WHY KEELE MEDICAL SCHOOL?
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SCHOOL OF MEDICINE?

• We aim to train excellent clinicians, well prepared for future practice and the increasing globalisation of health care
• Small and friendly Medical School
• 2nd in the 2014 National Student Survey of UK medical schools
• Enthusiastic and supportive staff
• In top ten medical schools in national league tables
• High level of patient contact to ensure students graduate with all necessary clinical skills
• Career support programme that has been designed to specifically target the needs of students in each year of medical school
• Beautiful and spacious green campus
• High quality teaching and research
• Promotion of professional, socially responsible, globally-aware attitudes
• Student Council who give a voice to all medical students and provide a link between students and staff. Students are represented on all committees and the student voice is valued in significant decision making
• The School of Medicine has its own student support service plus there is also specific international student support available at the University.
• Lively social life centred on the Students’ Union, sports and societies

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We welcome applications from well qualified applicants from overseas.

At Keele we offer you an outstanding combination of a distinctive curriculum, excellent educational and clinical resources, and a friendly and safe environment where staff and patients are keen to help you learn.

Keele University has lots to offer our students from small group teaching through to a beautiful campus. Our web pages have lots of useful information for International students www.keele.ac.uk/international and clubs and societies at Keele: http://keelesu.com/activities/clubs-societies
OUR CURRICULUM OFFERS YOU:

• Integration of basic science and clinical learning throughout the five year course
• “Spiral” curriculum, you will be able to revisit topics at different points in the course, first learning the relevant scientific foundations before developing an understanding of the pathological and clinical aspects of that topic
• Three themes running throughout the course:
  1. Doctor as a scholar and a scientist
  2. Doctor as a practitioner
  3. Doctor as a professional
• Excellent facilities including state-of-the-art anatomy training
• Extensive and early clinical experience with over 100 weeks of varied clinical experience
• Community and hospital placements across Staffordshire and Shropshire including primary care, mental health trusts and other community attachments.
• A variety of learning methods including PBL (problem-based learning)
• Small tutor supported groups
• Substantial student choice to explore personal interests and career options
• A faculty-wide focus on inter-professional learning
• Opportunities to intercalate with a BSc degree or Masters’ degree in health-related fields
• An optional medical research pathway
• An increasing focus on global health
• Student-centred learning with emphasis on feedback and student engagement

USEFUL LINKS

School of Medicine home page
www.keele.ac.uk/medicine

Keele University home page
www.keele.ac.uk

Keele University international webpages
www.keele.ac.uk/international

Medical School image gallery on Flickr
https://www.flickr.com/photos/keelemedicalschool

Medical School Twitter account
https://twitter.com/keelemedschool

Keele Language Learning Unit
www.keele.ac.uk/llu
HEALTH FOUNDATION YEAR

The Health Foundation Year for Medicine at Keele University is an alternative entry route into the medical degree programme for students who have the right level of qualifications but do not have a chemistry or biology background. This can include A-level (or equivalent) students or graduates with non-science degrees. Successful completion of this one year course leads into the five year degree.

INTERNATIONAL TUITION FEES 2016

Medicine MBChB (five-year degree): £27,000 (this is a fixed fee per annum)

ACCOMMODATION AND LIVING COSTS

Accommodation costs for students on a 37 week let (which includes the Easter vacation) are in the region of £3,037.65 - £5,951.31, depending upon room type and whether catering is included (2015/16 figures quoted). In years 3-5 the teaching period is longer and students will require a longer letting period. You’ll also need to budget for food, books, equipment and the travel costs associated with clinical placements throughout the five years of the course. For details of University accommodation please see: www.keele.ac.uk/studyatkeele/accommodation

HOW TO APPLY

All applications to Medicine should be made via UCAS (The Universities and Colleges Admissions Service in the UK). https://www.ucas.com

The deadline for all applications is 15 October 2015 for entry in September/October 2016 or deferred entry for 2017.

Applicants must meet all entry requirements as follows:
• Academic Requirements
• Pass the UK Clinical Aptitude Test (UKCAT) in the year they submit an application www.ukcat.ac.uk
• Complete and submit the Roles and Responsibilities Form between 16-31 October 2015 (this is an additional questionnaire which asks applicants to detail the caring work experience they have undertaken)

After applications have been reviewed by Admissions Tutors, the highest ranking applicants will be invited to attend an interview in the UK. www.keele.ac.uk/medicine/undergraduatemedicalcourse/entryrouteshowtoapply

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please see our country specific leaflets.

CARING WORK EXPERIENCE AND THE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES FORM

It is beneficial to undertake long-term, hands-on work experience in a caring role, so that you are aware of what a career in caring for people may involve. Work experience and/or volunteering can take many forms, from helping elderly members of the community with shopping, through to helping in a hospice, or working with disadvantaged children. Applicants who find it necessary to undertake paid employment may use examples from their interactions with people at work. We are not looking for medically related work experience, such as shadowing a GP or consultant, although this type of experience might be useful for finding out what being a doctor involves. It is direct, hands-on experience of helping ill, disabled, distressed or disadvantaged people that is most valuable. Other valuable experiences might include dealing with challenging people or situations, or going above and beyond your basic duties to help someone in a retail, customer service or catering environment. It is helpful
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND ALUMNI

Natasha Rusli a Keele University School of Medicine alumni from Malaysia

Keele Medical School is made up of a very close-knit group of clinical tutors, medical students, and support staff. This means you practically know everyone there is to know in the school, which helps you in your learning. Everyone is always keen to help, all you need to do is ask nicely! We are attached to a large University hospital where you can find a huge, endless array of interesting (common AND rare) medical conditions that will help you tremendously in your learning. The teaching consultants always want you to have hands-on experience in managing the patients, so more often than not you will find yourself contributing a lot when you work together with the medical teams managing the patients. Of course, this means that you will learn A LOT by just being at the hospital for your postings; be it by performing simple procedures such as venepunctures and cannulations on the patients, or even by assisting the doctors in other more complex procedures. The patients in this area are very friendly and helpful, they are always keen to help you learn more about their medical conditions. They love talking to you, which means you’ll get a lot of practice in communication skills and thus improve your English and also your confidence in the process!

Dr Christina Fang a Keele University School of Medicine alumni from Malaysia

I am very fortunate to have had the opportunity to study medicine in England, as many of the treatments and hospital protocols in Malaysia closely follow that of the United Kingdom’s. I am currently training to become a specialist in rehabilitation medicine and, thus far, have found that the training provided at Keele has been invaluable in providing a solid foundation on which to build on. The overall experience at Keele was very positive; although it was my first time in the United Kingdom, everyone was friendly and helpful. Keele is an excellent option to seriously consider as the teaching provided is of high quality and the hands-on learning means that sessions are always interesting and relevant.

Dr Simon Mung a Keele University School of Medicine alumni from Hong Kong

I’m now a Junior doctor working in the Royal Stoke University Hospital. I am forever grateful to the tutors and patients who have shaped me as the person I am today. I am also thankful for the medical school for giving me the opportunity to become a doctor. The aspects of the course I enjoyed the most were student-selected components (SSCs), where you can spend anywhere from few weeks up to a month in a department of your interest. I spent mine in pathology (Looking under microscopes, observing autopsies) and radiology (X-rays, CT scans etc). The advice I would give to international students thinking of applying to Keele is to speak to past alumni and current staff on one of our open days. Then walk around the largest campus University in UK with an open mind.

Pannie Ng, who came to Keele from Hong Kong

“It was such a great opportunity for me to get into Medicine in Keele. I am from Hong Kong and doing medicine is what I have been longing for. Keele is a very beautiful, safe campus and all the staff here are very helpful and nice. Joining medical school is an exciting experience for me, medicine is hard but interesting! I live on campus and find it easy to socialise with the other students. The teaching and research here are of a very high standard and the graduate employment rate is one of the highest among UK!”

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