




Medicine


How to prepare and how to apply

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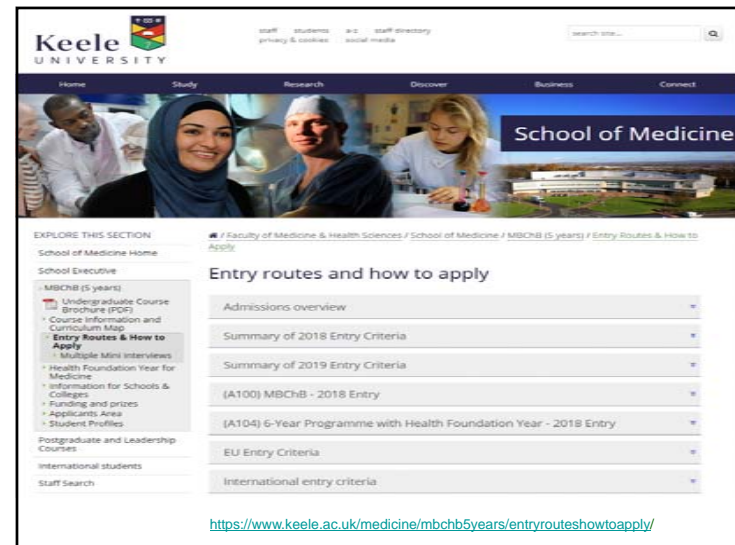
How many medical students are selected?

Keele 2018	Keele 2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • approx 1,600 applicants • 134 places (home and EU) plus 10 international places • approx 12 applications/place 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 154 home student places • expected number of applicants 1,500 • approx 11 applications/place • international student number not fixed, but tuition fees must now cover full costs (fee level not yet known) • EU students' fee status not known at this time




Routes of entry

- A104 Health Foundation Year for Medicine (6 years including foundation year)
 - For students with academic qualifications of appropriate standard but lacking specific science qualifications
 - For 2020 entry this will be for widening participation students **only**, with a lower academic entry requirement than A100.
- A100 Standard Entry (5 years)
 - For students with appropriate academic qualifications




The screenshot shows the 'Entry routes and how to apply' section of the Keele University School of Medicine website. It includes a sidebar with links to 'MBChB (5 years)', 'Undergraduate Course', 'Course Information and Curriculum Map', 'Entry Routes & How to Apply', 'Multiple Mini Interviews', 'Health Foundation Year for Medicine', 'Information for Schools & Colleges', 'Funding and prizes', 'Applicants Area', 'Student Profiles', 'Postgraduate and Leadership Courses', 'International students', and 'Staff Search'. The main content area lists 'Entry routes and how to apply' with links to 'Admissions overview', 'Summary of 2018 Entry Criteria', 'Summary of 2019 Entry Criteria', '(A100) MBChB - 2018 Entry', '(A104) 6-Year Programme with Health Foundation Year - 2018 Entry', 'EU Entry Criteria', and 'International entry criteria'. A URL is provided at the bottom: <https://www.keele.ac.uk/medicine/mbchb5years/entryrouteshowtoapply/>



Academic requirements – A100


GCSE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum of 5 at grade A/7 (not including short courses) • Minimum of grade B/6 in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – maths – English language – double/triple-award science or combined science/trilogy <u>or</u> – physics + chemistry + biology 	A-level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three A level subjects at grades A*AA • No 4th subject required • Three A-levels must be achieved within 2 years of study <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – students in third year of A-level study are ineligible unless required grades already achieved and additional subject(s) being studied
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Academic requirements – A100


A-level subject requirements

- Chemistry or biology plus a second science (physics, chemistry, biology, maths, statistics)
- Third academic A-level (list of excluded subjects is available on our web pages)
- Some subject combinations are barred:
 - maths and further maths or statistics



Academic requirements – A104

GCSE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum of grade C/5 in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – maths – English language • Usually minimum of 5 A/7s (not including short courses), but may be waived for students with non-traditional qualifications 	A-level or equivalent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most level-3 qualifications (A-level, BTEC national diploma, etc.) at A*AA, distinction or equivalent • Must not have studied chemistry post-16 • Should not have studied more than one science post-16
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Academic requirements – A104

2020 Entry

GCSE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum of grade C/5 in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – maths – English language • Minimum of 5 B/6s 	A-level or equivalent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most level-3 qualifications (A-level, BTEC extended diploma, etc.) at BBB, distinction/merit or equivalent
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Verifiable evidence of widening participation status

The following evidence will be considered:

- attending a school situated in an area with a high index of multiple deprivation
- attending a school with a higher than average percentage of pupil premium students
- entitled to free school meals and/or 16–19 bursary
- from a family in receipt of mean-tested benefits
- registered as a carer for someone in the family
- leaving local authority care in the past 3 years
- living in an area with a low progression to higher education

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Graduates

- Graduates may apply for A100
 - must achieve minimum of upper second-class honours (2i) in any subject
 - must have English language and maths and sciences at GCSE grade B/6 or equivalent (e.g. international qualification if appropriate)
 - **there are NO exceptions to these rules**
 - must have minimum of BBB at A-level, including chemistry/biology plus a second science and third academic subject
 - if A-level requirements are not met, must take GAMSAT and meet requirement stated on our web pages
- If you meet the A-level grade requirements but without the science content, you may apply for A104 (for 2019 only)

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International applicants


- Applicants who have international student fees status (NB home/international status of EU/EEA students in 2019 is currently unknown)
 - these students enter a separate competition
 - the roles & responsibilities form is not required
 - students must take **BMAT** in the year of application (i.e. September/October 2018 for 2019 entry)
 - applications will be ranked for interview on BMAT score

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UKCAT

- All home applicants must take the UK clinical aptitude test (UKCAT) in the year of application
- Bottom 20% or SJT band 4 not considered further
- Scores are also used in borderline decisions
- Practice tests are available at www.ukcat.ac.uk
- Bursaries are available



Key Dates


Event	Date
Registration opens	01 May 2018
Testing begins	01 July 2018
Registration closes	01 September 2018
Results & borderline decisions	01 September 2018
Waiting for interview/offer	01 September 2018
Start Training Date	01 October 2018
2018 Registration deadline	01 October 2018

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How to apply

- All applications must be submitted through UCAS by 15th October
- You may apply for up to 4 medicine courses and 1 additional non-medicine course
- No order of preference
- We do not know where else you have applied
- We will not consider any supplementary information unless we have explicitly requested it



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Getting an interview

- We select home students for interview on the basis of
 - roles and responsibilities (skills & characteristics)
 - widening participation (overcoming disadvantage)
- The roles & responsibilities (R+R) form gives you an opportunity to make a case for selection
- Your case must be based on **evidence** that you possess the required skills and characteristics
- DO show us how you have demonstrated these qualities
- DON'T box-tick, name-drop, use jargon or tell us what to think



Roles & Responsibilities Form

- Specific criteria for assessment are:
 - Commitment to relevant experience/charity work/caring roles etc.
 - The level of personal engagement required to undertake the roles (e.g. "helping" nurses in a care home will score less than assisting patients to eat their meals)
 - The level of responsibility undertaken (position of trust, leadership role, organisational ability)
 - The impact you had in any role on others
 - Exceptional achievements (over and above expected for your situation)



Reference

- The reference from your school/college should tell us:
 - any difficulties you have experienced or extenuating circumstances
 - any difficulties the school has experienced during your time there (e.g. special measures, high staff turnover)
 - what roles and responsibilities you have taken on
 - **We do not look at predicted A-level grades**



Multiple Mini Interviews

Keele uses values-based-recruitment referenced to the values of the NHS Constitution

For 2019 we will use 10 interviewers and the interviews will consist of: 9 multiple mini-interviews of 5 minutes each plus a 30 minute numeracy test of 20 questions ([See online video](#))

The following attributes are assessed:

- verbal/non-verbal communication
- recognition of factors affecting communication
- clarity of motivation for a medical career
- reflection on experiences
- awareness & understanding of ethical, legal & professional issues related to medicine
- ability to balance commitments
- empathy & caring disposition
- understanding of what a medical career will involve
- ability to undertake simple but relevant data handling

Interviews mainly held between December and March



Post-offer requirements

- Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS)
 - You will be required to indicate on your UCAS application if you have convictions relevant to a course exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974
 - the process is changing for 2019 applications: please check with UCAS
 - you will have to submit a DBS declaration if you are invited for interview
 - It is in your interest to declare any criminal record before interview
 - this information will **not** be shared with your interviewers
 - it allows us to arrange a separate meeting with you on the day of your interview



Post-offer requirements

- Occupational health screen
 - You must be declared fit for study and for hospital/ community-based placements
 - There are strict vaccination requirements
 - You must have the required vaccinations to be able to complete the course