

MBChB Open Day - Admissions Overview and Q&A

Professor Richard Tunstall, MBChB Admissions Lead, provides an overview of the 2021 admissions process at Warwick Medical School in this presentation. Our friendly MBChB Admissions Team will be on hand during this Q&A session to answer any questions you may have about our admissions process.



Hello and welcome to today's MBChB Admissions Q&A Session!



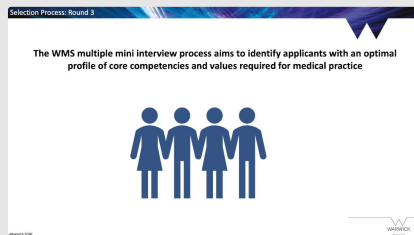
In this session, we'll be joined by:
Professor Richard Tunstall, MBChB Admissions Lead
Celia Brown, Deputy Admissions Lead (MBChB)
Lorraine Brown, MBChB Head of Operational Delivery
Laura Cranshaw, Phase 1 Admin Lead
Anj Kang, Phase 1 Secretary
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and members of the Medical School's Marketing and Events Team.



A reminder that you can view the Admissions presentation here:
<https://youtu.be/eG5fvHtP2dw>

WMS MBChB Admissions Overview 2020 2021

Admissions overview for 2020/2021 entry from Professor Richard Tunstall, MBChB Admissions Lead at Warwick Medical School.



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We'll do our best to answer all of your questions during today's session but if we don't get time to answer everyone's question, you can email us at mbchb.admissions@warwick.ac.uk and we'll get back to you as soon as we can.



Just to highlight, the questions you ask in today's session will be made available post-event so please do not share any personal data as part of this chat.



We're going to handover to Richard now who's going to start off today's session, we hope you have a great session :)



We're going to share the presentation in this chat. Feel free to play/pause/forward at your leisure and ask any questions that you may have :)



Will the admission presentation be available to view later on as well?



Hi Samhitha, yes, you can view it on our website here:
<https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci/med/study/ugr/applying/opensdays/virtualmbchb>

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Will the admission presentation be available to view later on as well?
You should also be able to see it in the chat now :)

WMS MBChB Admissions Overview 2020 2021



<https://youtu.be/eG5fvHtP2dw>



Does virtual work experience count towards anything? Such as Brighton and Sussex Virtual Work Experience Programme?



Hi Lauren. The BSMS programme can be used as 10 hours' experience, within the 20 hours of shadowing. You need to complete the reflective exercise and obtain the certificate as proof of completion.



Do you take into consideration a-levels?



Hi Rosie, no we don't consider A level results in the application process.



Does anyone know of any potential changes to NHS and student finance funding due to covid related economic difficulties?



NHS Bursaries and Student Finance will continue as normal for the next cycle, we are not aware of any changes to student funding.

<https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/nhs-bursary-students/nhs-bursary-students-coronavirus-covid-19>

NHS Bursary students: coronavirus (COVID-19) | NHSBSA

This information is for all medical and dental students and any remaining nursing, midwifery and Allied Health Profession (AHP) students still receiving an NHS Bursary. It sets out measures put in place as a result of coronavirus (COVID-19). The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has confirmed that during the coronavirus response period all NHS Bursary payments will continue to be paid as normal and eligible students should continue to apply for payments.



Business Services Authority



Do EU students count as International for the application round this year?



Hi Christopher. EU students remain as Home/EU students this year.



Yes it will be my first degree (MPhys)



Thank you. No, you do not need to have completed your integrated Masters by the point of application. We will need see a predicted grade for your integrated Masters on your UCAS application form.



How many total hours of work experience is needed?



Hi, 70 hours as a minimum in total. The criteria for work experience can be found on our webpages



Similar to Lauren's question, does the Observe GP virtual programme count towards the shadowing or work experience requirement?



Hi Urja. At the moment we are not accepting the Observe GP virtual programme as part of the work experience requirement.



Thanks



How many total hours of work experience is needed?

Hi Samhitha - you can find this here: <https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci/med/study/ugr/applying/entryreqs/workex/>

Work experience

Find out about the work experience requirements for the MB ChB at Warwick Medical School.



Hello, with regards to hand-on work experience. I work as a HCA at an eating disorder clinic. Does manual blood pressure and taking patients vital physical observations count as hand-on care experience? I am also involved in clinical restraints.



Hello, yes, the hands on care that you describe sounds acceptable. I would advise you also seek out other experiences that allow you to experience different aspects of healthcare.



can someone with a 2:2 in their first degree but a merit in a MSc apply?



Yes we will accept a 2.2 plus a Masters Degree.



Hello, does having worked in a pharmacy class as work experience ?



Dear Jaspreet Yes this would count as relevant work experience but you will also need to obtain some actual hands on care experience of patients and/or people with healthcare needs as outlined on our webpages.



Hello, does having worked in a pharmacy class as work experience ?

Hello, in what capacity (role) have you worked in a pharmacy?



Can we include old work experience in our application/letter? I know it won't count towards the total hours because its 'expired' but still shows you've undertaken +70 hours?



For 2021 entry applicants WMS will now accept work relevant work experiences conducted over the past 4 years (from 15 October 2016 to 15 October 2020). Experiences prior to this date will not be counted towards the 70 hours.



Hi. If I have completed a foundation year prior to my undergrad studies, will you take into consideration my graduation grades for that?



Hi Kate, we will only consider your highest academic achievement.



Since getting any hospital work experience now is impossible, can we include work experience we did few years back? Also do different virtual work experiences count towards different hours?



For 2021 entry applicants we will accept work relevant work experiences conducted over the past 4 years (from 15 October 2016 to 15 October 2020)



@Laura great thank you



Hello, are different 'hands on' work experience more valuable/useful than others to applying?



Hi Debra. It is very difficult to say. We are interested in what you gain from the experience, in terms of an understanding of working in healthcare, in teams and with people with healthcare needs. Two experiences that look the same on paper can be very different in practice. Certainly team-based roles are useful.



Can you elaborate on the academic scoring system and whether there is considerable weighting having a masters degree or PhD compared to a 1st class honours degree?



Hello, we do not release details of our scoring system. What I can tell you is that there is only a small difference in points between the different degree achievements, similar to that seen in the FPAS application scheme for FY1 jobs.



If you are a hospital volunteer in multiple hospitals (in different Trusts), does this count as only one type of experience? Each hospital involves different types of work, e.g. one volunteer role is in a renal centre and another is a more diverse Covid response role



Hi, these can be counted as difference experiences if the duties are not the same.



What's the drop-out rate like at WMS?



The drop out rates are very low, there are progression exams at the end of year one, year two and final year.



In the Admissions Overview video, Prof Richard Tunstall talks about work experience not being a box ticking exercise, which I completely agree with. But I do need to just need to double check some things. I've done a work experience placement in a mental health ward (20h max) and I've been working as a healthcare assistant since March (50h max). This would fulfil the minimum requirement of 70 hours. My question is twofold. Although I meet the minimum requirement, is there a judgement placed on me only reaching the 70 hour minimum, or is the 'box ticked', so to speak? The nature and quality of my work has been immensely diverse. I've been moved around the hospital to various wards specialising in strokes, gastroenterology, haematology, frailty, acute assessment, respiratory and others due to Covid. Is the quality and diversity of the of my work considered in assessing my work experience? Thank you.



Hello Thorvald, thank you for your query. It sounds like you have met our minimum criteria in both hours and the range and quality of your work experience. We always recommend applicants seek out as many experiences as possible to ensure they are fully informed. In addition, those with greater experience can perform better within our multiple mini interview process.



will the interviews be in person or online? thank you



We are not sure at the moment. Hopefully all being well we will be able to hold the interviews face to face. We will update our webpages nearer the time as the covid situation develops.



In the case where the work experience took place outside the UK, what evidence would you need for it?



Hi Kate. As with UK work experience, we will require confirmation of your hours and job role. This will need to be in English.



Thank you for your help.



Is the classification of EU students as Home/EU expected to change later on (2022 and forward)?



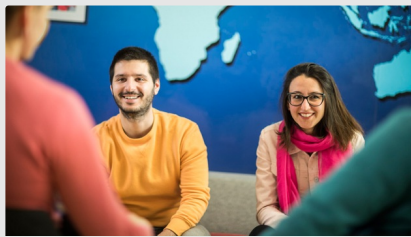
Hi Juan. At present, the status and level of fees and funding for European Union students has not yet been confirmed. We will update our guidance for students when more information becomes available from the UK government. Please keep an eye on this page: <https://warwick.ac.uk/about/brexit/future/> and the British Council's pages here: <https://study-uk.britishcouncil.org/moving-uk/eu-students>

Brexit advice for future students at Warwick

Our guidance for future students at Warwick as the deadline for the UK's departure from the EU approaches.

EU student advice | British Council

Detailed information and advice for EU students coming to study in the UK.



Good morning Regarding the work experience requirements, is the virtual/online experience offered by some websites acceptable as part of the work experience? If yes to what extent (i.e. Max number of hours it can count for). I am currently an NHS Worker and it has been difficult to book the additional work experience due to the current situation



Hi Ronsard. We will be accepting the BSMS virtual programme which will count for 10 hours of shadowing. You must have completed the reflective exercise and obtain a certificate of completion.



How many MMI stations are there and what do they include?



There are currently six MMI stations. These assess a variety of skills and attributes - see this webpage for more details: <https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci/med/study/ugr/applying/applicationprocess/>

Application process

Find out about the application process for the MB ChB at Warwick Medical School.



I have worked as a pharmacy assistant (serving customers, dispensing medicines) - this was for 3 months



This can count as a single experience, but you will need to gain another experience of hands-on care or people to patients with healthcare needs.



Hello, does work as a Nurse help achieve the 70 hours work experience required?



Yes, your nursing role would count for 50 hours of the 70 we need to see.



Would conducting neurological physical assessments on patients with Huntington's disease be considered as work experience? Please note, the assessments are conducted as part of a research study.



Hi Elsa. Yes this would count, but you can only count the hours spent undertaking the assessments, rather than all the hours spent on the research study.



Would an employer reference from a manager be okay? Or is mandatory for an academic reference to be provided?
Thanks



Hello, we usually ask for an academic reference from your university unless you have been out of study for a considerable amount of time in which case we would accept a reference from your current or most recent employer



With regard to work experience I currently working as an optometrist in 2 nhs trust aM I right that I can use this for 50 hrs and I currently going to work as a hca in a private care home for my second 20 hour minimum experience with older persons



Yes, that is correct.



Do you still weight verbal reasoning more highly when assessing via UCAT score?



Hi James. We use verbal reasoning score as the first cut during shortlisting.



Hi, I am a Critical Care Nurse who has previously worked as a Coronary Care Nurse within the allowed time frame. Do these count as separate experiences (I am assuming yes)?



Hi James Yes, these would count as two separate experiences so you will need to provide two separate references



Does working at a pharmacy as a counter assistant count towards the work experience hours?



Yes, it can count as a single experience if you have been providing hands on care to people or patients with healthcare needs. You will also need to gain at least another experience involving hands on care to people or patients with healthcare needs within a different area of healthcare.



What type of proof do we need to have of our work experience? Do we log the hours and get it signed off or?



Hello, you need to log the work completed, duration etc. We have a template on our webpages which you can download and use. We need to have evidence of your work experience for each type of work you submit on the application form



70 hours work experience is requested in 2 different health care setting on your website you stated being a pharmacist does account for one health care profession for a minimum of 50hrs
I'm a optometrist can that also account for 50hrs of my experience ?



How would you treat applicants who completed their undergraduate degree outside the UK (and therefore would not be awarded a classification under the 1st, 2:1, 2:2, etc. system)?



Your international degree would need to be equivalent to a 2.1. UK honours degree, you can view at our international pages for degree equivalencies.

<https://warwick.ac.uk/study/international/admissions/entry-requirements/>

International Entry Requirements: What's my degree score equal to?

Entry qualifications and degree equivalencies at Warwick for students with international qualifications. GPA entry requirements for British degrees



70 hours work experience is requested in 2 different health care setting on your website you stated being a pharmacist does account for one health care profession for a minimum of 50hrs
I'm a optometrist can that also account for 50hrs of my experience ?

Yes, that will be fine as long as you can provide two separate references



If you have gained more than two different types of work experience, do you have the opportunity to list them all or do you just give details of 70 hours worth? And will you be scored higher for completing more than 70 hours? Thank you



Hello, doing more than 2 experiences and more than 70h is great as it ensures applicants are more fully informed and they can perform better within our multiple mini interview process. You do not need to list all of your experiences. There are not extra points for listing more than our minimum. Just ensure the experiences that you list are acceptable (according to our online information).



Since shadowing is now impossible to achieve. Is pharmacist shadowing regarded as too dissimilar?



As long as the shadowing is for a fully registered pharmacist this will be acceptable.



Is volunteering in a private practise acceptable?



Hi Kate, if the experience involves hands-on care of patients, then yes this is acceptable.



Thanks Laura! Also, in the website its stated that we need hands on experience like care giving, however, what if this type of work experience wasnt possible in the country i lived in? I was planning to volunteer at a hospice this summer in the UK but could not due to covid.



Hello Samitha, unfortunately we will need to see evidence of hands-on care of people or patients with healthcare needs. This does not necessary need to be in a hospital, it could be in the community.



as a student nurse does the placement count as work experience ?



Hi Marie. Yes it does. It would count for 50 hours.



Thank you very much, Professor Tunstall. It is good to know that my experience will serve me well in the MMIs and hopefully the rest of my medical career.



you are welcome



Would it be possible to explain what the MMIs are a bit more please?



Hi Fran, there is more information on the MMIs on our webpages
<https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci/med/study/ugr/applying/applicationprocess>

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How many MMI stations are there and what do they include?



Hello Lauren, there are currently six MMI stations. The admissions overview talk provides a list of the competencies and values that we assess.



Hi, I am an Operating Department Practitioner and usually work full-time within operating theatres in anaesthetics. I have been qualified for almost four years and worked at a couple of NHS hospitals and also undertaken some agency work in different trusts. Within my position, I also attend A&E, wards, intensive care as part of resuscitation teams, so I believe I have a good understanding of what it means to be a doctor. My question is: Can the 70 hours experience be in a similar role within two or three trusts?



Will interviews be around the same period as previous years (Mid December time) or it is likely to be different because of the current situation?



Hi Ronsard - we are planning MMIs for W/C 14th December.



I have been out of study for 3 years, would you accept an employer reference in this case? Does an employer reference disadvantage a candidate in this case?



Hi Riyaz, yes an employer reference would be fine in this case.



Will interviews be around the same period as previous years (Mid December time) or it is likely to be different because of the current situation?

These may be in person or online depending on government advice.



Hi, do you know what the national mean for VR was last year? And what the minimum total UCAT score which was short-listed?



Hello Leah, the national mean for VR was 565



The website says 'equivalent of two weeks full time work'. Why is this the standard and presumably we don't need full-time experience, just the 70 hours?



Hi Andrew. It does not have to be two continuous weeks, but 70 hours in total. Many people do a few hours a week over a number of weeks. We consider this to be the minimum needed to gain sufficient insight into working in healthcare.



Does it matter where you have carried out your role as an optometrist via a private capacity or NHS?



Hi Mohammed, yes a private practise is acceptable, however, we would encourage applicants to seek experience within the NHS as this is where you will spend your time on clinical placement during the course.



Hi, regarding the academic reference, some applicants may have been out of study for some time - Does the academic reference have to be connected to the applicant's degree or could it be a more recent and maybe more relevant reference?



Hi Alice. Our Postgrad team need to see an academic reference if the degree was completed less than two years ago, Otherwise it can be work reference from a supervisory member of staff.



Thank you for your answers. I also had some work experience cancelled due to covid will this be taken into account?



Hi Nicole, for 2021 entry we will now accept work relevant work experiences conducted over the past 4 years (from 15 October 2016 to 15 October 2020) so this period has been extended



Once you have passed each stage are your score reset to 0 i.e. if you pass round one then this is not considered for round 2 and so on, so the final offer is only based on the interview ranking (providing the final checks are ok).



Offers are based purely on performance at our Selection Centre



If you are just getting started to find volunteering/work experience in healthcare (given the current situation with Covid-19) what would be the best way to gain experience?



Hello Neha, finding experiences in hospitals might prove challenging in the current climate, therefore, try looking at initiatives/opportunities in the community, including volunteer work. The experience needs to be hands-on with people or patients with healthcare needs, but not all has to be in NHS hospitals. The availability of experiences might also change over the next few months as lockdown restrictions ease, so it would be best to keep looking/searching.



When completing the application form, are you capped at only 2 work experiences for the 70 hour requirement. For example, could you express 10 hours shadowing, 30 hours as a HCA and 40 hours volunteering in some capacity. Instead of the typical 50/20 split over only two experiences.



You can include as many experiences as you need to. However very short experiences may not be very beneficial in terms of what you gain. Your example is fine though.



Is there any past scenarios or questions you could give as an example on what we might be asked at interview?



We don't have any past scenarios or questions I'm afraid Lauren.



when will the medical school release the dates for interviews



Hi Maria, we plan to run our Multi Mini Interviews w/c 14th December either face to face or online (depending on government advice at the time).



if you gained work experience by giving out donation during COVID-19 to the most vulnerable, account as the 20 hours work experience?



Hi Fadumo. This is unlikely to count - we would need to see details of the role (you can email the admissions team with this) - we are specifically looking at work with people with health care needs. And just to confirm the total requirement is 70 hours.



thank you for this chat! and taking time out to answer our questions :)



Will both references need to be provided on ucas?



Hi Mohammed, you will provide an academic reference as part of your UCAS application. You will be asked to provide evidence of your work experience via an online portal at the point of application.



As i completed my degree 5 years ago, should I add a work reference rather than an academic reference?



Hi Andrew, yes we only require an academic reference if you have been in education in the last two years.



how is the verbal reasoning score used as a cut-off? does the average needed change each year and could you give the average UCAT scores that have been needed in the previous years? thank you



Hi Nicole. First stage review is to see which applicants have met the national average VR score, Any applicant below this score will not progress further in the process. We have added previous years' cut off scores onto our webpages.



Does phlebotomy count as hands on work experience?



Yes, it does, but we would recommend that you also get other hands on experience.



or would I be expected I bring in a formal signed letter?



Should you be invited to interview, you will be asked to bring original copies of your references with you.



What references do we need for work experience? Is it ward managers or Can it be someone who signs me off from university?



Hi Georgia you need someone to confirm what you have done and the number of hours, so this may be better from a ward manager, but a university confirmation would be acceptable.



how will an online MMI look like realistically ?



At this stage we are still considering this and are discussing it in conjunction with other UK medical schools.



Hello. I'm volunteering as part of a covid response team in an NHS hospital. Would this count as hands-on care?



Hi Maddy, yes this would count as hands-on care, our current students have gained a lot from working in our local NHS hospitals during the pandemic.



The website says 'equivalent of two weeks full time work'. Why is this the standard and presumably we don't need full-time experience, just the 70 hours?

Hi Andrew yes that is correct. The 70 hours can be completed as a combination of hours over the 4 years (extended to 4 years for this year)



What other virtual work experience programs are you accepting currently?



Just the BSMS programme which will count for 10 hours shadowing. Reflective exercise and certificate of completion needed



What do you consider as a 'considerable amount of time out of education' regarding references?



Hi Andrew, an academic reference can be used up to two years post-study and then after that, employers' reference is required



Thanks, also does where you did your degree and the degree you have any influence on the admissions process? I.e. Biochemistry vs Physics or having a degree from Oxbridge vs Hertfordshire?



Hi Benjamin - your institution or subject have no influence on admissions decisions.



Will the fact that an applicant has taken the UCATSEN have any bearing on the value of their score in the application process?



Hi Connor - not at all.



Does playing with and engaging disabled children count as work experience (hands on) ? or Talking to patients in the wards and filling out questionnaires about their experience at the ward?



Only if you are helping with personal care, feeding etc,



Does playing with disabled children count as work experience? or Talking to patients in the wards and filling out questionnaires about their experience ?



Hi Samhitha, no - caregiving that is not related to the healthcare needs of an individual would not be counted.



Thank you! I was also wondering what the proportion of science vs. non-science backgrounds tends to be?



Hi Fran, you will have the opportunity to speak to some of our non-science students in the next session, but on average it is around 10% non-science.



Hello, please could I ask how the academic reference is obtained? Do I submit contact information and a request is sent to that person or do I ask them directly to provide it to me and I upload it with my application?



Hi Natalie. PleAse
Hi Natalie. Please check with pgteam1@warwick.ac.uk who receive the applications



Hi, is there a period in which a degree 'expires' and therefore requires more recent study?



If you fail to get in one year, does this impact on whether you get in another year? (Most especially if you end up on a reserve-offer list?)



No this would not affect future applications.



Would 50 hours experience as a children's nurse and 20 hours experience as a HC Assistant be better to mention OR 50 hours as a children's nurse and 20 hours at a special needs holiday camp



Hi Sarah - probably the former, but you are not limited to two experiences or a total of 70 hours so you can include all three.



Hi, is there a period in which a degree 'expires' and therefore requires more recent study?
No, as long as you have achieved our minimum requirement of a 2.1 Hons



Do you include any role playing scenarios as part of your MMIs?



Yes we do.



Hello - thanks so much for your help so far. It's been really useful. Anecdotally, I wondered if you'd heard of anyone securing work experience during the current situation and, if so, any advice for possible placements? I work full time but was due to start relevant volunteering at the beginning of March - unfortunately this was cancelled before it began. Not to worry if not. Thank you!



Hi Jessica, finding experiences in hospitals might prove challenging in the current climate, therefore, try looking at initiatives/opportunities in the community, including volunteer work. The experience needs to be hands-on with people or patients with healthcare needs, but not all has to be in NHS hospitals. The availability of experiences might also change over the next few months as lockdown restrictions ease, so it would be best to keep looking/searching.



if the interview is online will there be guidance on the website so that we can get an insight to it ?



Hi Maria, Yes if that is the case guidance will be provided. We have not finalised plans for selection centre at the moment



How does the UCAS reference contribute to the selection process?



Hi Feyi UCAS references are only reviewed if an applicant reaches the offer stage



What gains/insights from work experience would you describe as most beneficial, i.e what are you looking for with reflection about work experience?



Hi Lewis - we are interested in what you have learned about working in the NHS (if possible), working with patients/people with healthcare needs, working in teams. We ask you to reflect on the pros and cons of being a doctor and how your skills meet those required.



Is there a reason why the admissions team recommends sitting the UCAT as early as possible?



Hi Alice,
The main reason is that if you are unwell on the date you planned to attend then you would need to book a further date, if you left this until nearer the end of the window then you may miss out on sitting the test.



Do the references need to be provided before the interview stage or do you send a request to the named person on our application?



Hi Nicole. Once you receive your acknowledgement of application email, you will be asked to upload the references to a link. I believe your referees can also do this.



Hi! In the previous curriculum session when asked about a weaknesses of wms, it was said that BAME students do less well. How do you encourage BAME students to apply, what help is available to them and what have you done so far?



Hello Sabrin, thank you for your query. We do everything we can to ensure all stages of our admissions process into medical school are transparent, fair and equitable. We acknowledge that there could be issues affecting BAME applicants/applications and are currently into this in conjunction with the Warwick Medical School Attainment Gap Group. <https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci/med/study/ugr/attainment/>

WMS Attainment Gap Group

Find out about our work to address the attainment gap.



is the situational judgement score band utilised as part of the cut-off process?



SJT Band scores are considered at the final offer stage in conjunction with MMI performance, but not at an earlier stage in the process.



Thank you! I was also wondering what the proportion of science vs. non-science backgrounds tends to be?

Hi Fran, if you haven't signed up already, you can do so here: <https://meetandengage.com/akawasd2h>

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if an applicant is applying in 2021 can they take the UCAT in that year or would they have to take it the year before?



If you are applying to start in 2021 you will need to sit the UCAT in 2020 (3rd August to 1st October)



Regarding Work experience, in the selection process will you be ranked/attribution points according to the number of hours/ variety of your work experience compared to others? or everyone, is at the same level providing they meet the criteria, and the advantage will only be on reflecting on that work experience to perform well at the MMIs



Everyone is at the same level. We will be looking for 70 hours from all applicants



Does working in a private practice in a caring role with people with learning difficulties count towards work experience?



Only if it involves hands on care such as washing, feeding etc,



I have dyslexia will that affect my application and do I need to submit evidence on my application



All applicants will complete a Health and Conduct survey as part of their application, where a disability or learning difference is recorded, we encourage applicants to contact our University Student Disability Services <https://warwick.ac.uk/services/wss/students/disability>

Information for students with disabilities

Disability Services at the University of Warwick



Are another other post graduate qualifications considered or awarded points in the application process other than a masters of phd eg Diplomas, Professional certificates?



Lewis, it is just Masters and PhDs that count.



Hello, If I had achieved a 2:1 in an undergraduate degree and then went on to achieve a distinction in a masters. Would I be right in saying that points would only be awarded for the masters classification during the application process.



Yes as long as the masters has been awarded then this is the qualification we would consider.



Apologies if this has already been answered, but if you're a graduate level entry applicant (undergraduate degree in psychology from the U.S.) without having the required science and math, would it be best to take hem, bio, physics, math etc via an intensive course like this to catch up to speed? <https://study-medicine-europe.co.uk/premed-course/>



Hi Neha, you do not need to have a science background to apply to the course. Prior to the start of the course we provide students from non-science backgrounds materials so they can get up to speed. Current students also put on sessions for these students.



is personal also the criteria for selection process?



Can you clarify this question please Maria?



so only 20 hrs of shadowing is counted and we need 50 hrs as a caregiver/ hands on?



Yes that is correct.



Would a colleague be sufficient or a manager?



A manager



Hi there, my work experience also consists of pharmacy. I'm working as a pre-registration pharmacist in hospital at the moment. Could I ask if this would be acceptable work experience or would I need to supplement with something else as well?



Hi Siu. You would need to supplement this with another experience outside of pharmacy that is also hands-on.



Thank you, Hattie - I can't see how to reply directly, apologies! Would befriending vulnerable people with health needs be an acceptable form of volunteering (via a charity/care home), particularly if it were in person rather than on the phone, even if clinical experience is less achievable? I also note that Warwick is now accepting the GoodSAM app as experience. Does Check in and Chat count as part of that experience? Thank you.



Hi Jessica. The befriending could only count if you are providing hands on care. We are not cute



Does a personal statement have to be added to the application since it is not considered?



Hi Benjamin, we dont consider the personal statement - however this may be a requirement from UCAS and other schools may require it if you are applying elsewhere.



I have been working in an inpatient unit in a hospice, mainly helping with maintaining oral hygiene whilst patients are at end of life, feeding patients and supporting patients whilst vomiting (holding bowl/cleaning the vomit). A lot of my time spent at the hospice is also taken up sitting with patients, holding their hands as due to covid19 many patients have been unable to have visitors. Would this part of my experience be considered as patient contact (work experience)?



Hi Elsa, yes providing personal care is considered hands-on care and can count towards your work experience.



What appears to be the main student issues with doing a 4 year course



Hello, it is difficult to predict which issues might affect which students within a 4 year programme. Some students have very few issues, some might initially find it challenging to adapt to the different approach to learning required in a medical degree. The medical school have a wide range of pastoral and academic support available for students to help them through any difficulties.



Thank you, Hattie - I can't see how to reply directly, apologies! Would befriending vulnerable people with health needs be an acceptable form of volunteering (via a charity/care home), particularly if it were in person rather than on the phone, even if clinical experience is less achievable? I also note that Warwick is now accepting the GoodSAM app as experience. Does Check in and Chat count as part of that experience? Thank you.

We are not currently accepting the GoodSAM click and chat facility



Thank you all for your input very informative



super, thank you Celia



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Is there a particular score the admissions team is looking for from the UCAT? If the applicant does not score well in the UCAT but has the relevant work experience with all the references etc how would this affect their selection? would this have a big effect on their application?



Previous years' cut scores are here: <https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci/med/study/ugr/applying/admissionsfactsandfigures>. There is no "compensation" between different components, so you need to meet the UCAT cut score.

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Thanks Celia!



How would experience as an NHS volunteer during the pandemic be recorded? As it's via an app rather than an actual person who we've come into contact with



Hi Emily - please could you email mbchb.admissions@warwick.ac.uk with this query



Hello, I am just curious about the point system for academic degrees during the application process. If I had achieved a 2:1 in an undergraduate degree and then went on to achieve a distinction in a masters. Would I be right in saying that points would only be awarded for the masters classification?



Hi Alexander, yes that's right we would just consider your highest qualification.



Hi Celia, thank you for your reply! I just wanted to ask how many hours of a supplementary hands on experience would be necessary if I am currently working full time?



Hi Siu - the total requirement is 70 hours and each experience can count for 50 hours in total, so you would need a further 20 hours, which can be shadowing. The online course at BSMS can count for 10 hours of this.



Does working as a healthcare assistant at a NHS trust and working as a carer in a care home, count as two different experiences?



Hi Feyi, Yes you can count these as 2 difference experiences



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Thanks for this suggestion!



Thanks for your reply Prof



Great thank you so much Celia!



Thank you!



Is there a ranking in the UCAT subtests after the intial cut of applicants from VR?



Hi Lewis, after considering VR we consider the overall UCAT score



There's just under 5 minutes' left of today's session so please do ask any last minute questions. If you haven't had chance to ask your question today, you can email us at mbchb.admissions@warwick.ac.uk



Hi, do you know what the national mean for VR was last year? And what the minimum total UCAT score which was short-listed?



Hi Leah
The national VR mean last year was 565.
Previous admissions data can be found here:
<https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci/med/study/ugr/applying/admissionsfactsandfigures>

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Would shadowing experience in the same hospital I volunteer at (different department) count as 2 different health care settings?



Yes this would be acceptable as long as you have two separate references



Is a role as a discharge support volunteer acceptable? Essentially this was going round different wards, speaking to patients about how they were feeling about returning home and doing their shopping.



Hello, would you be able to email us on mbchb.admissions@warwick.ac.uk with this query and further details of your role (a job description from your employer is best). Thank you.



Does working as a registered nurse in multiple settings count as two separate experiences?



Yes this will be acceptable as long as you provide two separate references.



Thanks Ann



Thank you Celia :)



Thank you very much for clarifying Lorraine!



Thank you all - it has been very useful.



We hope you've found today's session useful. If want to chat to some of our current students, please do join the session next: <https://meetandengage.com/akawasd2h>

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Thank all. It has been very helpful



Thank you all very much this has been very useful.



Thank you!



Thanks Ann, this session has been very insightful



Thank you all!



Thank you very much



Thank you all so much



How do I access the q and a after the session ends



You can email any unanswered questions to the MBChB admissions team. You will be emailed with the transcript of this chat once this is live.



Thank you everyone!



Thank you!



Thank you!



Brilliant thank you all



Thank you all for your informative discussion it's been a great help.



What is the international competition like usually? Do many international students apply?



Hi Samhitha, there are approx. 10% international applicants each year.

