Study Medicine abroad with NCUK!
Studying a **medical-related** degree could be the beginning of one of the most rewarding of career paths. If you have a passion for science and would like to positively impact others' lives, you should consider a career in **Medicine or Dentistry**.

NCUK offers students worldwide the opportunity to study **Medicine or Dentistry** at some of the most prestigious universities across the UK, Australia, New Zealand, Malta and the Caribbean, including:

### Routes to Medicine only:

- Queen Mary University of London
- UNSW Sydney
- St. George's University School of Medicine
- Aston University
- The University of Auckland
- University of Central Lancashire

### Routes to Dentistry only:

- Cardiff University
- Dentistry

### Routes to Medicine & Dentistry:

- University of Bristol
- The University of Western Australia
- University of Otago

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**What is the International Foundation Year Medicine Pathway?**

The International Foundation Year Medicine Pathway is designed for international students who, like you, need to bridge the gap between their local secondary education and starting a university degree. This qualification becomes the stepping stone to succeeding in your journey towards studying a medical degree at a top university abroad.

You will gain the academic and English language skills needed to progress to a medical degree by studying the following science modules plus the English for Academic Purposes module:

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Maths for Science

You can study this qualification locally at your nearest NCUK Study Centre or you can choose to study at one of our UK and Ireland Study Centres.

Various intakes are available throughout the year including January. Please speak to your preferred Study Centre about the options available to you.

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**Will NCUK support me with my university application?**

By studying the Medicine Pathway you also benefit from the services of the NCUK Student Support team which is there to help you throughout the entire university application process. You can find out more about the support available to you by visiting [www.ncuk.ac.uk/ncuk-student-support/](http://www.ncuk.ac.uk/ncuk-student-support/)
What degree courses can I progress to?

The Medicine Pathway will fully prepare you to study Medicine at university, as well as providing you with options to progress to over 80 Medical-related degree courses including Pharmacy, Biochemistry, Medical Sciences, Nursing, Sport Nutrition and Health and more!

Some of our most popular degree courses include:

- **Queen Mary University of London: Malta Campus - MBBS Medicine**
  Receive the same prestigious title as the one awarded at the London campus.

- **University of New South Wales - Bachelor of Medical Studies, Doctor of Medicine.**
  The MD includes the independent learning project (ILP year 4), followed by a clinical transition course. In all phases of the degree, you will be required to travel to various clinical environments associated with UNSW.

- **St. George's University, Grenada & Northumbria University - Medical Degree Pathway**
  Can be fully studied in Grenada or the duration of the degree course can be split between the campus in the UK, USA, Canada and the campus in Grenada. Students can choose to begin their first 2 years of study at Northumbria University in the UK.

- **University of Central Lancashire (UCLan) – MBBS Medicine**
  Patient contact and clinical placements in the UK's National Health Service from Year 1.

- **Aston University - Medicine MBChB**
  Integrated placements.

- **The University of Auckland**
  Those who complete the Medical Programme are eligible to apply for provisional registration with the Medical Council of New Zealand.

- **University of Otago - Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MB ChB)**
  Medicine: Specialties include Cardiology, Oncology, Paediatrics, Psychological Medicine, Surgery, Pathology, Public Health, General Practice.

- **Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS)**
  Dentistry: Develop skills in simulation classes in the Faculty's cutting-edge simulation laboratory first and then in patient sessions.

- **Cardiff University - Dental Surgery (BDS)**
  Cardiff University’s students have one of the best employability records amongst the UK dental schools.

- **University of Bristol – Dentistry**
  Opportunity to undertake community work in the UK or abroad.

- **University of Western Australia – Doctor of Medicine**
  Opportunity to experience an overseas elective in Year 4.

- **Doctor of Dental Medicine**
  Successful graduates will be able to register with the Dental Board of Australia as a dentist and enter the profession immediately.
What are the entry requirements for courses in Medicine and Dentistry?


High School requirements

If you decide not to take Maths on the International Foundation Year, the university will usually require evidence of sufficient Maths at high school level. Some Universities may also require you to have studied specific subjects at high school and/or achieved specific grades. Please visit the NCUK University Course Finder for further details about the academic course entry requirements.

Additional requirements

Applying to medical-related degrees often requires additional tests, interviews or work experience. Below is an overview of some of the courses available to you at the NCUK Universities and their specific requirements, including the dates by which applications will need to be submitted:

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<td>Preston, UK</td>
<td>MBBS</td>
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<td>Applications accepted on a rolling basis</td>
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<td>Malta</td>
<td>MBBS</td>
<td>5 years</td>
<td>1st March</td>
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<td>No</td>
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<td><strong>St George’s University (Grenada)</strong></td>
<td>Grenada, Caribbean/Northumbria, UK</td>
<td>MD</td>
<td>5 years</td>
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<td><strong>University of Western Australia</strong></td>
<td>Perth, Australia</td>
<td>MD*</td>
<td>6-7 years</td>
<td>31st May</td>
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<td>Dunedin, New Zealand</td>
<td>MBChB**</td>
<td>1+5 years</td>
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* Students may alternatively apply for Biomedical Sciences degree with BBB and then apply for the postgraduate medical degree while undertaking their first degree.

**Entry to the Medical degree is via Health Sciences First Year (HSFY).

***Entry to the Medical degree is via the first year of either the Bachelor of Health Sciences (BHSc) or the Bachelor of Science (BSc) Biomedical Science.

****Entry to the Doctor of Medicine is via successful completion of the Bachelor of Medical Science degree.

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**What is the University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT)?**

The University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT) is an admissions test used by a number of UK Universities for their medical and dental degree programmes. You are usually required to have sat the UCAT prior to applying to University. Registration for the UCAT opens in June and closes in September each year. The UCAT can only be sat between July and September each year and is subject to availability. For more information and the exact test dates, please refer to [Register | UCAT Consortium](#).

Some Universities in Australia and New Zealand require students to sit the UCAT ANZ. For more information, please visit [www.ucat.edu.au/ucat-anz/](http://www.ucat.edu.au/ucat-anz/).
Do I also need to sit the International Students Admissions Test (ISAT)?

ISAT is a 3-hour computer-based multiple-choice test designed for international students applying to Medicine, Dentistry, Occupational Therapy and Speech, and Language Therapy courses at a selection of universities in Australia. The test is designed to assess a candidate's intellectual skills and abilities that are the foundation of academic success at tertiary level. The test is independently developed by the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER). If the ISAT is required, you will not need to complete the UCAT.

There are 4 different registration cycles for the ISAT and you will need to register for the ISAT here: Registration | ISAT | International Students Admissions Test | ACER

See the table on page 4-5 to find out which university requires you to complete the ISAT.

I will be under the age of 18. Can I apply to study Medicine at University?

Brunel University London and Queen Mary University (Malta Campus) will not accept under 18s to study Medicine. Other universities may consider students who will be under the age of 18 at the beginning of their studies. Students aged 16 and under may not be accepted. Please check with your student counsellor or the NCUK Student Support team to confirm the age requirements of your study choice – student@ncuk.ac.uk.
Interviews & Work Experience

As part of the application process to Medicine and Dentistry, you will be expected to attend an interview. Details of the interview can be found on the specific university website. NCUK will also provide guidance and support to students in preparation of an interview.

Multiple Mini Interviews (MMI’s)

Most universities adapt the style of Multiple Mini Interviews (MMI’s). These differ from the more traditional panel interviews and focus very much on assessing a candidates personal attributes to become a safe, competent and caring medical practitioner.

During the interview process, students will move through a number of ‘stations’, each designed to test a different attribute. For example, you may be faced with a problem or scenario you need to resolve. You will usually be scored at each station and then an overall performance score will be calculated.

Work experience

Work experience plays a vital part in the process of applying to study Medicine. Although it may not be compulsory, it is highly recommended students undertake work experience. If it is not possible to undertake work experience in a medical environment, students can look to complete work experience that involves working with the public in a caring or service role.

A good understanding of Medicine as a career and awareness of medicine on a global scale is recommend.

DBS/Police checks & Occupational Health Check

To gain admission onto a Medicine programme, the majority of universities will require students to provide a Disclosure and Barring (DBS) check or the equivalent police check of good conduct, along with an occupational health check which may often include the completion of a health questionnaire.
Start your journey today with NCUK and progress to world-leading universities abroad!

FIND OUT MORE:

🌐 www.ncuk.ac.uk/study-medicine