy to be a successful vet.



Application procedures are similar to doctors – high science grades (AAB minimum), effective personal statements, confident interview technique and a high score in the UCAT or BMAT test (if required) . Work experience is vital but at least it is often easier to get because of the shortage of vets. Most veterinary colleges want a minimum of several weeks of animal handling / husbandry on a farm as well as vet shadowing for domestic animals. Some time in a biomedical lab is advantageous. Applications must be made via UCAS before 15th October.

There are only 9 veterinary colleges in the UK– so you won't be spoilt for choice. Most take around 100 new students per year, but the Royal Veterinary College, part of University of London, takes about 200. Most degrees are 5 years duration (6 at Cambridge), of which the first two are pre-clinical with lectures and tutorials. The second para-clinical stage begins in year 3, studying disease, hereditary factors, veterinary pathology, parasitology and pharmacology. The final clinical stage in years 4 + 5 brings all the disciplines together in practical work at the college's field station. The content and style of degree courses vary quite a lot and it is vital to research them properly before deciding where to apply. However, all British vets become registered veterinary surgeons. RVC and Cambridge are the most in demand colleges. Similarly to dental schools, when you look at veterinary schools on the Complete University Guide there is only 3 difference between the score of the top vet college (RVC) and the bottom. The University of Surrey Veterinary School is relatively new and will not have produced any qualified vets yet.

# CHOOSING A PRIVATE 6TH FORM COLLEGE OR SCHOOL.

## What to look for when choosing a school or college:

OK, so we hope we have not put you off by describing all the hurdles you need to jump over to get into Medicine. So, how do you choose a school / college to give you the best chance of success

**Exam record.** It almost goes without saying you need a school or college with a great track record of success in the key science subjects. In A Level terms you ideally need a school / college whose A Level grades consistently exceed 80% A\*-B grades. You can see all of these on our top 100 league tables. These days it does not matter if you take A Levels or the International Baccalaureate. For IB you really need to exceed 36 points. Ask for our separate eGuide on the differences between these two curriculums.

**Medical school track record.** Most private senior schools will say they have several successful candidates for Medical School each year. But that's not good enough in itself. Ideally it needs to be 3+. There are 6th form colleges which get 6+ per annum. Ask us for specific details.

**Tutorial support.** A good school / college will have a specific tutor providing medical school support and advice.

**Preparation.** The school needs to provide specific help with BMAT or UCAT test tuition, interview technique preparation and guidance with the application / personal statement.

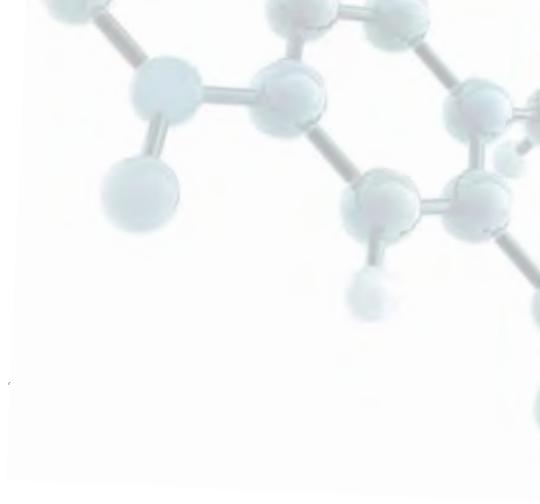
**Work experience and doctor contact.** These days it is increasingly hard to get work experience in hospitals. However, some schools have excellent connections with medical institutions. Some have lots of doctors / dentists / vets as parents of children at the school. A good school uses those relationships to get parents and their acquaintances to come to school to talk about entry to the medical profession.

A few private sixth form colleges publish leaflets about their medic programmes although we have not seen anything comparable from schools. You need to ask a prospective school about the above issues.

We do place a lot of children into schools who want to go into medicine – so don't be afraid to ask us for advice – phone us on +44 (0) 1622 813870 or complete the enquiry form online.

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## Questions to ask schools or 6th Form colleges

1. How many students have you taught for entry to a. medical schools b. dental schools or c. veterinary colleges in each of the last 3 years
2. What was their success rate and which universities did they go to
3. What have you attained in A\*, A + B grades at A level in Chemistry, Biology, Physics and Maths in the last year
4. Do you have a tutor dedicated to medicine applicants and if so, can we meet him/her
5. What special assistance do you give to medicine applicants
6. Do you have visiting speakers who are doctors, dentists or vets
7. How much advice do you give on medical degrees at University
8. How do you prepare students for interview
9. Can you facilitate work experience – examples
10. Do you coach for BMAT and UCAT

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## Considerations when choosing your target Medical Schools

1. Do you want to be in a separate medical school or a department of a university
2. What is the duration of the degree course and what happens each year
3. What is the course content and how is it taught
4. What are the academic requirements – are the stated minimum A Level grades the criteria used in practice or are they higher
5. What special admissions test is required
6. What is the ratio of applicants to places
7. Is the location convenient and attractive Will you be required to travel to different locations at each stage of the course
8. What are the tuition fees, extras and living costs
9. What is the league table ranking of the Medical School

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## List of Medical Schools

Please note that some of the Medical Schools listed may not offer undergraduate courses. Check their websites for details of courses offered and their duration. We try to give the latest applicant to places ratios where possible but in some cases this is not made public. Some schools are too new to have statistics. Our league table rankings are in Appendix D.

### Aberdeen (University of), The School of Medicine and Dentistry

<http://www.abdn.ac.uk/smd>  
Polwarth Building  
Foresterhill  
Aberdeen AB25 2ZD

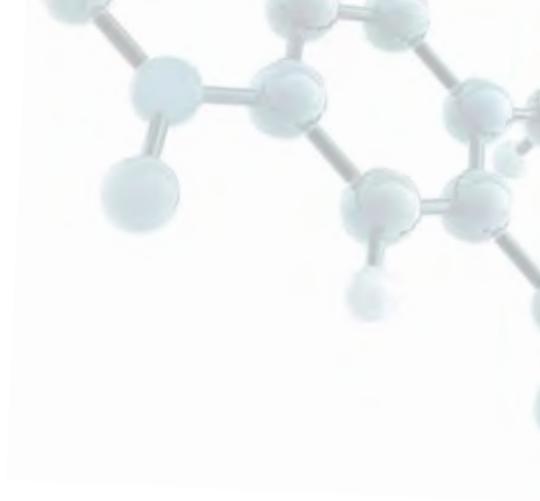
	UK/EEA	Non EEA
Applicants per interview	2.3	4.1
Applicants per place	11.1	22.6
Min Entry grades	AAA A level	36 points IBDP
Test	UCAT	
Tel: +44 (0)1224 437 923		
<a href="mailto:medadm@abdn.ac.uk">medadm@abdn.ac.uk</a>		

### Anglia Ruskin University School of Medicine

<https://aru.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/medicine>

	UK/EEA	Non EEA
Applicants per interview	1.9	N/A
Applicants per place	11.1	N/A
Min entry grades	AAA A level	36 points IBDP
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## Aston University Medical School

<https://www2.aston.ac.uk/aston-medical-school>  
Aston University  
Birmingham  
B4 7EX  
Tel +44 (0) 121 204 3000

	UK/EEA	Non – EEA
Applicants per interview	N/K	N/K
Applicants per place	N/K	N/K
Min entry grades	ABB A level	36 points IBDP
Test	UCAT	

## Birmingham (University of), School of Medicine

<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/university/colleges/mds>  
College of Medical and Dental Sciences  
University of Birmingham  
Edgbaston  
Birmingham B15 2TT  
Tel: +44 (0)121 414 3858  
[mdsenquiries@contacts.bham.ac.uk](mailto:mdsenquiries@contacts.bham.ac.uk)

	UK/EAA	Non-EEA
Applicants per interview	1.7	3
Applicants per place	5.7	13.5
Min entry grades	AAA A level	36 points IBDP
Test	UCAT	

## Brighton and Sussex Medical School

<https://www.bsms.ac.uk> BSMS Teaching Building  
University of Sussex  
Brighton  
East Sussex BN1 9PX Tel: +44 (0)1273 606 755  
[information@sussex.ac.uk](mailto:information@sussex.ac.uk)

	UK/EEA	Non EEA
Applicants per interview	N/K	N/K
Applicants per place	N/K	N/K
Min entry grades	AAA A level	36 points IBDP
Test	BMAT	

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## Bristol (University of), School of Clinical Sciences

<http://www.bristol.ac.uk/clinical-sciences>  
School of Clinical Sciences  
69 St Michael's Hill  
Bristol BS2 8DZ Tel: +44 (0)117 33 11476  
med-admissions@bristol.ac.uk

	UK/EEA	Non EEA
Applicants per interview	3.3	5.8
Applicants per place	12.1	24.7
Minimum entry grades	AAA A Level	36 points IBDP
Test	UCAT	

## Cambridge (University of), School of Clinical Medicine

<http://www.medschl.cam.ac.uk> Box 111  
Cambridge Biomedical Campus  
Cambridge CB2 0SP  
Tel: +44 (0)1223 336 700  
admissions@cam.ac.uk

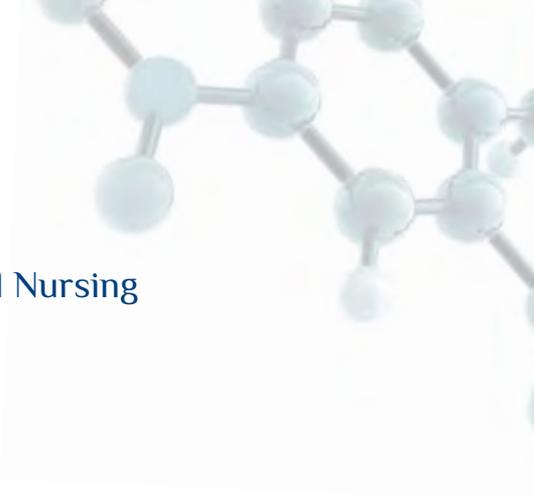
	UK/EEA	Non EEA
Applicants per place	5	10
Minimum grades on entry	A*A*A	40 to 42 pts IBDP
Test	BMAT	

## Cardiff University, School of Medicine

<http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/medicine>  
School of Medicine  
UHW Main Building  
Heath Park  
Cardiff CF14 4XN Tel: +44 (0)29 2074 3436  
medicine@cardiff.ac.uk

	UK/EEA	Non EEA
Applicants per interview	1.8	5.2
Applicants per place	8	21
Minimum entry grades	AAA Level	36 points IBDP
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## Dundee (University of), Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Nursing

<http://medicine.dundee.ac.uk> Ninewells Hospital & Medical School  
Dundee DD1 9SY  
Tel: +44 (0)1382 344 160  
Asrs-Medicine@Dundee.Ac.Uk

	UK/EEA	Non EEA
Applicants per interview	3	3
Applicants per place	10	10
Minimum grades	AAA	37 pts IBDP
Test	UCAT	

## Edge Hill University Medical School 01

St Helens Rd  
Ormskirk  
L39 4QP  
[www.edgehill.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/medicine](http://www.edgehill.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/medicine)  
Tel 01695 575171  
admissions@edgehill.ac.uk

	UK/EEA	Non EEA
Applicants per interview	Too New	Too New
Applicants per place	Too New	Too New
Minimum grades	AAA A level	36 points IBDP
Test	UCAT	

## Exeter (University of) Medical School

<http://medicine.exeter.ac.uk>  
University of Exeter  
St Luke's Campus  
Heavitree Road  
Exeter EX1 2LU Tel: +44 (0)1392 723 044  
medicine@exeter.ac.uk

	UK/EEA	Non EEA
Applicants per interview	N/K	N/K
Minimum entry grades	AAA A level	36 pts IBDP
Test	UCAT	

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## Edinburgh (The University of), College of Medicine and Veterinary Medicine

<http://www.ed.ac.uk/medicine-vet-medicine> The Chancellor's Building  
2nd Floor, 49 Little France Crescent  
Edinburgh EH16 4SB Tel: +44 (0)131 242 6407 [mvm@ed.ac.uk](mailto:mvm@ed.ac.uk)

Applicants per interview	UK/EEA N/A	Non EEA N/A
Applicants per place	N/A	N/A
Min grades	AAA A Level	37 points IBDP
Test	UCAT	

## Glasgow (University of), College of Medical, Veterinary and Life Sciences

<http://www.gla.ac.uk/colleges/mvls>  
Wolfson Medical School Building  
University of Glasgow  
University Avenue  
Glasgow G12 8QQ  
Tel: +44 (0)141 330 6216  
[med-sch-admissions@glasgow.ac.uk](mailto:med-sch-admissions@glasgow.ac.uk)

Applicants per interview	UK/EEA N/A	Non EEA N/A
Applicants per place	N/A	N/A
Minimum grades	AAA	38 points IBDP
Test	UCAT	

## Imperial College School of Medicine, London

<https://www.imperial.ac.uk/medicine>  
Level 2, Faculty Building  
South Kensington Campus  
London SW7 2AZ  
Tel: +44 (0)20 7594 8056  
[medicine.ug.admissions@imperial.ac.uk](mailto:medicine.ug.admissions@imperial.ac.uk)

Applicants per interview	UK/EEA 2	Non EEA 4
Applicants per space	3	9
Minimum grades	AAA	38 points
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## Keele University, School of Medicine

<http://www.keele.ac.uk/medicine>  
David Weatherall Building  
Keele University  
Staffordshire ST5 5BG Tel: +44 (0)1782 733 937  
[medicine@keele.ac.uk](mailto:medicine@keele.ac.uk)

	UK/EEA	Non EEA
Applicants per interview	2.1	7.2
Applicants per space	7.9	22
Minimum grades	A*AA A level	35 points
Test	UCAT (UK) and BMAT ( International)	

## King's College London School of Medicine (at Guy's, King's College and St Thomas' Hospital)

<http://www.kcl.ac.uk/lsm>  
King's College London  
Strand  
London WC2R 2LS  
Tel: +44 (0)20 7848 6501

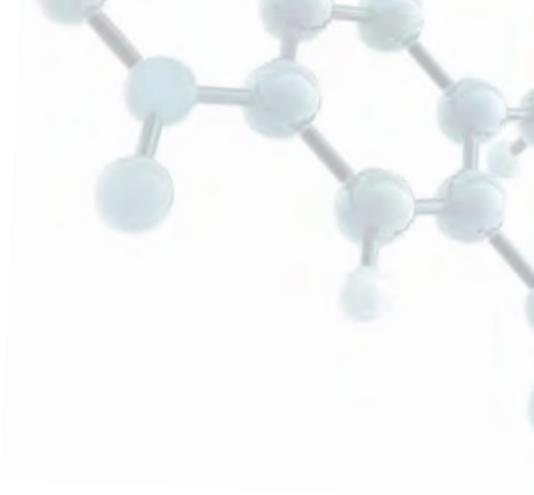
	UK/EEA	Non – EEA
Applicants per interview	N/K	N/K
Applicants per place	N/K	N/K
Minimum grades	A*AA A level	35 points IB
Test	UCAT	

## Lancaster University, Faculty of Health and Medicine

<http://www.lancaster.ac.uk/fhm/lms>  
Furness College  
Lancaster University  
Lancaster LA1 4YG Tel: +44 (0)1542 594 547  
[medicine@lancaster.ac.uk](mailto:medicine@lancaster.ac.uk)

	UK/EEA	Non-EEA
Applicants per interview	1.9	7.1
Applicants per place	8.2	25
Minimum grades	AAA A level	36 points Test
Test	BMAT	

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## Leeds (University of), School of Medicine

<http://medhealth.leeds.ac.uk/medicine>  
School of Medicine  
Worsley Building  
University of Leeds  
Leeds LS2 9NL Tel: +44 (0)113 343 7234  
[study@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:study@leeds.ac.uk)

	UK/EEA	Non EEA
Applicants per interview	2.3	2.4
Applicants per place	9.6	22.6
Minimum grades	AAA	35 points
Test	BMAT	

## Leicester (University of), Leicester Medical School <http://www2.le.ac.uk/departments/medicine>

Maurice Shock Building  
PO Box 138  
University Road  
Leicester LE1 9HN Tel: +44 (0)116 252 2969  
[med-admis@le.ac.uk](mailto:med-admis@le.ac.uk)

	UK/EEA	Non EEA
Applicants per interview	2	4.3
Applicants per place	7.6	13.3
Minimum grades	AAA	36 points
Test	UCAT	

## Liverpool (University of), Faculty of Health and Life Sciences

<https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/medicine>  
School of Medicine  
MBChB Office  
Cedar House  
Ashton Street  
Liverpool L69 3GE Tel: +44 (0)151 795 4362  
[mbchb@liv.ac.uk](mailto:mbchb@liv.ac.uk)

	UK/EEA	Non EEA
Applicants per interview	1.6	2.28
Applicants per place	7.1	17.9
Minimum grades	AAA A Level	37pts

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## Manchester (University of), Faculty of Medical and Human Sciences

<http://www.medicine.manchester.ac.uk>  
The University of Manchester  
Oxford Rd  
Manchester  
M13 9PL  
Tel: +44 (0)161 275 2077  
[medicine.enquiries@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:medicine.enquiries@manchester.ac.uk)

	UK/EEA	Non EEA
Applicants per interview	DK	
Minimum grades	AAA	37 points IBDP
Test	UCAT	

## Newcastle University School of Medical Education

<http://www.ncl.ac.uk/mbbs> School of Medical Education  
Newcastle University  
Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 4HH Tel: +44 (0)191 208 7005  
[medic.ugadmin@ncl.ac.uk](mailto:medic.ugadmin@ncl.ac.uk)

	UK/EEA	Non EEA
Applicants per interview	2.2	3.3
Applicants per place	6.8	14
Minimum grades for entry	AAA A Level	38 points IB

## Norwich Medical School, University of East Anglia

<http://www.uea.ac.uk/medicine>  
Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences  
University of East Anglia  
Norwich NR4 7TJ Tel: +44 (0)1603 593061 [med.reception@uea.ac.uk](mailto:med.reception@uea.ac.uk)

	UK/EEA	Non EEA
Applicants per interview	1.8	2.5
Applicants per place	8.3	11.8
Minimum grades	AAA A level	36 points IBDP
Test	UCAT	

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## Nottingham (The University of), School of Medicine

<http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/medicine>  
School of Medicine  
B Floor, Nottingham Medical School  
Queen's Medical Centre  
Nottingham NG7 2UH Tel: +44 (0)1332 724 622  
[medicine@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:medicine@nottingham.ac.uk)

Minimum grades	UK/EEA AAA	Non EEA 36 pts IBDP
Test	UCAT	

## Oxford (University of), Medical Sciences Division

<http://www.medschool.ox.ac.uk> Medical Sciences Divisional Office  
University of Oxford  
Level 3, John Radcliffe Hospital  
Oxford OX3 9DU  
Tel: +44 (0)1865 285783  
[admissions@medschool.ox.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@medschool.ox.ac.uk)

	UK/EEA	non EEA
Applications per interview	3.5	11.4
Applications per place	8.9	31.7
Minimum grades on entry	A*AA Alevel	39
Test	BMAT	

## Plymouth University Peninsula Schools of Medicine and Dentistry

<https://www.plymouth.ac.uk/your-university/about-us/university-structure/faculties/medicine-dentistry> The John Bull Building  
Plymouth Science Park  
Research Way  
Plymouth, PL6 8BU  
Tel: +44 (0)1752 437 333  
[meddent-admissions@plymouth.ac.uk](mailto:meddent-admissions@plymouth.ac.uk)

Minimum grades	AAB
Test	UCAT

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## Queen Mary, Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry

<http://www.smd.qmul.ac.uk> Queen Mary University of London  
Garrod Building  
Turner Street,  
Whitechapel  
London E1 2AD  
Tel: +44 (0)20 7882 8478  
smdadmissions@qmul.ac.uk

	UK/EEA	NON EEA
Applicants per interview	3	7
Applicants per place	4	22
Minimum entry grades	A*AA A Level	38 pts
Test	UCAT	

## Queen's University Belfast, Faculty of Medicine and Health

Sciences <http://www.qub.ac.uk/schools/mdbs>  
School of Medicine, Dentistry and Biomedical Sciences  
Whitla Medical Building  
97 Lisburn Road  
Belfast BT9 7BL Tel: +44 (0)28 9097 1444  
medicaled@qub.ac.uk

	UK/EEA	Non EEA
Minimum grades	A*AA A level	36 pts IBDP
Test	UCAT	

## Sheffield (The University of), School of Medicine

<http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/medicine> Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry & Health  
The University of Sheffield  
Barber House  
387 Glossop Road  
Sheffield S10 2HQ Tel: 0114 22 28750 [facultyofmedicine@sheffield.ac.uk](mailto:facultyofmedicine@sheffield.ac.uk)

	UK/EEA	NON
Applicants per interview	1.6	2.2
Applicants per place	6.3	13.3
Minimum grades entry	AAA A Level	36pts
Test	UCAT	

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## Southampton (University of), School of Medicine

<http://www.southampton.ac.uk/medicine>  
Faculty of Medicine  
University of Southampton  
Building 85  
Life Sciences Building  
Highfield Campus  
Southampton SO171BJ Tel: +44 (0)2380 594 408  
[deanmed@soton.ac.uk](mailto:deanmed@soton.ac.uk)

	UK/EEA	Non EEA
Applicants per interview	2	3
Minimum entry grades	AAA	36 pts
Test	UCAT	

## St Andrews (University of), Faculty of Medical Sciences

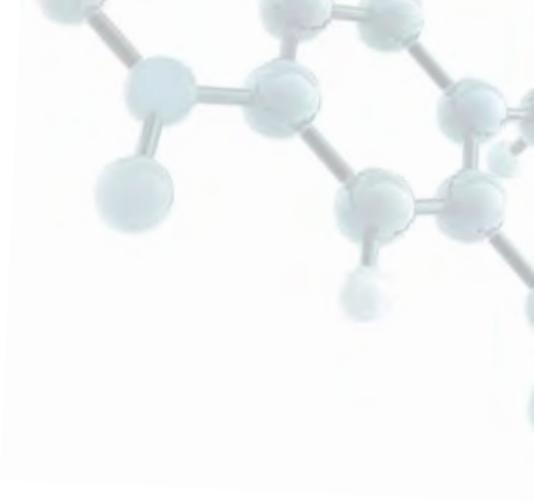
<http://medicine.st-and.ac.uk> School of Medicine  
University of St Andrews  
Medical and Biological Sciences Building  
North Haugh  
St Andrews KY16 9TF  
Tel: +44 (0) 1334 461851  
[medicine@st-andrews.ac.uk](mailto:medicine@st-andrews.ac.uk)

	UK /EEA	NON-EEA
Applicants per interview	N/K	N/K
Minimum entry grades	AAA	38 pts
Test	UCAT	

## St George's, University of London

<http://www.sgul.ac.uk>  
Cranmer Terrace  
London SW17 0RE  
Tel: +44 (0)20 8725 5201  
[study@sgul.ac.uk](mailto:study@sgul.ac.uk)

	UK/EEA	NON EEA
Applicants per interview	2	3
Applicants per place	7	12
Minimum entry grades	AAA A level	36 points
Test	UCAT	



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## University of Sunderland Medical School

Edinburgh building  
City Campus  
Chester Road  
Sunderland SR1 3SD

Applicants for interview  
Applicants per place  
Minimum grades  
Test

UK/EEA	Non EEA
Too New	Too New
Too New	Too New
AAA	
UCAT	

## Swansea University Medical School

<http://www.swansea.ac.uk/medicine>  
Medical School  
Grove Building  
Swansea University  
Singleton Park  
Swansea SA2 8PP Tel +44 (0)1792 513400  
[medicine@swansea.ac.uk](mailto:medicine@swansea.ac.uk)

### Graduate entry for medicine

## University College London, University College Medical School

<http://www.ucl.ac.uk/medicalschoo>  
University College London  
Gower Street  
London WC1E 6BT44 Tel: +44 (0)20 7679 0869 [medicaladmissions@ucl.ac](mailto:medicaladmissions@ucl.ac)

	UK/EEA	NON EEA
Applicants per interview	3	12
Applicant per place	10	34
Minimum entry grades	A*AA	39
Test	BMAT	

## University of Warwick (University of), Warwick Medical School

<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/med> Warwick Medical School  
The University of Warwick  
Coventry CV4 7AL  
Tel: +44 (0)2476 523 723

### Graduate entry and 4 year degree

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## 2020 Top 20 Medical Schools

Based on average rankings of Complete Uni Guide, Guardian and Times

Position	Name	CUG	Times	Guardian	Total Rankings
1	Oxford	1=	1	1	3
2	Cambridge	1=	2	5	8
3	Glasgow	1=	7	7	15
4	Imperial	7	3	9=	19
5	Edinburgh	4	6	11	21
6	Aberdeen	7=	17=	2	26
7.	UCL	7=	4	16	27
8	Queen Marys	7=	10	15	32
9	Dundee	4	26	6	36
10=	Swansea	4	29	4	37
10=	Newcastle	7=	17=	13	37
10=	Bristol	7=	11	19	37
13	Brighton & Sussex	16=	14	10	40
14	Leeds	16=	17=	17	50
15	Sheffield	16=	12	24	52
16	Nottingham	16=	17=	23	56
17	Queen's Belfast	16=	17=	25	58
18	Birmingham	26=	13	20	59
19	Manchester	26=	9	29	64
20	Leicester	26=	14=	27	67

Given that everyone's opinions can be different, we have chosen to average the ranking positions of the three major league tables. The Times ranking were extracted from their Global 775 table. The Times seemed far more critical than the others and seemed unduly harsh on Keele and Plymouth who appeared in the other top 10s. There are a number of new medical schools where it is too soon to appear in these tables including Sunderland, Kent & Medway, Edge Hill Ormskirk, Aston and ARU, but you may wish to include them as your insurance choice. Note : Buckingham does not appear because it is a private university offering a shorter degree.

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## List of Dental Schools

### Aberdeen (University of), The School of Medicine and Dentistry

<http://www.abdn.ac.uk/smd/>  
FOR graduate entry  
Polwarth Building  
Foresterhill  
Aberdeen  
AB25 2ZD  
Tel: +44 (0)1224 437 923  
[dentistry@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:dentistry@abdn.ac.uk)

### Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry

<http://www.smd.qmul.ac.uk> Queen Mary University of London  
Garrod Building  
Turner Street,  
Whitechapel  
London E1 2AD Tel: +44 (0)20 7882 8478  
[smdadmissions@qmul.ac.uk](mailto:smdadmissions@qmul.ac.uk)

### University of Birmingham

<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/university/colleges/mds>  
College of Medical and Dental Sciences  
Edgbaston  
Birmingham B15 2TT Tel: +44 (0)121 414 3858  
[mdsenquiries@contacts.bham.ac.uk](mailto:mdsenquiries@contacts.bham.ac.uk)

### University of Bristol – School of Oral and Dental Sciences

<http://www.bristol.ac.uk/dental>  
Lower Maudlin Street  
Bristol BS1 2LY Tel: +44(0)117 928 7679  
[dent-ug-admissions@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:dent-ug-admissions@bristol.ac.uk)

### Cardiff University

<http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/dentl>  
Heath Park

Cardiff CF14 4XY Tel: +44(0)29 2074 5867 [dentaldean@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:dentaldean@cardiff.ac.uk) University of Dundee –  
School of Dentistry <http://www.dundee.ac.uk/dental>  
Park Place  
Dundee DD1 4HN  
Tel: +44(0)1382 660 111  
[dentaladmin@dundee.ac.uk](mailto:dentaladmin@dundee.ac.uk)

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## University of Dundee Dental School

Park Place  
Dundee,  
DD1 4HV  
Tel: 01382 381 600  
Asrs-dentistry@dundee.ac.uk  
www.dentistry-dundee.dundee.ac.uk/

## University of Glasgow Dental Hospital and School

<http://www.gla.ac.uk/departments/dentalschool>  
378 Sauchiehall Street  
Glasgow G2 3JZ Tel: +44(0)141 211 9600  
med-sch-dental-ug@glasgow.ac.uk

## London King's College

Faculty of Dentistry,  
Guy's Tower  
Guy's Hospital,  
London SE1 1UL  
www.kcl.ac.uk/dentistry

## University of Liverpool – School of Dental Sciences

<https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/dentistry>  
Pembroke Place  
Liverpool L3 5PS Tel: +44(0)151 706 5298 dentenq@liverpool.ac.uk

## University of Manchester – School of Dentistry

<http://www.dentistry.manchester.ac.uk>  
Higher Cambridge Street Manchester M15 6FH Tel: +44(0)161 306 0231  
ug.dentistry@manchester.ac.uk

## Newcastle University – School of Dental Sciences

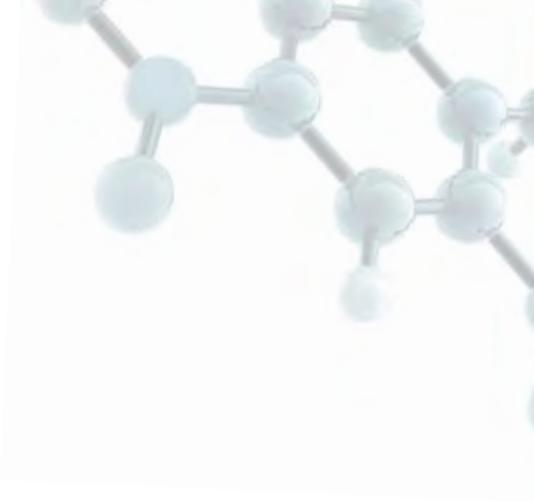
<http://www.ncl.ac.uk/dental> Framlington Place  
Newcastle-upon-Tyne NE2 4BW  
Tel: +44 (0) 191 222 8347

## Peninsula College of Medicine and Dentistry

<https://www.plymouth.ac.uk/schools/peninsula-school-of-dentistry>  
John Bull Building  
Plymouth PL6 8BU Tel: +44(0)1752 437 444  
meddent-admissions@plymouth.ac.uk

## Queen's University Belfast – Centre for Dental Education

<http://www.qub.ac.uk/schools/mdbs/dentistry>  
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dentistry@qub.ac.uk



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## University of Sheffield – the School of Clinical Dentistry

<http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/dentalschool>  
The School of Clinical Dentistry  
University of Sheffield  
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Sheffield S10 2TA Tel: +44 (0)114 271 7801  
[dental.genenquiries@sheffield.ac.uk](mailto:dental.genenquiries@sheffield.ac.uk)

## University College London - UCL Eastman Dental Institute

<http://www.ucl.ac.uk/eastman>  
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University College London  
Gower Street  
London WC1E 6BT  
Tel: +44(0)20 7915 1039

## Edinburgh Dental Institute

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Edinburgh University  
Lauriston Building  
Lauriston Place  
Edinburgh EH3 9HA  
Tel: 0131 536 3979  
[www.ed.ac.uk/dentistry](http://www.ed.ac.uk/dentistry)

# List of Veterinary Schools

## University of Bristol – Dept of Clinical Veterinary Science

<http://www.bristol.ac.uk/vetscience/>  
Langford House  
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## University of Cambridge – Dept of Veterinary Medicine

<http://www.vet.cam.ac.uk> Madingley Road  
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[admissions.enquiries@vet.cam.ac.uk](mailto:admissions.enquiries@vet.cam.ac.uk)

## The University of Edinburgh (The Royal Dick School of Veterinary Studies)

<http://www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/vet>  
Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies  
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<http://www.gla.ac.uk/schools/vet/>  
School of Veterinary Medicine  
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[reception@vet.gla.ac.uk](mailto:reception@vet.gla.ac.uk)

## University of Liverpool – School of Veterinary Science

<https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/veterinary-science>  
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University of Liverpool  
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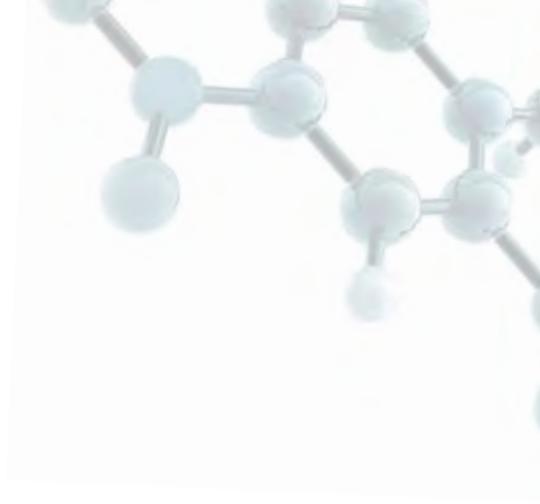
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London NW1 0TU  
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[admissions@rvc.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@rvc.ac.uk)

## University of Nottingham School of Veterinary Medicine and Science

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## Useful Websites

### Medicine

[www.bma.org.uk](http://www.bma.org.uk)  
[www.doctors.net.uk](http://www.doctors.net.uk)  
[www.doctorsoftheworld.org](http://www.doctorsoftheworld.org)  
[www.doh.gov.uk](http://www.doh.gov.uk)  
[www.gmc-uk.org](http://www.gmc-uk.org)  
[www.health-news.co.uk](http://www.health-news.co.uk)  
[www.medicalschoolsonline.co.uk](http://www.medicalschoolsonline.co.uk)  
[www.medicalstudent.com](http://www.medicalstudent.com)  
[www.medlink-uk.com](http://www.medlink-uk.com)  
[www.medicas.org.uk](http://www.medicas.org.uk)  
[www.newmediamedicine.com/forum/content/](http://www.newmediamedicine.com/forum/content/)  
[www.newscientist.com](http://www.newscientist.com)  
[www.nhscareers.nhs.uk/nhs-knowledge\\_base/data/5343.htm](http://www.nhscareers.nhs.uk/nhs-knowledge_base/data/5343.htm)  
[www.medschoolsonline.co.uk](http://www.medschoolsonline.co.uk)  
[www.mmc.nhs.uk](http://www.mmc.nhs.uk)  
[www.nus.org.uk](http://www.nus.org.uk)  
[www.readmedicine.com](http://www.readmedicine.com)  
[www.studentbmj.com](http://www.studentbmj.com)  
[www.studentdoc.com](http://www.studentdoc.com)  
[www.studentdoctor.net](http://www.studentdoctor.net)  
[www.studymedicineabroad.com](http://www.studymedicineabroad.com)  
[www.thestudentroom.co.uk](http://www.thestudentroom.co.uk)  
[www.wanttobeadoctor.co.uk](http://www.wanttobeadoctor.co.uk)  
[www.student.bmj.com](http://www.student.bmj.com)

### Dentistry

[www.bda.org](http://www.bda.org)  
[www.dentalhealth.org](http://www.dentalhealth.org)  
[www.dentistry.co.uk](http://www.dentistry.co.uk)

### Veterinary Medicine

[www.pdsa.org.uk](http://www.pdsa.org.uk)  
[www.defra.gov.uk](http://www.defra.gov.uk)  
[www.bva.co.uk](http://www.bva.co.uk)  
[www.bva-awf.org.uk](http://www.bva-awf.org.uk)  
[www.becomeavet.org](http://www.becomeavet.org)  
[www.careerwithanimals.co.uk/what-you-need-for-becoming-vet.html](http://www.careerwithanimals.co.uk/what-you-need-for-becoming-vet.html)  
[www.vetschoolscouncil.ac.uk](http://www.vetschoolscouncil.ac.uk)

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### Recommended Reading

**Becoming a Doctor – Blundell, Harrison & Turney published by Wiley-Blackwell**

**How to get into Medical School – Dr C. See – published by Kogan Page**

**Getting into Medical School – Cross and Lucas – published by Trotman**

**Getting into Dental School – Adam Cross – published by Trotman**

**Getting into Veterinary School – James Barton – published by Trotman**

**Medical School Interviews – George Lee & Oliver Picard (ISC Medical)**

**Nature – International magazine on Science and Medicine – see [www.Nature.com](http://www.Nature.com)**

**Student British Medical Journal from the BMJ – essential reading for budding doctors – useful articles for students – both education and career planning  
<https://www.bmj.com/student>**

**This is going to hurt: secret diaries of a Junior Doctor by Adam Kay published by Picador**

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[www.bestsummerschools.co.uk](http://www.bestsummerschools.co.uk)

[www.sixth-form.com](http://www.sixth-form.com)

[www.bestprepschools.co.uk](http://www.bestprepschools.co.uk)

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