Caveat

All information given pertains to study at the University Of Birmingham School of Medicine and Dentistry

Offered as a guide for future career planning - other institutions may have different requirements
**Medicine - why study?**

Motivation to study medicine and genuine interest in the medical profession
Insight into your own strengths and weaknesses
The ability to reflect on your own work
Personal organisation
Academic ability
Problem solving
Ability to deal with uncertainty
Risk management and an ability to deal effectively with problems
Honesty
Ability to take responsibility for your own actions
Conscientiousness
Insight into your own health
Effective communication, including reading, writing, listening and speaking
Teamwork
Ability to treat people with respect
Resilience and the ability to deal with difficult situations
Empathy and the ability to care for others
How are candidates selected?

Applications are often selected based on:

- Academic (GCSE) results (70%)
- Overall UKCAT score (30%)
- Personal statement
- Evidence of commitment to medicine
- Evidence of involvement in society
- Reference – confirmation of aptitude; identification of concerns or extenuating circumstances
- School contextual information
Academic requirements

Predictions: AAA

Standard offer A*AA (inc. Chemistry and Biology)

A* in any subject

UKCAT or BMAT score (scores in upper quartile most likely to receive an interview)
Personal qualities and relevant experience

Commitment to a ‘public servant’ role
Health care experience (active and long-term)
Caring for vulnerable people (not familial)
Paid work
Extracurricular activities (featuring significant roles and responsibilities)
Knowledge of UK medical practice and health related issues in the news media
Direct clinical observation is not required
Resources

www.medschools.ac.uk
What now?

Do your own research - know your stuff

Is my academic progress and attainment sufficient?

Have an alternative plan