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Bachelor of Medicine
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We are a vibrant and ambitious medical school with an outstanding reputation for our combined expertise in research, enterprise and education.

Over 70 per cent of our research was rated as ‘world leading’ or ‘internationally excellent’ in the latest UK Research Assessment Exercise (2008), placing us in the top 10 for UK medical schools. With an emphasis on translating new discoveries into healthcare practice, our students are taught by staff who are at the forefront of their research disciplines as well as expert health practitioners.

We have three Bachelor of Medicine (BM) programmes. BM5 is the standard five-year programme. If you already have a degree, our four-year BM4 programme will allow you to draw on your existing knowledge and experience as you begin your training as a doctor. If you are able to meet our eligibility criteria specifically designed to widen access to medicine, our BM6 six-year programme may be the right degree for you.

Whether you choose to be a physician or a surgeon, a general practitioner or a clinical scientist, or you follow any other path, our degrees represent the first stage in a rewarding career as a doctor. Each programme provides a comprehensive and balanced curriculum to enable you to develop the attitudes, skills and knowledge that you will need as a newly qualified doctor.

You will gain practical experience from the very beginning, having contact with patients in a variety of clinical settings from the first few weeks. You will continue to build your clinical expertise through NHS placements, developing your skills in the community and in NHS Trust hospitals across southern England. As a medical student, you will be able to take advantage of opportunities for inter-professional learning, which will be invaluable as you prepare to join the healthcare teams of the future.

Upon graduation from our BM5 and BM6 programmes, as well as a Bachelor of Medicine (BM) degree, you will be awarded a Bachelor of Medical Science (BMedSc) degree. You will also have the possibility of gaining an intercalated master’s degree by taking an additional year of study.

Once you have successfully completed your programme, you can register provisionally with the GMC and progress to employment in the NHS and the Foundation Programme, a two-year training programme for newly qualified doctors.

Our BM degrees are the equivalent of MBBS and MBChB, and are recognised by the General Medical Council (GMC) in line with all other medical qualifications from UK medical schools.

BM5 | A100 Bachelor of Medicine and BMedSc five-year programme



“The first thing I found amazing about the course at Southampton was that we were introduced to clinical attachments from the first week. Southampton General Hospital provides a great teaching environment, and the campus and halls were just what I was looking for. I’m having a great time at Southampton and really feel at home here.”

Our BM5 and BMedSc programme is an established undergraduate degree, which is taught full-time over five years.

Key features

Integrated, systems-based method of teaching

Clinical work from the first few weeks of the programme

Opportunity to work with other health professionals

An in-depth study

Clinical apprenticeship

Programme structure

Our integrated, systems-based BM5 and BMedSc programme is distinctive in many ways. You will learn from contact with patients in a variety of clinical settings, beginning in the first few weeks of your course.

In the first two years you will learn about the major physiological systems of the body. Within each system, you will integrate your learning of anatomy, biochemistry, pathology, physiology, pharmacology, the social sciences and public health medicine in a clinical context. You will also undertake student selected components in medical humanities, teaching, medical research and a community engagement project.

In year three you will undertake an in depth study. You will be able to choose a research topic from a wide variety of disciplines, with either a clinical, biomedical, educational or social sciences basis, working in the University research labs, hospital wards, general practices or in the community. You will then undertake clinical placements in hospitals and general practice in the Southampton, Portsmouth and Winchester areas. The focus will be on the effects of clinical disorders on patients and their families, continuing the development of your clinical abilities and the reinforcement of systems courses and social science teaching.

In year four you will undertake placements in a range of clinical specialities in Southampton and a range of hospitals around the region.

In your final year you will experience a wide range of hospitals, communities and general practices in the south of England. You will be attached to a variety of clinical teams on an apprenticeship basis, learning the skills required to begin your Foundation Programme.

We provide many opportunities for medical students to work and learn alongside other health professional students during their clinical placements.

We have introduced an integrated Bachelor of Medical Science degree which all students will obtain.

Intercalated degree¹

In addition there are a limited number of places available for BM5/6 medical students who wish to take an intercalated classified honours master's level degree (Master in Medical Science). Studying for the intercalated master's degree takes place between years three and four, extending the BM programme by one year. Applicants will be selected on the basis of their performance during the BM programme.

Study in Germany

As the Faculty of Medicine has a partnership with a German health provider, there may be the opportunity for students to undertake some study in Germany.

Clinical experience

In years one and two you will have contact with patients in hospitals, in general practices and in their own homes, and you will learn to take a medical history and examine patients as part of the Medicine in Practice course. In years three, four and five, clinical attachments form a significant part of the programme.

Support

All students are allocated a personal tutor, in addition to a pastoral tutor associated with each cohort. A range of learning and web-based resources are available to support you in your academic work.

¹ Students may also have the opportunity to apply to suspend their studies to take an intercalated degree at another institution after the third or fourth year.



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Entry requirements

Please read the selection process section on pages 14 - 15, in conjunction with the information presented below.

Please note: you must fulfil all the relevant entry requirements detailed below in order to be eligible for the programme.

Academic entry requirements

NON-GRADUATE APPLICANTS

A levels: AAA, including chemistry at A level (alternatively AS chemistry and biology can be offered at grade A in addition to AAA at A level). General studies is not accepted. Subjects with material that overlaps (e.g. human biology/sports studies/physical education, maths/further maths) may not be offered in combination at A level.

GCSEs or equivalent: A minimum of seven GCSEs at grades A*, A or B, including mathematics, English and double award science (or equivalent). You may offer qualifications which are equivalent to GCSE. Please contact the Medicine Admissions Office for further information or see pages 16 - 17.

If you are a school leaver applying for entry, you will not normally be expected to attend an interview.

MATURE NON-GRADUATE APPLICANTS

A levels: Non-graduate applicants over the age of 21 are expected to fulfil the academic criteria with the same A level entry requirements as school-leaver applicants (or equivalent qualifications). If you are offering nursing qualifications, you must also offer at least two A level passes at grade A, including chemistry (alternatively AS chemistry and biology can be offered at grade A in addition to AA at A level and nursing qualifications).

GCSEs or equivalent: A minimum of grade C in mathematics, English and double award science (or equivalent). You may offer qualifications which are equivalent to GCSE.

You will be expected to show evidence of recent study within the last 2 years.

Selected mature non-graduate applicants will normally be interviewed as part of the selection process. An invitation to attend an interview does not guarantee that you will receive an offer of a place.

GRADUATE APPLICANTS

Degree: An upper second-class honours degree or above in any subject. For further information about your first degree see page 10.

A levels: Chemistry at grade E or above. Alternatively, AS level chemistry and biology/human biology at grade E or above.

GCSEs or equivalent: A minimum grade C in mathematics, English and double award science (or equivalent). You may offer qualifications which are equivalent to GCSE.

You will be expected to show evidence of recent study within the last 2 years.

Non-academic entry requirements

In addition to academic entry requirements, the selectors will look at your UCAS personal statement and reference for evidence of non-academic criteria.

You will be asked to demonstrate that you:

- are self-motivated and have initiative
- are literate and articulate
- are able to interact successfully with others
- have learnt from your experiences of interacting with people in health or social care settings – this may draw on what you have learnt from your own life experiences (e.g. friends and family), or more formalised activity (e.g. paid or voluntary work, or work shadowing)



Conducting an eye examination

EU and international applicants

EU and international applicants are expected to fulfil the same academic and non-academic criteria as home applicants, and you can do so through a wide range of qualifications. See the acceptable qualifications section on pages 16 - 17.

If you are an international or EU applicant and English is not your first language, you should offer one of the University of Southampton's recognised tests in English language.

Test scores must date from the last two years. Further details of English language requirements for the BM programmes are available in the acceptable qualifications section on pages 16 - 17.

Selected international applicants will normally be interviewed as part of the selection process. An invitation to attend an interview does not guarantee that you will receive an offer of a place.

As an international student you will be able to complete your undergraduate studies with a student visa (see page 20). On graduation from a UK medical school you will be eligible to apply for leave to remain in the UK as a postgraduate doctor (permit-free training), to undertake a two-year Foundation Programme, and therefore to register with the GMC. For further details please visit www.gmc-uk.org

Other entry requirements

UK Clinical Aptitude Test (UKCAT)

The UKCAT focuses on exploring your cognitive powers, as well as other attributes considered valuable for healthcare professionals.

All applicants to the BM5 programme are required to take the UKCAT in the summer prior to making an application. The UKCAT results are only valid for applications to universities in the year in which the test is taken. If your application to medical school is not successful and you re-apply the following year, you will be required to re-sit the UKCAT.

The UKCAT score will be used alongside all other information as part of the selection process.

For further information regarding how the score is used, please visit www.southampton.ac.uk/medicine/ug/UKCAT

For further information on the UKCAT please visit www.ukcat.ac.uk



BM4 | A101 Bachelor of Medicine four-year graduate entry programme

“Southampton has a unique graduate entry course with early patient contact. You acquire clinical skills early on and have the opportunity to develop these throughout the degree. Medicine is an intellectually challenging course and one where you never stop learning. I could not imagine myself doing anything else.”

Keval Shah
BM4 student

Our BM4 degree programme enables graduates in any subject to achieve a BM degree in four years, drawing on existing knowledge, skills, understanding and life experiences.

Key features

Four-year programme

Explicit links to clinical topics from year one

Clinical work from the outset, in a dedicated hospital clinical base

Regular group work in the first two years

Clinical apprenticeship in the final year

Programme structure

In the first two years the curriculum is based on a series of clinical topics. You will have the opportunity to undertake clinical placements, group work (in graduate groups) and lectures, which link directly to each of the clinical topics.

The graduate groups meet on a regular basis and focus on the relevant clinical topics. For each topic you will work in your group with a facilitator. At the beginning of each clinical topic the groups discuss related written or video resources alongside the learning outcomes for the week, allowing you to organise your learning accordingly.

The first two years have some aspects in common with problem-based learning (PBL) courses. For example, you will work in your graduate group to plan how you will achieve the learning objectives. However, not all clinical topics are based on cases outlined on paper: some use video material, whilst real patients contribute to others.

Four levels of biological organisation will help you to structure your learning around clinical topics, running from cells and molecules to the population and society.

Four themes – communication, ethics and law, teamwork and leadership, and diversity – underpin the curriculum and relate directly to medical practice.

During years three and four you will work alongside BM5 students on clinical attachments. In the first two years the normal University academic year will apply, except for a two-week clinical attachment, plus an additional two days.

In the second half of the degree, for both the BM4 and the BM5 programmes, the holidays are shorter, but with at least four weeks break over the summer.

Clinical experience in years one and two

Your experience will comprise of two or three clinical sessions each week in both hospital and community settings. You will undertake hospital clinical work at the Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester, which employs dedicated clinical teaching staff. The placements focus on relevant clinical topics, but you will be able to take advantage of other learning opportunities. These sessions will help you to develop your clinical skills and to see clinical work in practice.

Support

All students are allocated a personal tutor, in addition to a pastoral tutor associated with each cohort. A range of learning and web-based resources are available to support you in your academic work.

Entry requirements

Please read the selection process section on pages 14 - 15, in conjunction with the information presented below.

Please note: you must fulfil all the entry requirements detailed below in order to be eligible for the programme.

Graduate applicants may also apply for the BM5 programme.

Academic entry requirements

Degree: An upper second-class honours degree or above in any subject.

A levels: chemistry at grade E or above. Alternatively, AS level chemistry and biology/human biology at grade E or above.

GCSEs or equivalent: A minimum of grade C in mathematics, English and double award science (or equivalent). You may offer qualifications which are equivalent to GCSE. Please contact the Medicine Admissions Office for further information or see pages 16 - 17.

You will be expected to show evidence of study within the last two years.

If you are a graduate applicant you will not normally be expected to attend an interview.

Non-academic entry requirements

In addition to academic entry requirements, the selectors will look at your UCAS personal statement and reference for evidence of non-academic criteria.

You will be asked to demonstrate that you:

- are self-motivated and have initiative
- are literate and articulate
- are able to interact successfully with others
- have learnt from your experiences of interacting with people in health or social care settings – this may draw on what you have learnt from your own life experiences (e.g. friends and family), or from more formalised activity (e.g. paid or voluntary work, or work shadowing)

EU and international applicants

EU and international applicants are expected to fulfil the same academic and non-academic criteria as home applicants, and you can do so through a wide range of qualifications. See the acceptable qualifications section on pages 16 - 17.

If you are an international or EU applicant and English is not your first language, you should offer one of the University of Southampton's recognised tests in English language.

Test scores must date from the last two years. Further details of English language requirements for the BM programmes are available in the acceptable qualifications section on pages 16 - 17.

Selected international applicants will normally be interviewed as part of the selection process. An invitation to attend an interview does not guarantee that you will receive an offer of a place.

As an international student you will be able to complete your undergraduate studies with a student visa (see page 20). On graduation from a UK medical school you will be eligible to apply for leave to remain in the UK as a postgraduate doctor (permit-free training), to undertake a two-year Foundation Programme, and therefore to register with the GMC. For further details please visit www.gmc-uk.org

Information about your first degree

We expect graduate students to have developed effective study and academic skills which will enable you to complete an accelerated medical programme. This includes the ability to think critically.

Every graduate, whether with an arts or science degree, brings a unique set of knowledge, skills and understanding to the programme. For example, graduates with science, arts and humanities degrees will share their knowledge and understanding in the discussion of an individual patient's experience of illness from a range of different but equally valuable perspectives.

All students on the BM4 and BM5 programmes are selected on the basis that they will have sufficient science knowledge and understanding to cope with their studies, and the science requirements are identical.

Other entry requirements

UK Clinical Aptitude Test (UKCAT)

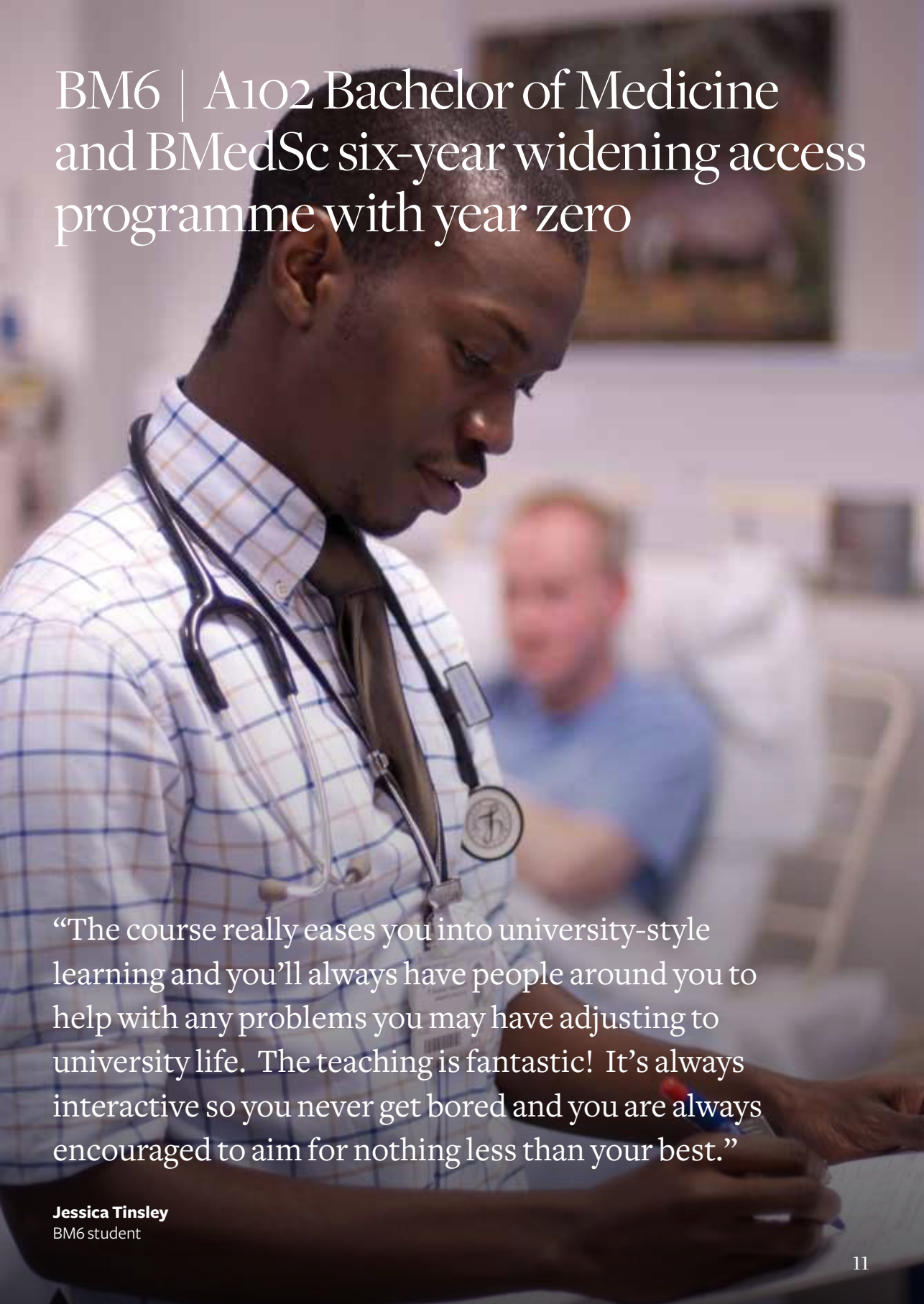
The UKCAT focuses on exploring your cognitive powers, as well as other attributes considered valuable for healthcare professionals.

All applicants to the BM4 programme are required to take the UKCAT in the summer prior to making an application. The UKCAT results are only valid for applications to universities in the year in which the test is taken. If your application to medical school is not successful and you re-apply the following year, you will be required to re-sit the UKCAT.

The UKCAT score will be used alongside all other information as part of the selection process.

For further information regarding how the score is used please visit www.southampton.ac.uk/medicine/ug/UKCAT

For further information on the UKCAT please visit www.ukcat.ac.uk



BM6 | A102 Bachelor of Medicine and BMedSc six-year widening access programme with year zero

“The course really eases you into university-style learning and you’ll always have people around you to help with any problems you may have adjusting to university life. The teaching is fantastic! It’s always interactive so you never get bored and you are always encouraged to aim for nothing less than your best.”

Jessica Tinsley
BM6 student

We have developed our BM6 programme to widen access into the medical profession. The course has achieved national recognition as an example of good practice. It involves studying for an extra year on a specially designed year zero course before joining students on the BM5 and BMedSc programme.

Key features

Guaranteed place on BM5 and BMedSc (conditional on satisfactory completion of year zero)

Placements in a variety of healthcare settings from week two of the course, and one day every two weeks spent on placement

Full-time course timetabled over three days

A small-group setting, with 30 students

Extensive tutorial and pastoral support

All academic content relevant to the BM5 and BMedSc curriculum

Eligibility criteria

You must satisfy two of the criteria listed below in order to be eligible for the BM6 programme, and you will be expected to provide documentary proof.

- First generation applicant to higher education
- Parents, guardian or self in receipt of a means-tested benefit
- Young people looked after by a Local Authority
- In receipt of a 16-19 bursary or similar grant
- In receipt of free school meals in Years 10-13
- Living in an area with a postcode which falls within the lowest 20 per cent of the Index of Multiple Deprivation (authenticated by the University), or a member of a travelling family

Graduate, international applicants, and students who have previously enrolled on a higher education programme, are not eligible to apply for this programme. If you apply to the BM6 programme you will need to complete an eligibility form.

For more information about our eligibility criteria, and to review the form you will be asked to complete, please visit our website www.southampton.ac.uk/medicine/ug/BM6/eligibility

Programme structure

Year zero is an integrated, applied year of study that aims to equip students for the BM5/BMedSc at Southampton. During this year you may expect to study two units in Human Structure and Function and two units in Professional Practice.

Human Structure and Function includes:

- the human body in health and disease
- physiological, biochemical and anatomical concepts relevant to medicine
- practical investigations, case studies and enquiry-based learning

Professional Practice is based on six projects which reflect the themes of the BM5 and BMedSc programme and involve healthcare placements, and health sociology and psychology. It also includes key skills in IT, numeracy and statistics and information retrieval.

The projects are:

- Understanding the roles of health professionals
- Communication in healthcare
- The media and medicine
- The organisation of healthcare
- Factors that influence health and illness
- Ethical issues in healthcare

Upon successful completion of year zero, you will join the BM5

Placements

You will go out on day placement every other week usually as part of a pair or a group of 3-4 students. Your placement will take place in both primary and secondary care around the Southampton area.

Support

As a student on the BM6 programme you will receive extensive tutorial and pastoral support. The relatively small cohort size enables frequent opportunities for small group work and regular support and feedback on progress.

The BM6 timetable is structured across three days per week which allows students an opportunity to carry out part-time work in order to support their studies.

Financial support

Students on the BM6 programme are eligible for a Year zero bursary of £1,000 for their first year of study. You may also be eligible for other University of Southampton bursaries. Please visit www.southampton.ac.uk/scholarships for further details.



Entry requirements

Please read the selection process section on pages 14 - 15, in conjunction with the information presented below.

Please note: you must fulfil all the entry requirements detailed below in order to be eligible for the programme.

Applicants may also apply for the BM5 programme.

Academic entry requirements

A levels: A level grades BBC including chemistry and biology (or equivalent qualifications).

Subjects with material that overlaps (e.g. human biology/sports studies/physical education, mathematics/further mathematics) may not be offered in combination at A level. General studies and key skills are not accepted.

GCSEs or equivalent: A minimum of five GCSEs at grades C or above, including mathematics, English and double award science (or equivalent). You may offer qualifications which are equivalent to GCSE. Please contact the Medicine Admissions Office for further information or see pages 16 - 17.

Non-academic entry requirements

In addition to academic entry requirements, the selectors will look at your UCAS personal statement and reference for evidence of non-academic criteria. You will be asked to demonstrate that you:

- have motivation and initiative
- are literate and articulate
- have the ability to demonstrate a commitment to becoming a doctor

Selected widening access applicants will normally be interviewed as part of the selection process. An invitation to attend an interview does not guarantee that you will receive an offer of a place.

Other entry requirements

Eligibility criteria: see page 12.

UK Clinical Aptitude Test (UKCAT)

The UKCAT focuses on exploring your cognitive powers, as well as other attributes considered valuable for healthcare professionals.

All applicants to the BM6 programme are required to take the UKCAT in the summer prior to making an application. The UKCAT results are only valid for applications to universities in the year in which the test is taken. If your application to medical school is not successful and you re-apply the following year, you will be required to re-sit the UKCAT.

The UKCAT score will be used as part of the selection process.

For further information regarding how the score is used, please visit www.southampton.ac.uk/medicine/ug/UKCAT

For further information on the UKCAT please visit www.ukcat.ac.uk

Other information

Advice and guidance is available throughout the applications process. Please contact the Medicine Admissions Office.

How to apply

All applications must be made through the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS) by 15 October in the year prior to entry.



The selection process

No more than four choices from the possible five available through UCAS should be used for medicine programmes. The remaining choices can be used for alternative courses (without prejudice to your application) when applying to Southampton. You may apply for more than one of our BM programmes (e.g. BM5 and BM6, or BM4 and BM5), but these would count as two choices for medicine.

For full details of the UCAS application process please visit www.ucas.com

Please note that there is an application fee.

All applications are pre-screened to ensure the academic requirements have been met. After successful completion of this stage, to ensure fairness, each UCAS application is randomly allocated to, and considered by, a pair of selectors, who assess the application individually against the non-academic criteria for that programme, and then reach a joint decision. (For full details of the criteria please refer to the relevant sections on BM4, BM5 and BM6.)

All decisions made by selectors, both individually and jointly, are recorded on a record sheet provided by the Medicine Admissions Office. The record sheet may also be used to chronicle the evidence available from the UCAS application where the applicant meets or does not meet the selection criteria for the programme to which they are applying.

We look for applicants who are academically able to cope with the rigours of the programme and who meet the entry requirements of Medicine and the University of Southampton (academic criteria), and whose personal attributes suggest that they have potential to serve the community as members of the medical profession (non-academic criteria).

Our full selection procedure and policy are available to view on our website at www.southampton.ac.uk/medicine If you do not have access to the internet you are welcome to apply to the Medicine Admissions Office for a paper copy.

Interviews

School leavers and graduate applicants are not normally interviewed, unless the selectors require further information in order to consider an application. Selected BM6, international and mature non-graduate applicants will be interviewed before being offered a place.

Each interview will be conducted by two members of staff. The interviewers will receive the UCAS application and all relevant documentation in advance of the interview. In addition, interviewers are provided with an information pack which contains clear guidelines on how to conduct the interview.

As part of the selection procedure, we may require selected applicants to take part in an interactive activity.

Retakes

All qualifications must be taken at one sitting for all programmes. Applicants who have retaken one A level and/or one GCSE (or equivalent) will be considered as if they had achieved the appropriate grade at the first sitting. We expect applicants to have achieved their A levels within a 2 year period. Applicants retaking more than one A level or GCSE may be considered provided there were exceptional circumstances related to the first sitting. If accepted, the offer would be the same as the standard offer for the appropriate programme.

Transfer applications

We are unable to consider transfer applications for any of the BM programmes.

Taking a gap year

We are happy to consider requests for deferred entry (for no more than one year). These requests must normally be received prior to the confirmation period in August. The conditions of any offer would have to be met in the year in which you applied.

Conditions of any offer made

All offers are conditional on achieving or providing evidence of qualifications which meet the academic entry requirements. Additionally, you must be able to fulfil the duties of a doctor as stated by the GMC in their document Good Medical Practice (available at www.gmc-uk.org).

Continued registration on the programme is conditional on satisfactory health screening and enhanced Criminal Records Bureau disclosure. The health screening is assessed in confidence by staff in Southampton General Hospital.

Criminal convictions

If you have a criminal conviction you must declare this on your application form, whether it is spent or not. We may seek further information in line with the GMC guidelines, as stated in their document Medical students: professional behaviour and fitness to practise (available at www.gmc-uk.org).

Acceptable qualifications

We recognise many qualifications as part of our academic entry requirements, as well as A levels and GCSEs. Details of those offered most frequently for our BM5 programme are listed below.

UK, Irish and Scottish Qualifications

Access courses

Approved Access courses with an appropriate scientific content are acceptable. We require 60 credits with a minimum of 45 credits at level 3 (or equivalent), of which at least 30 level 3 credits must be at Distinction and, in addition, at least 15 level 3 credits must be at a minimum of Merit.

Advanced Vocational Certificate of Education (AVCE)

The AVCEs are considered acceptable in combination with GCE A levels. You must still meet the subject requirements and would normally be expected to offer chemistry A level to at least grade A.

On submission of an application, details of the AVCE syllabus should be forwarded directly to the Medicine Admissions Office.

BTEC National Certificate or Diploma

The BTEC National Certificate or Diploma is acceptable. The BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma (60 Credits) is considered an acceptable alternative to a GCE A level. The subjects should include sufficient elements of chemistry, and you are advised to submit a copy of your syllabus when submitting your application. (See also GCSE or equivalent requirements, outlined under each programme.)

Irish Leaving Certificate

If you are offering the Irish Leaving Certificate you are required to offer six subjects at grades A₁A₁A₁A₁A₁A₁ in the Highers/Honours examination, including chemistry. (See also GCSE or equivalent requirements, outlined under each programme.)

Scottish framework

Applicants offering Scottish qualifications are required to offer four subjects at grades AAAA in the Higher examination, including chemistry, together with grade A in chemistry and one other subject in Advanced Highers. (See also GCSE or equivalent requirements, outlined under each programme.)

International Qualifications

Details of the most common A Level equivalencies are listed below. In addition, applicants are also required to meet our GCSE requirements and should submit evidence/transcripts of qualifications achieved during the years equivalent to 10 and 11 in the UK. Please contact the Admissions Office for more details, or for assistance if your qualification is not listed here. For more information on comparable international qualifications please visit www.naric.org.uk

International Baccalaureate

If you are offering International Baccalaureate you are required to offer 36 points, 18 at Higher level in three subjects, to include 6 in chemistry. If you are offering chemistry at Standard level you must also offer at least one other science at Higher or Standard level.

European Baccalaureate

You must obtain an overall score of at least 85%. You must also obtain a score of at least 9 in three subjects to include chemistry and at least one other science subject (mathematics is included as a science). The third subject may be an arts subject or another science. The option with a mathematics and natural science bias is not acceptable as there is insufficient chemistry content. Biology or physics taken up to year five do not satisfy the GCSE requirements as there are no written examinations.

France

If you are offering the French Baccalaureate you are required to offer a high grade ("Bien") in Serie S (science), with a mark of 15 points overall, to include 15 in Chemistry, with Chemistry taken as a specialisation subject where possible. (14 overall if studying the Option Internationale, to include 14 in Chemistry, with Chemistry taken as a specialisation subject where possible).

Canada

Minimum requirements are Certificate or Diploma at grade 12. Transcripts for grades 9-12 indicating individual marks should be forwarded with each application. You should achieve at least 85% in 6 subjects to include chemistry, English, maths and biology.

Germany

If you are offering the German Abitur you are required to achieve an average overall mark of 1.6. A Natural Science must be offered as a main subject. Chemistry should be taken until at least 10th grade (G12) or 11th grade (G13).

Hong Kong

The Hong Kong Certificate of Education (HKCEE) is acceptable at grades A to C in lieu of GCSE grades A and B, on a subject-for-subject basis, with the exception of English language. The Hong Kong Advanced Level Certificate (HKALE) is acceptable at grade B in lieu of A levels at grade A, on a subject-for-subject basis. Applicants offering the HKDSE should offer 555 from three electives, to include Chemistry and Combined Science.

Malaysia

Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM/Certificate of Education) is acceptable at grades 1 and 2 in lieu of GCSE grades A and B, on a subject-for-subject basis, with the exception of English language. (See GCSE or equivalent requirements, outlined under each programme). Sijil Tinggi Persekolahan Malaysia (STPM/Malaysian Higher School Certificate of Education) is acceptable at grade A in lieu of A levels at grade A on a subject-for-subject basis.

Portugal

If you are offering Portuguese qualifications, these will be considered on an individual basis. Entry requirements are based on the results of Certificado de fim de Estudos Secundarios and you should achieve 18 or higher. Details of the subjects you have taken and the grades achieved should be forwarded with the chemistry syllabus when you make your application.

Spain

Applicants from Spain are considered on an individual basis. Entry requirements are based on the results of COU (Curso de Orientación Universitaria), Bachillerato, plus Prueba de Acceso a la Universidad (PAU) and Selectividad, and you should forward these details when making your application.

USA

Applicants without a degree may be considered on the basis of 5 Advanced Placement (AP) tests at grade 5, which should include chemistry, English, maths and biology (or natural sciences) Applicants should also submit their transcripts for grades 9-12.

Approved English Language Qualifications

If you are an international applicant and English is not your first language, you should offer one of the University of Southampton's recognised tests in English language.

Test scores must date from the past two years. For details of countries which are exempt please visit:

www.southampton.ac.uk/international/exemptions

Minimum scores of some common appropriate qualifications

- IELTS (British Council/Cambridge): grade 7.0 overall, and in each component.
- O level/GCSE: grades A–C
- TOEFL: TOEFL paper-based test score 617 overall; Internet-based test score 105 overall
- Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English: grades A-C
- Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English: grades A-B
- Certificate of Attainment in English (London): levels 5 and 6
- International Baccalaureate (IB): syllabus A1, grade 5 at either Higher or Standard level; syllabus A2, grade 5 at Higher level, or grade 5 at Standard level where the IB subjects have been studied through the medium of English; syllabus B, grade 5 at Higher level
- European Baccalaureate: minimum of 7.5 in English as the First Foreign Language L2 or First Foreign Language Advanced L2A
- Abitur: minimum score of 11 out of 15, or 2 out of 6, in English Language as a Leistungskurs

Please visit www.southampton.ac.uk/medicine/ug for more details.

Support and facilities

All medical students are allocated a Personal Tutor and Pastoral Tutor on arrival who will help you to settle in and obtain the help and support you need. Academic and administrative staff are also available to assist students with day to day issues.

Support for medical students

The University Student Services Centre provides advice and information for students on issues such as fees and accommodation. Support is also provided for students with specific learning difficulties such as dyslexia, and the University offers mentoring and counselling services.

For more information visit the University website www.southampton.ac.uk/student-services for more information.

Facilities

Throughout your training you will have access to a full range of University facilities. These include the well-resourced Centre for Learning Anatomical Sciences and Clinical Skills Centre at Southampton General Hospital. The University has several libraries including the Health Services Library.

Money matters

For information on tuition fees, living costs and financial support, including scholarships/bursaries, visit www.southampton.ac.uk/undergraduate/tuition_fees/

Students on the BM6 programme are eligible for a Year Zero bursary of £1,000 for their first year of study and may also be eligible for other University of Southampton bursaries – see website above.

For information on medical student finance and to check eligibility criteria for NHS bursaries during medical training, please see www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk and www.bma.org.uk

Applicants with a disability or health problem

The University of Southampton has been closely involved with The Gateways Disability Project which has seen the General Medical Council joining forces with 11 medical schools to develop guidance on encouraging people with disabilities into medicine.

The objective of the project has been to develop advice for medical schools on supporting disabled students into medicine and retaining them within the profession. The guidance produced provides practical suggestions to help medical schools ensure that disabled students do not face unnecessary barriers to successful medical careers. For further details please visit www.gmc-uk.org/education/undergraduate/gateways_guidance.asp

“I was diagnosed with dyslexia at the age of 10. The University of Southampton has a fantastic enabling service to support you throughout medical school, whether it be with exams, learning, emotional support or any complications that students come across. They endeavour to make adjustments wherever possible to facilitate your progress and help you to achieve your true potential.”

Meera Gondhia | BM6 student



Catching up with a tutor after a lecture

We have a special responsibility to ensure that all students admitted to the BM programmes will be eligible for registration by the General Medical Council upon graduation. It is important to us that our students are able to fulfil the rigorous demands of professional fitness to practice.

All students with a disability are welcome to request a prospective visit to the University's Enabling Services. Students who are made an offer and who indicate on their UCAS form that they have a disability will be referred to the University's Enabling Services as part of the admissions process to ensure that the University is able to offer the appropriate systems of support. Any disability disclosed on your UCAS form will not be used as part of the selection process.

Both your offer and continued registration on the programme will be conditional upon the completion of satisfactory health screening. Health screening is assessed in confidence by staff in the Occupational Health Department at Southampton General Hospital. Applicants with serious communicable diseases, or with mental health or behavioural difficulties will need to inform Occupational Health via the confidential health screening process.

Applicants with dyslexia

The University of Southampton welcomes applicants who indicate on their UCAS form that they have a specific learning difficulty, such as dyslexia; this information is not taken into consideration as part of the selection process. If you indicate on your UCAS form that you are dyslexic you will be asked to register with Enabling Services at the University on enrolment so that appropriate special arrangements, such as extra time in examinations, can be made. Documentary evidence in the form of an educational psychologist or specialist teacher assessment report will be required but if this is not available the University can help arrange an assessment. The University has extensive learning support facilities and all students with dyslexia or any other specific learning difficulty are welcome to request a prospective visit to Enabling Services at the University.

If you have any queries please contact the Medicine Admissions Office:

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Supporting our international students

The University of Southampton is a truly international institution with a global reputation for excellence in leading-edge research and education.

We offer a cosmopolitan, friendly and dynamic environment and we are committed to making all international students feel at home in Southampton.

We have a strong commitment to international collaboration and partnership, and welcome staff and students from many different nations and cultures. Supported by our thriving and diverse international community, we welcome thousands of EU and international students.

Of our 22,000 students, nearly 10% are international and we value the cultural diversity and opportunities which spring from being truly international in all our activities. Our students come from more than 130 different nations and our network of university partnerships stretches across the globe.

We are part of the Worldwide Universities Network, a grouping of internationally excellent research institutions which attract top researchers from across the world.

Our academic staff and research groups have extensive international connections and reputations. Currently, we work with international institutions, businesses and industrial organisations in more than 80 countries.

Medicine for international students

If you are an overseas student you will be able to complete your undergraduate studies with a Tier 4 student visa when you receive a Certificate of Acceptance of Study (CAS) from the University. Please see www.southampton.ac.uk/sais/visa. On graduation from a UK medical school you will be eligible to apply for leave to remain in the UK as a postgraduate doctor (permit-free training), to undertake a two-year Foundation Programme, and therefore to register with the General Medical Council.

You will compete on an equal footing with UK and EEA resident graduates in the allocation of posts.

Following completion of the Foundation Programme, if you want to remain in the UK you will have to change to another category of the Immigration Rules, such as the work permit system. For further details please visit www.gmc-uk.org

Settling in at the University of Southampton

The University of Southampton offers a comprehensive range of support services to help you settle into life at the University. Our aim is to ensure that your experience throughout your time at Southampton is a positive and rewarding one.



Our free Meet and Greet service offers international students the chance to be met at London Heathrow Airport, from where you will be transported directly to the University in time for the International Welcome Programme before the start of the academic year. This programme will introduce you to the University and provide you with a range of information and support on practical issues, from immigration to accommodation, as well as providing an opportunity to meet with fellow students.

English language support

If English is not your first language, you are strongly encouraged to attend our English language course to discuss your language development needs with the language advisor. Our language resource facility gives you access to English language learning materials to help you develop your oral and written language skills. If you need further support in developing your English, you can apply to attend a course on language development, language support for registered students and English for academic purposes.

www.southampton.ac.uk/cls

The University offers a range of English courses, including a full programme of face-to-face and online language and study skills classes that run throughout the year.

Support in the University

The University offers a comprehensive range of support services to help international students settle into life in the UK, and at the University, as quickly as possible. Our support services include the Centre for Language Study and academic advisors with particular responsibility for international students.

We understand that you may have particular cultural and religious requirements and we provide facilities and services to help meet these needs. For example, we have a Muslim prayer room with washing facilities and our catering team provides a wide range of dietary options which take into account necessary food preparations.

The Students' Union runs a variety of international societies which enable students to meet each other and to continue with a current interest or to develop a new one. In addition, the Students' Union runs Freshers' Week, which features a full programme of social and sporting events for new students. **www.susu.org**

The Students' Union Advice Centre offers specialist impartial advice on subjects including welfare, immigration, visa renewals and legal matters. They also provide cultural and personal support, and organise trips around the region.

www.susu.org/advice-centre

Visiting us

If you are considering applying to Southampton, you are welcome to visit us on one of our University Open Days. Please visit www.southampton.ac.uk/visitus for more details.

Visiting us

If you receive an offer for one of our three BM programmes, you will be invited to a formal visit to Medicine before being asked to make a decision.

The Admissions Office receives approximately 5,500 applications for the BM programmes annually. Owing to the large number of enquiries we receive, we are unable to make special arrangements for individual visitors. Please be patient when sending enquiries and we will respond as quickly as possible.

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Relevant web links are shown throughout the Bachelor of Medicine programmes prospectus. Please also consult www.southampton.ac.uk/medicine online for further details and/or any changes which have appeared since first publication of the Bachelor of Medicine programmes prospectus or phone +44 (0) 238059 4408 for more information.

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Financial or other losses

The University will not be held liable for any direct or indirect financial or other losses or damage arising from changes made to the event timetable, location, content or method of delivery of various services and facilities set out herein.

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The University will not be held liable for any loss, damage or expense resulting from any delay, variation or failure in the provision of services and facilities set out herein, arising from circumstances beyond the University's reasonable control, including (but not limited to) war or threat of war, riot, civil strife, terrorist activity, industrial dispute, natural or nuclear disaster, adverse weather conditions, interruption in power supplies or other services for any reason, fire, boycott and telecommunications failure. In the event that such circumstances beyond the reasonable control of the University arise, it will use all reasonable endeavours to minimise disruption as far as it is practical to do so.

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