

Warwick Medical School Admissions

Updates in Relation to COVID-19

The impact that the national response to COVID-19 will have on UK University admissions processes is currently unclear. Warwick Medical School (WMS) are aware of uncertainty and confusion amongst our MBChB offer holders (for entry in September 2020) and those applying to the MBChB in 2020 (for entry in September 2021). WMS is continuously monitoring the situation, and would like to update you with the current position and guidelines (Note: Due to the fluidity of the COVID-19 situation the information below is subject to change).

2020-2021 Admissions Cycle (Entry September 2021)

The 2020-2021 application cycle will currently proceed as normal: all published MBChB admissions criteria remain in place. Updates relating to UCAT and WMS work experience are below.

UCAT

UCAT have published an online statement about testing in 2020 (see <https://www.ucat.ac.uk/ucat/registration-booking/covid-19/>). At present UCAT plan to run testing, although the timing of this is unknown. Please review the UCAT webpage regularly for updates, and continue your preparations for this assessment.

WMS Work Experience Requirements (Applications for 2021 Entry)

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WMS will now accept work relevant work experiences conducted over the past 4 years (from 15th October 2016 to 15th October 2020).

WMS are aware that certain hands-on work experience placements involving patients or people with healthcare needs might have been altered, and in some cases cancelled. Despite this, and given applicants previously had a 3 year, and now have a 4 year period (from 15th October 2016 to 15th October 2020), in which to conduct the required work experiences, there are currently no changes to the published work-experience requirements. All applicants will need to have met these requirements by the application deadline of 15th October 2020.

Relevant work experience roles that fall under the 'Key Worker' classification (UK Government defined) are still available. If you are undertaking such a role at this time, or in the near future, please ensure that you are medically fit and able to do so in light of COVID-19.

We recognise that many of our applicants want to be, or are currently, involved in the national response to COVID-19. We both encourage and support such activity, therefore for the 2020-2021 admissions cycle we will also accept the following work experiences with start dates from 1st February 2020:

- NHS 111 Operative
- NHS facility/hospital patient-facing support staff/volunteer (must fall under the Key Worker category)
- St John Ambulance: for placements/activities related to COVID-19 (either directly or backfilling patient care)

- Volunteer under the NHS Volunteer Responders (GoodSAM) scheme launched by UK Government in March 2020: specifically involved in hands-on patient assistance and the care of vulnerable patients in the community

Please contact us (mbchb.admissions@warwick.ac.uk) if you are undertaking other forms of hands-on care of patients or people with healthcare needs related to the national COVID-19 response that are not covered in the list above.

Current Offer Holders (Entry September 2020)

The 2019-2020 selection processes are almost complete, with the majority of decisions made and communicated to applicants. At present WMS plan to start the new term on the published dates, although the necessary format for teaching delivery is as yet unknown.

We are aware that some offer holders will be awaiting the final classification (award) of their undergraduate degree, and that the closure of UK Universities has led to the cancellation of required final year assessments. At present we are monitoring the situation and its potential impact on our offer holders. Before contacting us, we ask those affected to wait to receive the final decision on their degree classification. Please contact us if you have not received a decision by 20th July 2020, or if you are told the decision on your final degree classification will be delayed indefinitely.