

## **Medicine (MBChB)**



School of Medicine,  
Dentistry & Nursing

### **Overview**

Our Medicine course at the University of Glasgow is a fully professional 5-year degree, which will allow students to become a Medical Doctor.

The University of Glasgow Medical School is one of the largest in the UK and has a unique brand that reflects the exposure of medical undergraduates to leading researchers and teachers, in clinical and basic science. Our students have the opportunity to experience a diverse mixture of clinical attachments and our medical graduates are highly regarded for the breadth of their undergraduate experience and ability. The City of Glasgow and surrounding West of Scotland provide an excellent educational environment, with unrivalled and diverse opportunities for medical training.

Since 2012, the MBChB programme at the University of Glasgow has involved a **mixture of teaching styles and methods** within a spiral curriculum, which revisits topics to solidify and build knowledge. Teaching styles range from lectures, podcasts and other e-learning media, to small group teaching (including tutorials and Problem Based Learning), laboratory and dissection (cadaver) classes. The programme has been organised into **four Phases** and reflects the development of students as they progress. **Vertical Themes** are subject areas which continue through the full five years including: Clinical Skills; Vocational and Professional Studies; Public Health; Pharmacology; Clinical Pharmacology and Prescribing; Anatomy and Imaging; and Basic Biomedical Sciences.

The first two Phases are based largely in the Wolfson Medical School Building, with clinical visits, clinical and vocational skills, labs and dissection featuring from Phase 1. Phase 3 in Year 3 marks the transition into clinically-based tuition. Phase 4 primarily comprises of attachments with regular teaching sessions. Following the final exams, our students take a period of shadowing in 'Preparation for Practice' to prepare them for Foundation Training.

### **Clinical Experience**

Our undergraduate medical students learn by seeing patients and studying the diseases from which they suffer, from early in their first term at medical school. The course builds on our close links with over **3000** medical, nursing and allied health professional staff working in Glasgow and the West of Scotland. We use approximately **25 hospital** sites and nearly **200 GP Practices** in the West of Scotland to provide teaching in all 5 years of the curriculum. Over 30% of the clinical-based teaching takes place outside the home NHS Board - the highest in Scotland.

### **Intercalated Degrees**

At the end of the third year selected Medical students can apply to undertake a one year Intercalated Honours Degree, with over **20** programmes to choose from:

[www.glasgow.ac.uk/schools/medicine/undergraduate/intercalateddegrees/#/oneyearintercalateddegreecourses](http://www.glasgow.ac.uk/schools/medicine/undergraduate/intercalateddegrees/#/oneyearintercalateddegreecourses)

### **Student Selected Components and Electives**

Students have three 5 week SSCs (years 2, 3 and 4) and two four week elective periods (summer of year 3 and year 4). There is a wide choice of options and students can propose their own. Many students choose to undertake electives abroad.

### **Facilities**

The Wolfson Medical School Building is on campus and is dedicated to Medical School students, containing lecture theatres, teaching rooms, vocational skills, a medical library, a café and more. The top floor hosts our clinical skills area; utilised for teaching and students can book space to practice clinical skills.

Our Wolfson Medical School is certainly not the only University building used for teaching, we utilise space in our stunning Main building for lectures and also our Anatomy labs. We also have excellent teaching facilities at the New Lister Building at Glasgow Royal Infirmary, and a state of the art £25million Learning and Teaching Hub at the brand new Queen Elizabeth University Hospital. It is an extremely exciting opportunity for our students, allowing them to experience one of the biggest and most advanced hospitals within Europe.

## **Admissions**

Each year we receive around **2000 applications**. We **interview around 750 students** for **approximately 250 places**.

All applications must be made via UCAS, and must be submitted by the deadline of **15<sup>th</sup> October the year BEFORE entry**. We work hard to make our application process as fair and transparent as possible.

We assess applications by considering the following:

- **Academic achievements, Personal Statement and Reference**
  - Applicants **must meet** minimum entry requirements as stated online (link below). Applicants who are not predicted to achieve our minimum requirements are unlikely to be considered further.
  - Applicants' Personal Statements will be considered thoroughly for non-academic attributes and evidence of suitability for the Medicine degree programme.
  - References will be considered thoroughly for verification of applicant statement, academic and non-academic attributes and evidence for suitability to medicine.
- **UKCAT**      <http://www.ukcat.ac.uk/>

The applicants overall UKCAT score will be considered. Applicants are expected to complete the UKCAT before submitting their application, information on how and where to sit the UKCAT can be found on their website above. We receive the UKCAT scores from UKCAT in November for consideration. The accepted range of scores varies each year depending on cohort performance but, as a guide, previous scores considered can be found on our admissions web pages (link below).

We consider each of the above criteria and then invite selected students to interview.

- **Interviews**

Interviews normally consist of two panels, with two interviewers at each, totalling no more than 30 minutes. Details of the interview are on our admissions web pages (link below). All candidates invited for interview are advised of the format for the day in advance.
- **Offers**

Offers are normally made in March and will be conditional on satisfactory records check, academic attainment (if applicable), health check and any other admissions administrative requirements.

### **Visit Us**

Open/Offer Holder Days can provide insight into studying medicine at Glasgow, with presentations on the programme by staff and students, and members of the admissions team will be on-hand to answer any queries.

[www.glasgow.ac.uk/visit](http://www.glasgow.ac.uk/visit)

### **More information**

For entry requirements, fees information and for how to apply please visit

[www.glasgow.ac.uk/undergraduate/degrees/](http://www.glasgow.ac.uk/undergraduate/degrees/)

Undergraduate Medical School website; including information on admissions, facilities, FAQs and a downloadable admissions policy, at [www.glasgow.ac.uk/schools/medicine/mus/admissions/](http://www.glasgow.ac.uk/schools/medicine/mus/admissions/)

You are also welcome to contact the Undergraduate Medicine Admissions team at

[med-sch-admissions@glasgow.ac.uk](mailto:med-sch-admissions@glasgow.ac.uk)