



Queen's University
Belfast

SCHOOL OF
Medicine, Dentistry and
Biomedical Sciences

We are exceptional

MB (Bachelor of Medicine)
BCh (Bachelor of Surgery)
BAO (Bachelor of Obstetrics)

Study Medicine at Queen's

- **Medicine has been taught at Queen's for over 150 years making it one of the first programmes in the UK.**
- **Hospital based learning from year 1.**
- **Emphasis on learning rather than teaching.**
- **Opportunity to undertake elective attachment outside Northern Ireland.**
- **At the end of second or third year, students may also apply to take a year out of their medical course to study for an intercalated degree.**

"What attracted me to Queen's is its excellent academic reputation and the structure of the Medicine course. I find the cost of living in Belfast very reasonable and student life here is fantastic. Coming to Queen's has been one of the best decisions I have made."

(Nurulizzah Ibrahim, Medical student)

The Subject

The Queen's medical graduate is a caring and compassionate doctor who is a critical thinker, problem solver and reflective practitioner with excellent clinical skills who values, above all else, service to patients.

The Medical Course at Queen's lasts five years and is taught in the School of Medicine, Dentistry and Biomedical Sciences. On completion of the course the degrees of MB (Bachelor of Medicine), BCh (Bachelor of Surgery) and BAO (Bachelor of Obstetrics) are awarded.

This course, which extends over five years, is integrated, systems-based and student-centred. The scientific background to medicine is taught alongside clinical medicine. The emphasis is on learning rather than teaching. There is a strong emphasis on clinical skills with teaching in hospitals from as early as the second semester of first year and the fourth

and final years are entirely clinical.

Placements

Students can select to undertake an elective attachment outside Northern Ireland. At the end of second or third year, students may also apply to take a year out of their medical course to study for an intercalated degree.

Entry Requirements

For 2012 entry the University had a quota of twenty six Medical places for international students and it is anticipated that this will remain unchanged for 2013 entry.

Academic:

- AAA (Chemistry and Biology) at A-Level, or A (Chemistry) AB (including at least one from Biology, Maths and Physics) at A-level plus A in a fourth AS or equivalent in terms of other qualifications. Biology is required to at least AS Level (Grade B), if not offered at A-Level

- Sijil Tinggi Persekolahan Malaysia (STPM) is considered equivalent to A Levels. Grades required are A,A (in Chemistry and Biology) and A- in another subject excluding Pengajian Am (General Studies) and Bahasa Melayu (Malay Language)

- Singapore/Cambridge A-Levels, with grades AAA (Chemistry and Biology) in H2 Level subjects or A(Chemistry) AB (including at least one from Biology, Maths and Physics) in H2 Level subjects plus A in a fourth H1 Level subject (excluding General Paper). Biology is required to at least H1 Level (Grade B), if not offered at H2

- IB Diploma: with a total of 36 points including 6,6,6 (to include Chemistry and Biology) at Higher Level

- Canadian High School Graduation Diploma with 85-90% overall, including marks of at least 85-90% in Chemistry and Biology

- American High School Diploma with a minimum GPA of 3.5 on a scale of 4.0 plus four Advanced Placement (AP) Tests with scores of 5,5 (Chemistry and Biology), 5,4.

SAT subject or ACT scores may be acceptable in lieu of APs.

- Indian Higher Secondary School Leaving Certificate Grade XII with 85-90% overall including marks of at least 85-90% in Chemistry and Biology

Applications from students who have completed or are due to complete their Bachelor Degree in the year of application are also welcomed. Both school and university qualifications are taken into account and a minimum of a 2.1 honours degree; 78% in a Canadian degree; CGPA of 3.3 on a scale of 4, or equivalent would be required. Applicants must also have

the appropriate background in the relevant Science subjects.

Alternative equivalent academic qualifications will be considered.

In order to fulfill the subject requirements for the degree programme GCSE/SPM/ O-Level (or equivalent) in Mathematics and Physics are required, if not offered beyond this level.

For international applicants, previous academic background and UKCAT results are important, as is appropriate evidence of proficiency in English Language. Qualifications most commonly offered are as follows:

- O-Level /IGCSE
- IELTS: Normally an overall score of 7.5 in IELTS, with a minimum band score of 6.5 in each component
- TOEFL IBT: 105, with not less than 23 – Listening; 21 – Reading; 22 – Speaking; 23 – Writing
- Cambridge English Language syllabus (UCLES) 1119 with a minimum grade of A2

Please note, the University may choose to interview international applicants.

All students admitted to this course will be required to complete a Hepatitis B vaccination programme at the Occupational Health Service of the University.

Medicine welcomes applications from people with disabilities. All applications will be treated on an individual case basis to ensure that the candidate has the potential to fulfil the demands of professional fitness to practise. Disability will not be considered as part of the selection process. However, it is strongly advised that candidates disclose their disability on their UCAS form and contact the



School to obtain further advice. Candidates may also be required to provide relevant information which will be treated in the strictest of confidence. It is important that the University has an understanding of your support requirements to implement reasonable adjustments.

Because of the professional nature of the course any offer made will be conditional on a satisfactory Certificate of Good Conduct or equivalent Criminal Record Check.

Career Prospects and Accreditation

On obtaining the MB BCh BAO degrees graduates can apply for registration and work as a qualified doctor taking up a post as a Foundation Programme trainee. Successful completion leads to becoming a fully registered doctor with the General Medical Council. However, graduates are required to undertake further training. The length of this training period varies from a minimum of 3 years (General Practice) to at least 7 years for most hospital specialties.

At present, postgraduate training in the United Kingdom is undergoing major change, details are available from the Modernising Medical Careers website.
<http://www.mmc.nhs.uk>



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