

You're studying for a degree but would like to study Medicine in September 2021.

How do I become a Doctor in Ireland?

All doctors who wish to practise in the Republic of Ireland should be registered with the Medical Council. To become a Medical Doctor you first need a recognised degree. On completion of the degree, register with the Medical Council and complete an Intern year with one of the hospitals recognised for this purpose (see <http://www.medicalcouncil.ie> click on Education & Training). Further postgraduate training is available in a wide variety of specialisms.

Recognised degree programmes are on offer at the following universities with applications through the CAO by February 1st.

[NUI Galway](#)

[Trinity College Dublin](#)

[University College Cork](#)

[University College Dublin](#)

[Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland](#)

Applicants for the above must also sit the **HPAT** – see details at www.hpat-ireland.acer.edu.au

HPAT-Ireland will be offered in Cork, Dublin, Galway, Limerick, Sligo and Waterford.

Registration opens in early November and close January of following year approximately.

Results released late June.

I already have a degree, do I have to do another?

Yes. However, there is also a **Graduate Entry programme for Medicine. Applications are online through [CAO](#) before 1st Feb for RCSI, UL, UCC, UCD. Details of the courses are online at:

- www.rcsi.ie
- www.ul.ie/medicalschoo
- <http://www.ucc.ie/en/ck701/>
- <https://myucd.ucd.ie/program.do?programID=87>

Fees: Please check fees with the university you are applying to.

Requirements: candidates should hold, or expect to hold a minimum 2:1 result in their first honours bachelor degree (NFQ Level 8) or equivalent. For candidates that meet this requirement, the [GAMSAT](#) test will be the sole instrument to select students for the programme. This site includes fees information, key registration and closing dates and information on late applications and fees.

Candidates may sit the test at other test centres worldwide, or may submit the results of a GAMSAT test already taken recently (see site for details). Graduate entry to Medicine / Veterinary.

GAMSAT scores are valid for two years. There is no restriction on the number of times a candidate may sit GAMSAT. If you have two valid GAMSAT scores (e.g. either from a previous sitting of GAMSAT Ireland, or from a sitting of GAMSAT UK or GAMSAT Australia), you may use whichever you prefer to apply for admission.

Booklet online at https://gamsat.acer.org/files/GAMSAT_Information_Booklet.pdf

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Options in the UK

The UK universities below have **accelerated, 4 years long, programmes in 2020** (we aim to include all programmes here but there may be others available). Apply through **UCAS** before **15th October**. You may have to sit an admissions test and courses below are sorted by test required. 5 year programmes are **not** listed here. Please check with UCAS course list for most up to date lists of courses and ensure the course is accredited by the BMA.

Tuition fees

The annual tuition fee for UK and EU undergraduate students commencing their studies in Medicine in the year 2020 is £9,250.

Fees are subject to annual review, so they may be liable to rise each year in line with UK government policy.

No test required:

[University of Birmingham](#). A101. 40 places. Does not use any admissions test. Preference is given to applicants who have completed a life science degree and achieved a first class result. LC results important – particularly Chemistry. Home/EU nationals only.

[University of Bristol](#). A101. 19 places. Do not use entrance tests. Only consider UK completed degrees for graduate entry fast track programme (Irish students can apply for longer 5 year programme).

[University of Liverpool](#). A101. The A101 medical course has been developed specifically for students who will graduate with a minimum of a 2:1 honours degree in Biological; Biomedical or Health Science subject plus A levels BBB(b); B in Biology and Chemistry; (B) in fourth AS level. GCSE Maths and English Language minimum grade C or equivalent also required.

GAMSAT: Registrations are held beginning of August with late registrations mid August approximately . GMSAT then being held in September annually. Registration fee is € 325.00 but there is an additional late fee of € 70 where required. GAMSAT scores are interchangeable i.e. sit GAMSAT UK, Australia or Ireland to apply to universities in any of these countries. GAMSAT scores cannot be more than two years old. Test centres are located in Birmingham, Cardiff, Edinburgh, Liverpool, London, and Sheffield. Also, Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth Sydney Australia for those requiring a session outside of UK. [Download their booklet which also gives profiles on each course.](#)

[St. George's University of London](#). A101. Relevant Irish education criteria; Irish Leaving Certificate. A1 A1 A1 A1 B1 B1 at Higher level (first sitting). Subjects; studied must include Chemistry, Biology, Maths and English, with grades of A1 required in BOTH Chemistry and Biology Open to graduates in any discipline with at least a 2:2. Home/EU citizens. Work experience in a medical or health related field and demonstrate a broad awareness of the scope of medicine. Interview

[University of Nottingham](#). A101. 2:2 in any discipline. Work experience in a healthcare setting essential. GAMSAT cut-off score higher for 2.2 applicants. Interview.

[Swansea University](#). UCAS Code A101.Upper second class degree in any subject. Home/EU citizens. Candidates may also apply if they have a 2.2 degree PLUS a Masters or PhD

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BMAT: <http://www.admissionstests.cambridgeassessment.org.uk/adt/bmat> The next test will take place in **October 2020** - entry fee is £48.00 UK/EU 2019. Additional late entry fee £ 34.00. Test centres in Ireland: Dublin, Cork, Galway, Monaghan, Louth and Limerick—details online. You cannot register yourself for BMAT you must be registered by a [BMAT](#) centre.

[Cambridge University](#). A101. Good honours science degree. EU student status. Must complete a separate Graduate Course in Medicine application form in addition to UCAS. Application and closing date available on website. Not essential for applicants to A101 to sit the BMAT.

[Oxford University](#). A101. 1st class or 2.1 required. Intensive four year medical for graduates trained in applied or experimental sciences. Must register for BMAT and apply to UCAS and to Oxford (application form online) Application and closing dates available on website. Shortlist for interview.

UKCAT: www.ukcat.ac.uk Registration opens 4th May 2020. Test takes place on various dates. Register online before 22nd September and TAKE TEST BEFORE deadline of 6th October 2020. Test centres in Ireland are in Cork, Dublin, Louth, Limerick and Monaghan. Practice questions online. Graduate entry programmes that require it include:

[Queen Mary, University of London](#) (Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry): A101. at least an upper second class honours degree in a science/health related subject. If you have a degree from a university outside the UK, you must email a transcript of your science degree smdadmissions@qmul.ac.uk before applying to UCAS. Shortlist for selection centre incl group-based task, written exercise and structured interview (shared centre with Warwick)

[Imperial College London](#). Our Graduate Medicine degree (UCAS code A109) has been **suspended for 2019 and 2020 entry** while we update the curriculum. A109 A 5-year Graduate Medicine programme replacing A101 the 4 year Graduate entry programme. Our admissions criteria have also been updated. We are intending to provide graduate candidates with a high quality experience tailored to their individual skills.

[Kings College London](#). A100/A101/A102. **Grades:** A typical offer is AAA at A-Level (including Biology and Chemistry). However if applicants are performing exceptionally well within their school/college and receive a good UKCAT score we may consider predicted or achieved grades at a lower level (to BBB at A-Level). At least an upper second class honours or a lower second class honours degree with a graduate degree. Normally, candidates are selected from those with scores within the top 25% UKCAT scores. Suitably qualified applicants to A102 who are invited to interview will also be considered for our five-year programme A100.

[University of Leicester](#). A100. Graduates and final year undergraduates of any discipline are welcome to apply. A science background is not essential but you must have at least the minimum GCSE requirements above (or equivalent) and be predicted, or have achieved, at least a 2:1 Honours Degree. Interview. All candidates are required to take the UK Clinical Aptitude Test [UKCAT](#)

[Newcastle University](#). A101. 2.1 Honours degree, or integrated Masters degree, or be a practising health care professional with a post-registration qualification. Interview.

[University of Southampton](#). A101. Upper second class honours degree in any subject and Chemistry at A-level. Applicants must demonstrate initiative, self-motivation, they are literate, able to interact well with others and learnt from their experiences in health care settings. All applicants will need to take the [UKCAT test](#)

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[University of Warwick](#). A101. You will need to have or expect to obtain a 1st class or upper 2nd class honours degree. We accept honours degrees in any subject & we welcome candidates with Masters and/or PhD qualifications. Interviews. More [information](#) and [dates to remember](#) including [UKCAT](#) registration deadlines.

Studying medicine in the EU

According to the [Medical Council](#), a graduate of a recognised medical school in the EU can apply for Internship Registration; application form is online in Registration section.

To look for courses in the EU, check out [MEDINE](#) (Thematic Network on Medical Education in Europe) note that **not** every recognised medical school is a member of this group but it's a good place to start your search.

There are a number of 6 year programmes and they will require you to learn the local language as you will need it for clinical placements. i.e.

- [Czech Republic](#)
- [Estonia](#)
- [Hungary](#)
- [Malta](#)
- [Poland](#)
- [Slovakia](#)

Contact the individual medical school for details on application criteria, applications forms, deadlines etc. You will probably need to include transcripts of your results to date.

Make your application stand out

Read about working as a Doctor online (see section below) or in Careers. Admissions tutors will expect you to have an insight into medicine and healthcare gained from general reading. It might also be useful to talk to doctors or current medical students.

Work Experience:

Getting some work experience or shadowing a Doctor will be beneficial. For some courses substantial work experience in a care setting is essential. Some examples of relevant work experience are: ward volunteer, auxiliary nurse, active first aider, care assistant or volunteer in a nursing or residential home.

Personal Statement:

The personal statement is extremely important - showing an interest and knowledge of the career will help your application immensely. Also showing a work/life balance is important in such a demanding career. E.g., Imperial look at grades, UKCAT scores, potential to become a leading clinician scientist, motivation and understanding of medicine as a career, community activities, leadership and teamwork interests and referees report in determining who to call to interview. Southampton look for self-motivation, initiative, articulate and literate applicants with ability to interact with others, and who have learnt from experiences of interacting with people in health or social care settings (through own life experiences, volunteering / work). Warwick look for students who are able to empathise with patients, communicate effectively, treat others in a caring manner, work well as part of a team, organise and problem solve, show initiative and resilience, develop self-directed learning styles.

Interview:

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Many of the course websites give hints and tips regarding the traits they are looking for at interview. Make sure that you address all of the non-academic requirements in your personal statement and can discuss the following major topics at interview:

What does being a doctor involve – how informed are you about the course and the career?

Your interest in the field – reasons for choosing to study medicine, awareness of current developments, particular specialisms that interest you, what you learned from work experience.

Your academic capability for the course and knowledge of relevant subjects.

They could also be looking at your enthusiasm for the subject, determinations, self-confidence, ability to communicate, ability to cope with stress, empathy, working well with a team, extracurricular activities.

Reference:

A personal academic reference is an entry requirement for all courses. Ensure that predicted grades are included in the appropriate space as many universities mention they reject applications without this information.

Useful Links

The Medical Council	https://www.medicalcouncil.ie/
British Medical Association.	https://www.bma.org.uk/advice/career/studying-medicine/becoming-a-doctor/introduction
NHS - careers and courses	www.nhscareers.nhs.uk
UCAS – online application	www.ucas.com/apply

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