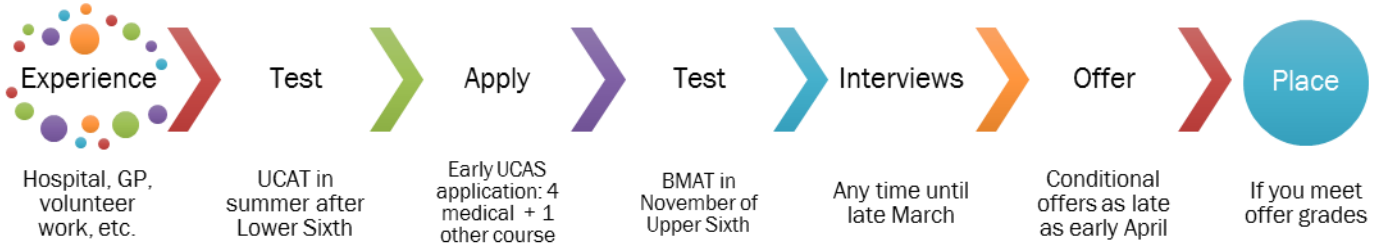




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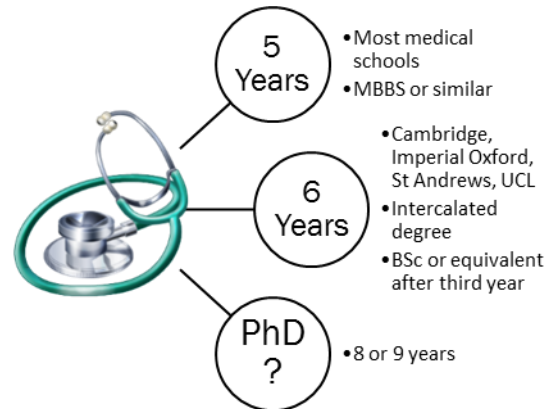
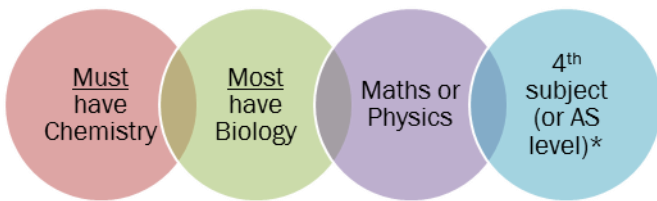
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RECOMMENDED A-LEVEL SUBJECTS

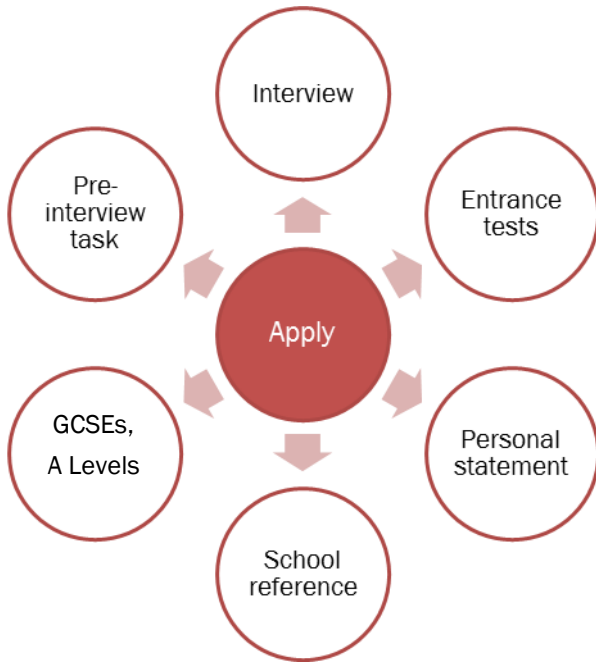
COURSE LENGTH



LEARNING STYLES - MEDICAL SCHOOLS ARE DIFFERENT



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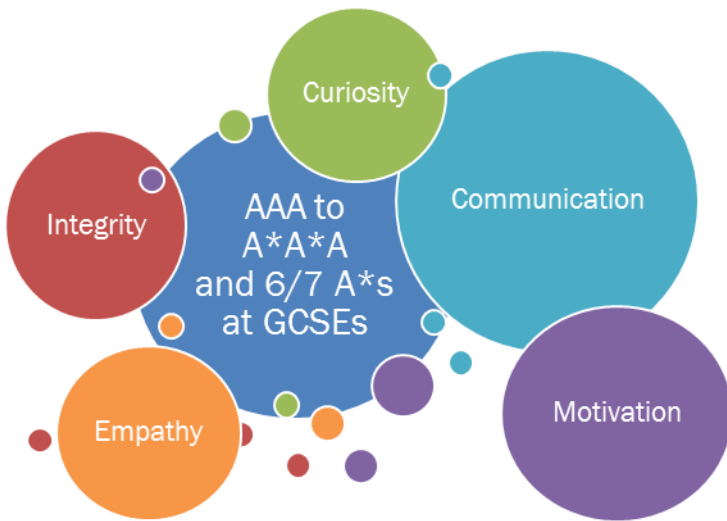


REFLECTIVE WORKEXPERIENCE



*Companies like *The Medic Portal* and *Gap Medics* can offer experience overseas

TYPICAL SELECTION CRITERIA



Many applicants will have A* grades.
The selection criteria vary from course to course – it is well worth reading the course prospectus carefully.



MEDICINE ENTRANCE TESTS

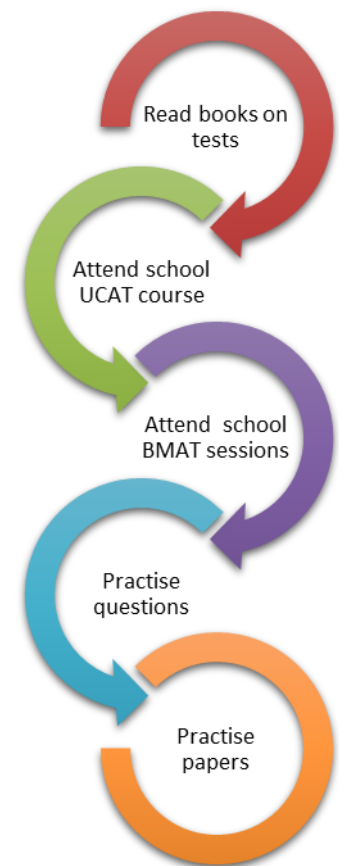
There are two main entrance tests for undergraduate medical admissions. Most require the UCAT*, some the BMAT and some have no test.

The scores are weighted highly in shortlisting candidates for interview!

ENTRANCE TESTS – WHAT THEY ARE...

... AND WHAT TO DO TO PREPARE

BMAT BioMedical Admissions Test	Required by Cambridge, Oxford, University College London, Imperial College London, Brighton & Sussex, Lancaster and Leeds.	Universities use BMAT to grade candidates or to shortlist for interview.
	Taken in either September or October of Upper Sixth Year, with Oxford NOT accepting the September BMAT	Entered by school and paper sat in school. Check deadlines closely.
	Two hour test split into three sections:	Aptitude and Skills Scientific Knowledge and Applications Writing Task
UCAT UK Clinical Aptitude Test	Required by nearly all medical schools not requiring BMAT	Can only take once per year. Must retake if reapplying next year.
	Taken before end of September of Upper Sixth	Students register themselves online in June. Online test taken on screen at a test centre. Advised to book early to sit test late in summer.
	Five sections:	Verbal Reasoning Quantitative Reasoning Abstract Reasoning Decision Analysis Situational judgement test



FURTHER INFORMATION

ONLINE AND WORK EXPERIENCE

- The UCAT www.ucat.ac.uk
- The BMAT www.admissionstesting.service.org/our-services/medicine-and-healthcare/bmat/about-bmat
- Kaplan two day UCAT and BMAT courses: www.kaplan.co.uk/courses/medicine-dental
- Gap Medics (overseas work experience) www.gapmedics.co.uk
- The Medic Portal www.themedicportal.com
- ISC Medical (admissions coaching, with some free online information): www.medical-interviews.co.uk
- So you want to be a doctor? www.wanttobeadoctor.co.uk
- Med Schools Online www.medschoolsonline.co.uk
- British Medical Association www.bma.org.uk/developing-your-career/medical-student/how-to-become-a-doctor The General Medical Council www.gmc-uk.org
- Royal Berks NHS Trust www.royalberkshire.nhs.uk/work-experience.htm
- Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital www.rnoh.nhs.uk/health-professionals/work-experience-the-rnoh
- Medical Journals – Directory of Open Access Journals www.doaj.org
- Student BMJ student.bmj.com

BOOKS

- *Getting into Medical School: 2019 Entry*; Barton & Horner
- *The Ultimate UCAT Guide* - David Salt and Rohan Agarwal; *The Ultimate BMAT Guide* - Rohan Agarwal, UniAdmissions, 2017 (recommended books for admission tests)
- *Med School: My Foot in The Door*; Muir and Gresty; Quintessential Publishing 2010 (a little dated but full of useful advice).
- *So you want to be a Doctor? The ultimate guide to getting into medical school (Success in Medicine)*; Sanders, Metcalfe and Dev; Oxford University Press 2013.

VOLUNTEERING

- The Downe House Community Service Programme and Duke of Edinburgh Award
- The Downe House Peer Support Programme
- Do It (volunteering) www.do-it.org
- Community Service Volunteers www.volunteermatters.org.uk
- St John's Ambulance www.sja.org.uk
- TimeBank www.timebank.org.uk
- Hospice Volunteering www.helpthehospices.org.uk
- Youth Action Network www.youthactionnetwork.org.uk