

UKWPMED (2024)

Widening participation in Medicine: a collaboration of UK Medical Schools

This collaboration provides an exciting opportunity for school leavers from socio-economically and/or educationally disadvantaged backgrounds to improve their chances of gaining a place at one of the participating medical schools.

Advantage of the scheme for students

Eligible students will automatically receive an interview at any of the participating schools, and if successful at interview will be given a reduced offer which is currently two grades below the standard offer (this may be subject to change so candidates are advised to check Medical School websites before applying). At Birmingham and HYMS this is contingent on a firm acceptance of the offer.

Who can apply?

Any student who completes any of the WP programmes from the table below:

Participating Medical School	WP Programme
Birmingham Medical School	Routes to the Professions: Medicine
Brighton & Sussex Medical School	BrightMed
Hull York Medical School	Pathways to Medicine Next Step York
Keele University School of Medicine	Steps2Medicine
Leicester Medical School	AccessLeicester: Medicine
Manchester Medical School	Manchester Access Programme Preston Widening Access Programme (for Medicine)
Peninsula Medical School	Peninsula Pathways

- Successful completion is defined by each WP programme
- Applications may be made to one or more of the participating Medical Schools
- The pre-A level academic requirements for each school to which an application is made must be met in full
- All students will be required to meet the UCAT requirements for each school they apply to, except students on BrightMed who can apply with BMAT if they have not taken UCAT
- Brighton & Sussex requires BMAT for standard entry, although they will also accept applications from those on UKWPMED programmes who have only sat UCAT

Applying through UCAS

All applications by UKWPMED students must be made through UCAS.

The screenshots below show the section of your UCAS application where you must enter the relevant data in the [Diversity and inclusion](#) menu which includes “**Activities in preparation for higher education**”. Please note that the [Diversity and inclusion](#) menu is only added to the side menu once you have completed the [Contact and residency details](#) and recorded under “**Postal address**” that your “Address type” is “UK address” and added your full UK address and saved the page.

The screenshot shows the UCAS application interface. On the left is a vertical sidebar menu with the following items: 'Contact and residency details' (selected with a blue circle), 'Education', 'Employment', 'Nationality details', 'Supporting information', 'English language skills', 'Finance and funding', and 'Diversity and inclusion' (highlighted in blue). The main content area is titled 'Activities in preparation for higher education'. Below the title is a descriptive sentence: 'For example: summer schools, Saturday university, campus days, summer academies, taster courses and booster courses. If you have not taken any such course, please leave this section blank.' Below this text are two large, light grey rounded rectangular buttons. The top button contains a plus sign and the text 'Add activity'. The bottom button is empty. At the bottom of the main content area, the text 'Care support information' is visible.

The screenshot shows the 'Add activity' form. It contains the following fields: 'Sponsor *' with a dropdown menu showing 'UKWPMED'; 'Start date *' with 'Month' and 'Year' dropdowns showing '10' and '2020'; 'Duration (days) *' with a dropdown menu showing '7'; 'School year *' with a dropdown menu showing '12'; and 'Location *' with a text input field containing 'Keele University'.

When you click “**Add activity**” the screen below will open. You need to select **UKWPMED** from a dropdown list of Sponsors. The specific WP programme that you completed will not be listed.

The Duration (days) refers to the number of events or contact days you have attended during the course with a max of 31. Search location for the Medical School who provided your course.

Please note

By applying as part of UKWPMED through UCAS, you are consenting to each Medical School checking your eligibility by contacting the Medical School where you completed your WP programme. This principle applies to any aspect of your application, which can be checked by the recipient universities.

Important information about the scheme

- The UKWPMED scheme as described here is open only to Medicine applicants who apply via the standard UCAS process in the 2024 application cycle
- Medical Schools will consider only UKWPMED applicants who are eligible for Home (UK) fees, and each Medical School will follow their own procedures for determining this status
- The scheme is only applicable to Medicine A100
- Medical Schools may not consider applicants as part of the UKWPMED scheme if they have completed Year 13 at the time of application (check with medical school before applying)
- All Medical Schools will follow their own admissions procedures
- An interview at one Medical School does not guarantee an interview at another
- Although the benefits of the scheme are largely similar between schools there may be some differences

FAQs

I am enrolled on one of the above WP programmes, how can I get more information about UKWPMED?

The organisers of your WP course should be able to give you advice about the scheme and answer any questions you might have.

I am a Year 11 student; how do I find out if I am eligible for one of the WP programmes?

These programmes normally cater for local widening participation students. If there is a course local to you then use the links to check your eligibility and who to contact.

If I am on the Keele Steps2Medicine course and I apply to Manchester, for example, will students on the Manchester WP programme get preferential treatment?

No, as part of the collaborative project all students will get the same consideration whether they are from the host WP course or from another.

I am doing a WP course from a Medical School that is not listed. Can I still apply to UKWPMED?

No, unfortunately we can only offer the benefits of the scheme to students from a participating university medical school.

We hope in time to add more schools to the collaboration. However, depending on your WP credentials, you might still get some benefits from the above medical schools. Check their websites for details.

I am considering a gap year; will I still be eligible for the scheme?

If you wish to take a gap year, either you should apply for deferred entry, or, if your application is successful, request that your offer is deferred. For deferral requests received after an application is submitted, each medical school will consider those requests according to its own policy.

Do I need to advise each Medical School in the scheme that I am applying as a UKWPMED candidate?

No, this will be picked up from your UCAS application.

What should I do if I think my UKWPMED course has not been taken into consideration at one of the participating schools?

Speak to your WP course organiser about it and if they agree that this is likely then the Medical School should be contacted to check what has happened.

What if I have to re-sit my level-3 qualifications (A-Levels)?

Each Medical School has its own policy regarding resits. You will need to discuss with the school you are applying to whether they will be able to offer you any benefits under the scheme.

What happens if I apply to a Medical School that is not part of the scheme?

You will not be entitled to the benefits of this scheme. However, depending on your WP credentials, they may be able to offer you some benefits. The details should be available on the website of the school.

Will the scheme continue in the future?

Each year the programme will be reviewed and may change as a result. Also, the Medical Schools and WP programmes involved may change.

Will I have to attend for an interview?

All participating Medical Schools require medicine applicants to be interviewed. Each Medical School will have its own interview format, and some will interview face-to-face and others will interview online. Please check individual Medical Schools' web sites for details.