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How to apply
For full-time study you must apply through the Universities & Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS). See ucas.com.

Medicine at Glasgow
Our 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 west of Scotland provide an excellent educational environment, with diverse opportunities for medical training.

Medicine at Glasgow since 1751
We have a long and proud history of outstanding achievements in medical science by world renowned physicians such as Joseph Lister (antisepsis), George Beatson (breast cancer), John Macintyre (X-rays and radiology), William Hunter (anatomy and obstetrics) and Ian Donald (ultrasound).

International links
We have a global outlook, with links to medical schools abroad, and our students benefit from opportunities to experience medicine in other cultures.

Intercalated degrees
The School of Medicine, Dentistry & Nursing offers a one-year intercalated BSc degree, with over 20 options, and also a two-year BSc (Hons). These are taken between years 3 and 4 of the MChB and involve an intensive period of study and training in a scientific discipline.

Student societies
Our medical student societies organise conferences and guest speaker events, social activities and revision groups.

Our facilities
• The Wolfson Medical School Building is at the heart of the University’s Gilmorehill campus, with library, teaching rooms, clinical skills area and café.
• Our Teaching & Learning Centre at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, one of Europe’s largest acute hospitals, offers a state-of-the-art clinical teaching environment, linked to the main hospital which opened in 2015.
• The New Lister Building is our newly refurbished medical teaching centre at the Royal Infirmary.
• Clinical placements in 25 hospitals and 150 GP practices throughout Glasgow and the west of Scotland.
Our innovative curriculum is delivered through a range of teaching styles which include small-group teaching, problem-based learning, lectures, Vocational and Clinical Studies, laboratory and e-learning. You will gain experience of a clinical environment from year 1. The MBChB follows a “spiral curriculum” where subject matter is revisited at different stages of the curriculum with increasing depth and clinical focus.

You will undertake two periods of elective study, and can select from over 20 intercalated degree options, allowing flexibility to study areas of personal interest in more depth. Our award-winning Wolfson Medical School Building offers you 24-hour access to library facilities, and a first-class clinical skills suite.

We have strong links with the Postgraduate Deanery, ensuring a smooth transition from undergraduate study to postgraduate training, and produce highly trained, competent doctors equipped for the Foundation Training programme, for higher training, and the challenges of medicine in the 21st century.

**Phase 1** – occupies the first half of year 1. It is an overview of basic biomedical sciences, providing you with the knowledge required to engage in the rest of the undergraduate programme. You will undertake Vocational & professional studies, have your first Clinical skills sessions and take a clinical visit to an A&E ward or General Practice.

**Phase 2** – occupies the second part of year 1 and the whole of year 2. It covers the anatomy, physiology, pharmacology, pathology (and related biomedical sciences) of the major clinical systems, as well as Vocational & professional studies, Communication skills and Clinical skills.

**Phase 3** – occupies the first half of year 3 and covers clinical systems with a focus on pathology. There are major contributions from pathology, microbiology, haematology, clinical biochemistry and clinical pharmacology, and the small-group teaching focuses on clinical cases, using case-based learning, with a clinical tutor. You will have one week per day in hospital wards and units. You will also receive clinical procedural skills teaching.

**Phase 4** – occupies the second half of year 3, all of year 4 and the first half of year 5. It is based in hospitals and in general practice, with a final research project in year 5. As a result, you will build on the knowledge and skills you have gained in previous years, and you will be introduced to a variety of clinical environments.

**Preparation for practice (PIP)**

PIP is the final component of the course following the final exams. It involves shadowing foundation-year doctors in hospitals around Scotland, although some travel further afield. You will gain experience of primary care in Scotland. For further details see glasgow.ac.uk/medicine/mus/admissions.

**Electives**

The MBChB at Glasgow is unusual in having two electives, each for four weeks, during the vacations at the end of years 3 and 4. Electives are experiential in nature, obtaining personal, professional and clinical experiences already recognised clinical specialty, including general practice and public health.

**Accreditation**

At the end of the undergraduate programme you will receive your MBChB degree, which is a primary medical qualification required for medical practice. It entitles you to provisional registration with the General Medical Council, subject only to its acceptance that there are no Fitness to Practice concerns that need consideration. Provisionally registered doctors can only practise in approved Foundation Year 1 posts; the law does not allow provisionally registered doctors to undertake any other NHS service posts. See glasgow.ac.uk/ug/medicine for more information.

**Career prospects**

Medical career options range from hospital-based specialties such as surgery, to community-based specialties such as general practice. Almost all of our graduates start their careers as doctors with the NHS in hospitals around Scotland, although some travel further afield to various parts of England and Northern Ireland. For important information on GMC registration, see glasgow.ac.uk/medicine/mus/admissions.

**Why choose Glasgow?**

You will gain experience in clinical environments throughout the West of Scotland, including our newly refurbished University Hospital, teaching facilities at the Glasgow Royal Infirmary and the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, which boasts a purpose-built learning and teaching facility, including teaching laboratories and a state-of-the-art clinical skills suite.

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**Summary of entry requirements for Medicine**

**SQA Higher Entry Requirements** (by end of S6)

AAAAA Higher at end of S5 + BBB Advanced Higher or ABB Advanced Higher + B Higher in S6 Additional requirements: Higher Chemistry, Biology and Physics or Mathematics. National 5 English at Grade B. UCAT (www.ucat.ac.uk) for more information. Interview. Successful completion of PIP.

**SQA Higher Adjusted Entry Requirements** (by end of S6)

AAABB Higher at end of S5 + BBB Advanced Higher or ABB Advanced Higher + B Higher in S6 Additional requirements: Higher Chemistry, Biology and Physics or Mathematics. National 5 English at Grade B. UCAT (www.ucat.ac.uk) for more information. Interview. Successful completion of PIP.

**A-level Standard Entry Requirements**

AAA Additional requirements: A-Levels Chemistry and Biology or Physics or Mathematics. GCSE English at Grade B or 6. UCAT (www.ucat.ac.uk) for more information. Interview.

**IB Standard Entry Requirements**

ABB (6,5,5 HL)

Additional requirements: HL subjects Chemistry and Biology or Physics or Mathematics at 6 (HL recommended) SL English at 6. UCAT (www.ucat.ac.uk) for more information. Interview.

Successful applicants are required to undertake satisfactory health and police checks before commencing Medicine. Information on standards of undergraduate medical students can be found at www.gmc-uk.org/education.

For further information on MBChB admissions and disclosure checks see glasgow.ac.uk/medicine/mus/admissions.

**UCAT**

All applicants must complete the University Clinical Aptitude Test (ucat.ac.uk) by the deadline date in the same year as application. Information on how the UCAT scores will be used in the admissions process is available at glasgow.ac.uk/medicine/mus/admissions.

**Other requirements**

Successful applicants are required to undertake satisfactory health and police checks before commencing Medicine. Information on standards of undergraduate medical students can be found at gmc-uk.org/education.

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**Applying for Medicine**

We welcome all applications, provided they meet minimum entry requirements and meet the 15 October deadline. Please check at glasgow.ac.uk/undergraduate/undergradreqs if you are unsure. Unfortunately we are unable to consider late applications, given the number of applications we receive. If applying for Medicine (A100), please list your choice to four medical schools only as UCAS will not forward your application to institutions if more than four medical schools have been selected. Further information on MBChB admissions can be found in our MBChB Admissions Procedures and on our admissions website at www.glasgow.ac.uk/ug/medicine/mus/admissions.

The procedures document details the application process in full and also includes information on diversity and health (including information on blood-borne viruses) and the disclosure checks required prior to commencing.

**Selection process**

As multiple elements are considered within the selection process, the process runs from October until March, with the majority of offers processed in February/March. Once we receive your application, all aspects are considered carefully, with the focus on academic qualifications obtained and predicted, personal statement and reference. Later in the cycle, the UCAT scores are made available to the admissions team and are used for allocation of interview for those that meet all requirements.

Work experience in a hospital or general practice is not required, but we do expect candidates to have explored the realities of a career in medicine. You may be invited to attend an interview. Candidates receiving offers are those who not only achieve the academic standards required but who also show they have seriously considered the implications of a medical career and who display the characteristics desirable in a future doctor, as well as demonstrating a commitment, motivation and enthusiasm for a medical career. Given the number of applications we receive we are unfortunately not able to interview all candidates.

As a guide, we normally interview approximately 850 applicants. The interview format and guidance is available on our webpages. Once the interview process is complete, interview scores are accumulated and all applications are checked, before offers are made. This stage runs until the end of March, with all offers being conditional (includes submission of qualification documentation and Disclosure and Barring checks). A number of applicants who narrowly miss an offer may be contacted to advise that, should places become available, they will be reviewed provided they wish to be reconsidered.

Applicants who are not made an offer will obtain information on the reason for their application being unsuccessful. Provided entry requirements are met, we welcome reapplications to undergraduate Medicine at Glasgow. Please check our webpages before applying, or come and meet us at one of our open days.