Supporting students into Graduate Entry to Medicine/Dentistry

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Overview

Quick facts

How we support students at University of Birmingham

Sharing best practice – what we do makes a successful candidate
Facts

  - Widen access
  - Marginally successful*

- **Competitive**
  - 2:1+ work experience
  - Fewer places

- **Diverse backgrounds**
  - Any discipline
  - Seen as mature adults

- **Applications:** 15th Oct UCAS
- **GEM:** ¼ of total
- **Admission tests:** UKCAT, BMAT, GAMSAT
How we support students at UoB

A programme of optional workshops and one to one support

- Advice on work experience/voluntary work opportunities & financial support
- Mentoring

The bigger picture
- Is medicine right for you?
- Supported by current GEM students

Application process
- Writing an effective personal statement
- Top Tips

Interviews
- Preparing for MMIs/interview
- Option for practice interview/Interview Stream
A snapshot of workshops

Bigger picture - aim of the session

Greater understanding:
- the role of the doctor and training involved
- preparation – research, assessments and application process
- importance of work experience
- support and resources available - finance, interviews, useful websites

Personal statement: aims of the session

- Plan: How to plan and structure your personal statement
- Draft: How to write it with impact – reflecting on work experience
- Check: Resources, Careers Network support

Succeeding at interviews – MMIs Aims of the session

By the end of this session you will be able to:
- understand the importance of research & preparation
- familiarise yourself with types of interviews focussing on MMIs
- feel confident in answering interview questions/scenarios
Canvas courses for GEM & GED

Why Dentistry

The applications process

The Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degree is a five year programme in the UK. For the graduate entry pathway applicants must demonstrate that their prior formal qualifications have covered relevant biomedical subjects. UCAS handles all of the applications to dentistry in the UK.

You can find out specific details on all the Dentistry programmes and qualification from clicking on the individual links of the Institutions listed on the General Dental Council (GDC) website: https://www.gdc-uk.org/Dentalprofessionals/Education/Pages/Dentist-qualifications.aspx.

Careers Network Medical and Dental Science team run workshops each year to support you through the recruitment process for graduate entry to medicine. We give you the opportunity to hear from current graduate entrants to medicine and to learn from their experiences. We run sessions to help you with medical school applications and interviews. For details of workshops check the events section of our website regularly.

On this page you will find resources to help you through the applications process for medical school. From practicing for entry tests to preparing for interviews, we have information and advice to help you along the way.
Experiences and reflection

Evidence - what learnt from work experience about **effective DR etc**

**Evidence**
- what learnt from work experience about **yourself**

Evidence - what learnt from your **subjects, voluntary work**

Introduction – why course, why profession

Effective personal statement

Evidence – personal skills and achievements
Useful Resources

- [https://www.ucas.com/](https://www.ucas.com/)
- [https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/](https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/)
  [http://www.medschools.ac.uk](http://www.medschools.ac.uk) - GEM schools, courses, admission tests & number of places
- [http://www.gmc-uk.org/guidance/good_medical_practice.asp](http://www.gmc-uk.org/guidance/good_medical_practice.asp) - qualities/skills of a good doctor
- [https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/student-services](https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/student-services) - NHS Bursary
- [www.mbf.org](http://www.mbf.org)  [www.ox.ac.uk](http://www.ox.ac.uk)  finance for study
- [https://www.bma.org.uk/advice/career/studying-medicine/becoming-a-doctor/application-process](https://www.bma.org.uk/advice/career/studying-medicine/becoming-a-doctor/application-process) - in-depth guide to application process including admission tests
What makes a successful candidate?

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