

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!



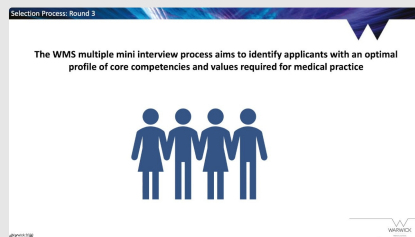
In this session we'll be joined by:
Professor Richard Tunstall, MBChB Admissions Lead
Laura Cranshaw, Phase 1 Admin Lead
and members of the Medical School's Marketing and Events Team.



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.



We'll do our best to answer all of your questions during today's session but if we don't get chance 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'll make the admissions presentation live in this session and you can play/pause/fast forward at your leisure!

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<https://youtu.be/eG5fvHtP2dw>



Hi everyone :) got some questions in relation to financing options for Grad medicine is the course still covered by the NHS bursary reform system whereby I would pay the first year myself and then would be eligible for funding in the remaining years ?



Hi Richard, you can find more information on funding here :

<https://warwick.ac.uk/services/academicoffice/funding/fundingyourstudies/medics2020>

Grad Entry Medicine Funding 2020-21 - Student Funding - University of Warwick

Graduate Entry Medicine 2020-21



Hi Hattie, will it just be this video?



Yes, information about 2021 admissions are covered in the video and then members of the MBChB admissions team are on hand to answer any questions you may have



Hi Richard, thank you for the information provided in the Youtube video! Is any focused placed on the UCAS personal statement and academic reference? I am currently working to secure references from prior academic supervisors and would like to ensure that I give them the best information for them to complete this part.



Hello Emma, welcome. We do not look at UCAS personal statements in any part of our selection process. We do review the UCAS academic reference in the latter stages of the admissions process. Please ensure your referee is aware of the type of content we require. Full details of this can be seen on our admissions webpages.



Hi. Thank you for taking the time to answer our questions. For students applying during the 3rd year of their undergrad degree, do you look at transcripts from the first 2 years or only consider the predicted grade?



Hi we just consider the predicted grades provided from your University.



Hi! What was the UCAT cut off for 2020 and the VR cut off?



Hello. We use that national mean score for VR as the cutoff. All applicants with a VR at or above the national mean will be progressed to the next stage of the process.



Hi Richard, Is there any estimation as to what the UCAT cut-off will be this year as rough guide?



The UCAT cut off is based on the performance of the current cohort so we aren't able to predict what it will be.



Hello! I was wondering if the SJT will be used in this admissions cycle, and if so, how? (e.g. as a virtual MMI station or simply used to discriminate between similar scoring candidates?) Thank you!



Hello Jeremy, thanks for your query. Are you asking about the SJT element of UCAT or are you asking if we run SJT-type stations in our MMI?



You can find information on UCAT cut offs and other interesting facts and figures here: <https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci/med/study/ugr/applying/admissionsfactsandfigures> we will be publishing 2020 intake figures soon.

Admissions Facts and Figures

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Hello, does the UCAT cut off threshold you accept change every year?



Hi Kirsty, the UCAT cut off is based on the performance of the current cohort, so yes, it does change every year



Hi Richard, what would be the mode of interview this year especially for international students who are not present in the country right now ?



Hello Janvi, thank you for your query. For applicants applying this year (by October 2015) we will be running all of our MMI interviews online. If you are invited to be interviewed, you will be able to sit the interview from wherever you are living.



Thank you for the great presentation. Very comprehensive and thorough. From it, it is clear that the higher the level of degree you have achieved, the higher points you are scored. My question is: Do you score different degrees differently (ie, MBA, MSc, MPhil) or just points for degree achieved?



Points are just scored on the level of the degree not the type.



Will hours as part of a degree count towards the 70hrs requirement? I.E nursing student with nursing placements as part of a degree?



Hello Binika, normally work experience undertaken as part of a degree is not counted. However, we do make exceptions for nursing degrees and other degrees in which hands-on care provision is a major part of the training. Please email our admissions enquiries service if you require further information.
mbchb.admissions@warwick.ac.uk



Hi, what is the possibility of a psychology major to gain a place in the school



Hi David, we consider all subjects equally as long as you achieve the entry requirements.



can someone give me a more indepth view of the interview process ?



Hello Richard, all of the information we are able to release about our MMI process can be viewed on our webpages. There is also a brief overview within the recorded presentation. In the coming admissions cycle. This year we have taken the decision to run the MMI interviews online. More details of this will be released within the next few weeks.



Are psychology graduates qualified to apply for medicine in Warwick



Hi David, so long as you reach the entry requirements of a 2:1 in your degree, we do not take into consideration which subject your degree is in



Hello! Excluding VR, which UCAT categories are most heavily weighted in the scoring for admission?



Hello Lauma, we do not weight any part of the UCAT. We look at the total UCAT score achieved across the four domains. Hope that this helps.



relating to application in order to be accepted for interview



Hi Richard, you are required to gain 70 hours of work experience to meet the entry requirements for the course, more information is available 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.



I completed my MPharm degree over 3 years ago. For this case with you sill require an academic reference or employment reference on my UCAS form?



Hi Jessica, if you completed your degree over 3 years ago then your reference can be from your current employer.



In terms of work experience, do you consider medical missionary work that was not completed at hospitals or within the UK?



Hi Lesedi, your work experience does not need to have been in a hospital or the UK (although we do recommend gaining some experience in an NHS setting ideally) but you will need to evidence experience as a caregiver providing direct hands-on care. More information is available here: <https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci/med/study/ugr/applying/entryreqs/workex/> If you can't find the answer to your query on these pages, please contact us at mbchb.admissions@warwick.ac.uk

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Hello Richard, apologies for not being clear - I was referring to the SJT element of the UCAT and how exactly it will be used in the admissions process. Thank you!



Thanks for clarifying. We review the SJT banding at the last stage of the admissions process as part of our pre-offer review. We do not have an SJT cut-off score, but we do look at the SJT score in the context of the overall portfolio of performance of an applicant throughout the admissions process,.



what if one has graduated more than 5 years ago and has been working, could they use professional referees instead of academic?



Yes that's fine.



I completed my degree four years ago, is there a preference between academic vs professional reference?



If your degree was 4 years ago then it may be preferable for you to provide a more recent professional reference



What level of degree has the highest point



Hello David, a PhD attracts the highest level of points. Please note that the number of points awarded is not disproportionately higher than those awarded for lower degrees. In other words, we don't unfairly advantage those with a PhD.



Hello! I have a few questions about work experience. Are you interested to know on the application if we had been accepted to or planned work experience which was cancelled due to COVID-19, or is it completely irrelevant?



Hi Page, we will only ask for information on work experience that has been completed by the 15 October deadline.



Hi all, what is the % of people who attend MMI get a place? Thank you.



Hello James, last year we had ~1600 applications and we invited 450 to interview.



Hi there! In step three of academic aptitude, are points awarded for a predicted degree classification or does this have to be already obtained



Hi Balpreet, we award points for a predicted result for Undergraduate degrees but we only award points for a Masters if it has been awarded by the point of application.



The government's narrative is that medical schools will have to increase their intakes of students during this academic intake (I don't know how they could expect that happen and am very sceptical!). Are you still going to have 193 places available?



Hello Johannes, thanks for your query. The government have lifted the cap in the current admissions cycle (for 2020 entry) and only for undergraduate entry schools. As far as we have been informed, the cap lift is temporary. Our intake quote remains at 193.



Good morning - In terms of the work experience required. My current day to day role is directly patient facing and also close collaboration with GPs in primary care. I am also currently helping do medication reviews in care homes post COVID-19 (this part is done remotely for obvious reasons). How does this fit in with the work experience requirements for admission to the GEM programme?



Hi Jasdeep, thanks for your message. You will need to evidence work experience (paid or voluntary) as a caregiver providing direct hands-on care of people/patients with healthcare needs; this can be within the community if via an official organisation. You must also have experience (paid or voluntary) of the healthcare environment, ideally of the NHS in primary and secondary care environments. There are examples of what can be included available here: <https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci/med/study/ugr/applying/entryreqs/workex/> If you can't find the answer to your query on these pages, please do email mbchb.admissions@warwick.ac.uk

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does working in health and social care count as part of work experience?



Hi Lesedi, it would depend on your job role, please take a look at our webpages to check whether the role you are doing meets our entry requirements,



Is the point awarded for predicted is lower than achieved? or is it the same?



Hello Erice, if you are undertaking your first undergraduate degree and have a prediction placed on your UCAT form we will award points for the prediction. These will be at the same level as the points awarded for a first undergraduate degree that has been completed.



will having extracurricular activities and society involvement be more advantageous for an application or do you only look at academic, ucat and interview?



Hi Princy, we dont consider this at the application stage however some of the skills you gain from these types of experiences may be useful if you reach the interview stage.



Hi thank you for this informative presentation! I just needed a bit of clarification in regards to work experience. Can we use nursing student placement hours for our work experience? and what do you if you have more than 2 work experiences. Thank you



Hello Sagal, yes you can count your experiences from your nursing degree. You will need two different experiences, ideally in different locations/hospitals. You might also want to consider seeking another experience (e.g. shadowing) in order to provide you with a broader view of healthcare provision.



Hi, does it matter if all my work experience was completed within the last 12 months - will applicants who have attained consistent work experience across the previous 4 years be at more of an advantage?



Hi Emma, no this doesn't matter, at the application stage we just require you to achieve 70 hours within the timeframe we have set.



May I ask why you do not consider the personal statement? Thank you!



We don't consider personal statements as they don't have much predictive value



Do you take into consideration that people have had work experience cancelled?, I was due to have volounterring and doctors shadowing that was cancelled this year due to covid and will not be rearrange till 2021. Will this be taken into consideration?



Hi Naomi, we can only consider work experience that has taken place before the deadline, and nothing that is cancelled or delayed. We understand that a lot of things have been cancelled which is why we have been more flexible with our requirements this year.



what sort of questions should one expect at the MMI and are there time restrictions to answer them?



Hello Chioma, thanks for your query. Details of our MMI process can be found online on our webpages and in my short overview presentation. Within these you will find information relating to the values and competencies we are assessing. We are unable to release details of the questions we ask.



Hi - I was just wondering whether having a 2:1 would disadvantage you quite a lot as it gets the lowest points. Are people with 2:1s often in the top 500 to move to the next stage?



Hi Ashleigh we have a lot of applicants with a 2:1 that progress to the MMIs so this isn't a big disadvantage.



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You can find information about the values and competencies we look for at the MMI here:

<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.



Thank you! Also, should we include non-medical experience that involves working with vulnerable groups of people, for example working with children who have special educational needs in a school environment, or is this irrelevant?



Hello Page, an acceptable experience will fit the criteria detailed on our webpages. If the experience meets the criteria we outline then it is most likely acceptable. We would not be able to accept an experience within a special educational needs school that was mainly teaching or play related.



on Warwick's page under work experience requirements it states "Acceptable experiences cannot normally be a part of your degree, Master's or PhD" what does this mean? Just because I am undertaking a placement year within the NHS but because its part of my degree does this mean I cannot include it?



Hello Alicia, could I ask which degree you are undertaking?



Hi, do you contact the referee from each of my work experience letter? So that I can give them a heads up



Hi Erice, we do not contact every referee as a standard but if we need further information then we may contact them.



If you are working as Clinical contact case worker in the NHS COVID Test and Trace programme, would that suffice even though it is done remotely?



Hi Chioma, we've recently updated our work experience guidance and accepted work experience includes roles performed at distance and not in person (e.g. via telephone, video call, etc) that provide, as part of broader remit, experience of healthcare provision, triage or advice. You can find out more information here: <https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci/med/study/ugr/applying/> and directly here: https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci/med/study/ugr/applying/covid-19_warwick_medical_school_admissions_-_tunstall_2020_v5.pdf

Applying

Information about applying to the MB ChB programme at Warwick Medical School, including entry requirements, open days and information about selection centres



When submitting experience, do we email this directly, or does UCAS ask us for it directly?



When you complete your UCAS application you will receive an email with guidance on the process for submitting your work experience - which involves submitting a specific work experience form.



Hi. For applicants predicted a 1st Class for their undergraduate degree who are offered a place at WMS, will achieving a 2:1 result in their offer being withdrawn?



Hello Isabelle, thanks for your query. Normally achieving a 2:1 instead of a 1st would not result in an offer being withdrawn, unless achieving a 1st in your degree is a condition of your offer. The latter condition will depend on the score you achieve for your degree award and UCAT.



Around March, during the peak of the pandemic there was a PDF file on the website stating that NHS 111 roles, voluntary Community Responder roles etc would be accepted for this admission cycle. This file is no longer on the website, is it still accepted?



Hello Jessica, the PDF has been updated and can be found on our webpages. https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci/med/study/ugr/applying/covid-19_warwick_medical_school_admissions_-_tunstall_2020_v5.pdf



In terms of UCAT what is the lowest and highest score that have been accepted to do the MMI



There are some facts and figures from previous years here: <https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci/med/study/ugr/applying/admissionsfactsandfigures>

Admissions Facts and Figures

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Hi, I was just wondering - if you are predicted a 1st, are offered a place at Warwick but then get a 2:1, are you still able to come?



Hi Emma, thanks for your query. Normally achieving a 2:1 instead of a 1st would not result in an offer being withdrawn, unless achieving a 1st in your degree is a condition of your offer. The latter condition will depend on the score you achieve for your degree award and UCAT.



Hi Richard I am undertaking a psychology degree



Might I suggest you email your query to our admissions query email address mbchb.admissions@warwick.ac.uk with details of your placement, what it involves and what roles/tasks you undertake. Thanks



If you do not get an offer, can you reapply the following year with an achieved degree?



Hi Chipo, yes if you are not offered a place we would welcome an application in the following year.



Hello! Is the separate work experience form due at the same time as the UCAS deadline? As in, do we need to plan to submit the UCAS application in advance of the deadline to give time to do the work experience form?



Hi Paige, no the deadline for the work experience form is in November so you will have lots of time after the UCAS deadline to complete it.



Professor Tunstall, during the first round of selection, it would appear that the UCAT score might significantly outweigh the academic achievement. Is this observation correct? Does the degree qualification count relatively little in comparison to the UCAT score?



Yes, in general the number of points awarded for degree achievement is less than the number of points for UCAT. This is to ensure that we do not unfairly advantage those with higher degrees.



If you are rejected after the interview stage, can you still reapply after the following year?



Yes we would welcome a future application.



Hi there :) I have > 50 hrs HCA experience. For my second work experience, I am currently a 'COVID support worker in a hospital setting tending to patients and public at the door entrances - would this suffice as the remaining 20 hrs? Thank you



Hi Charlotte, thanks for your query. We've recently updated our work experience guidance so you should be able to find your answer here: https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci/med/study/ugr/applying/covid-19_warwick_medical_school_admissions_-_tunstall_2020_v5.pdf but if not, please do email mbchb.admissions@warwick.ac.uk



To clarify, do you consider the verbal reasoning section of the UCAT most important in the application?



Hello Page, we consider the VR score as a useful metric within our selection process, but not the most important metric. VR is used as part of a portfolio of metrics that help us determine who is most likely to be successful within medical training and practice.



Hi, thank you for your time. what happens if I have work experience and have proof of my work experience but cannot get a reference ?



Hi Zaahirah, the reference is an important part of the consideration which is why we recommend that you get it at the time that you complete the experience. Please email mbchb.admissions@warwick.ac.uk so we can check what you can provide.



With regards to Verbal Reasoning on the UCAT, I understand those with scores below the national mean are rejected. Are all applicants with scores above the national mean progressed to the next stage (looking at UCAT score of all 4 sections combined)?



Yes, that is correct.



Just to clarify Laura's response above, what is the exact deadline for the work experience in November?



Hi Erice, all work experience must be completed by 15 October but the deadline for the submission of the work experience form will be 2 weeks after that.



Hi Laura, does the reference need number of hours on it? For example I've worked in a relevant environment for two years but the company doesn't provide number of hours worked on their reference, its just a general proof of employment and employment dates



Hello Jenny, we will need some form of confirmation/evidence of hours. This could be the number of shifts per week, number of weeks in post and and the time allocated to each shift. Your contract of employment might also contain this information.



Hello. If I was rejected this year , would I be told which 'round' I did pass through. Is this information allowed to be given to the applicant?



Hi Kallif, if you are rejected you will receive an email which will include a brief overview of the reason you are rejected, this email is not personal to each individual but is dependant on the stage you are rejected at.



Since I graduated in 2017 and if added an academic reference on my UCAS form, would you contact me directly for an additional request for an employment reference if this was preferred?



If you have an academic reference from 2017 that is fine.



We've got 5 minutes' left of this session, if you've got any questions you'd like to ask, please do ask them or alternatively, you can contact the MBChB Admissions team at mbchb.admissions@warwick.ac.uk



Is the work experience online form only limited to 2 experiences?



Hi Jessica, you can submit multiple experience on the form.



Hello - I graduated from my Bachelors and Masters respectively in 2017 and 2019, is there a preference as to which institution you would want the referee to come from?



Hi Sanjaey, we would be looking for a reference from your most recent institution so just your Master's from 2019 would suffice.



Am I correct in understanding that of those 450 that make it to round three, the only selection criteria that will be used will be how highly they scored during the multiple mini interviews?



We will primarily rank applicants on their interview score, but will also review their portfolio of performance prior to making an offer. This includes (but may not be limited to) their academic reference, UCAT SJT score and interviewer feedback. Hope that this helps.



For the students who are placed on a waiting list (good enough but not enough spaces) do you ever give them a place for next year entry?



Hi Botan, if you don't receive an offer then you would need to make a new application for the next admissions cycle, previous performance would not be considered.



Many thanks for coming to our admissions session. We hope that you have found our responses helpful. Don't forget, full details of our admissions process can be viewed on our webpages <https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci/med/study/ugr/applying/> Best of luck with your applications.

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