

Postgraduate Admissions Statement for MSc Oral Medicine



Awards available; MSc.

This Admissions Statement applies to applications submitted for entry to the programme between 1 October 2019 and 30 September 2020.

It should be read in association with the [University Admissions Principles and Procedures](#) for Postgraduate programmes and the relevant [prospectus entry](#) for this programme.

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Application deadline

Application deadlines can be found on the individual programme page within the [University course finder](#)

Admissions criteria

Academic requirements	Applicants must hold/achieve a minimum of; Bachelor of Dental Surgery or international equivalent. Applicants should provide evidence of recent clinical activity and good standing as a registered dental surgeon.	
	For information on international equivalent qualifications, please refer to our International Office website .	
English language requirements	Profile B All applicants are required to have reached the required profile level of English language as specified by the University's English Language Requirements Policy prior to registration on to this programme.	
Immunisations	In accordance with the requirements of the University Hospitals Bristol NHS Trust and North Bristol Trust regarding students with access to patients, applicants must provide evidence by 31 August 2020 of the following immunisations before commencing clinical sessions within Trust premises:	
MMR Either:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evidence of two MMR vaccinations, or Evidence of immunity to measles, mumps and rubella 	Tuberculosis Either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BCG scar, or Proof of vaccination Overseas candidates must undergo a blood test after six weeks of arrival in the UK. Cases are assessed individually by occupational health staff.

Hepatitis B <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three hepatitis B vaccines • Blood test results showing immunity • Five-year booster (if applicable) 	Exposure prone procedures (EPP) clearance Negative blood test results for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hepatitis B • Hepatitis C • HIV
Chickenpox Either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verbal history of disease, or • Blood test results showing immunity, or • Evidence of chickenpox vaccination within last 10 years 	All students must take these blood tests in the UK, and must not have subsequently worked abroad, at least one week before commencing EPP work.
Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS)	Applicants must also undergo Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) clearance before commencing clinical sessions within Trust premises. International applicants must provide a satisfactory police check/certificate of good conduct from their home country (with a certified English translation if necessary). This requirement will be included in the conditions of any offer that is made, and must be satisfied before admission to the programme can be confirmed
Computer skills and access	Applicants should also have basic computer skills and access to a PC with internet connection
Non-standard applications	Unfortunately, we are unable to accept non-standard applications for this programme. Applicants must meet the entry requirements stated above.

Application process

Online application form

Applicants should complete the online application form, uploading all required documents directly. Further information is available on our [guidance for online applications page](#)

Applications will not be considered until **all** required documents have been uploaded. If you have already submitted an application, you can upload additional documents into the 'Post-submission uploads' section of the application form. Paper documents received by post, or electronic documents received by email, are only considered in exceptional circumstances.

Required and optional documents

✓	Two academic references (minimum):	References should be submitted electronically by the referee, using the online reference form. Alternatively, scanned copies of the original reference document(s) can be uploaded by the applicant. If you graduated more than two years ago, or if professional experience is relevant to the application, professional references will be accepted in lieu of one academic reference. At least one referee should be familiar with the applicant's academic work. References supplied with a personal contact email address will be accepted in exceptional circumstances, which must be explained within the reference. All references must be written, signed and dated on official letter headed paper from the referee's organisation. They must include the referee's full contact details, i.e. postal address, telephone number and organisation email address and must be dated within the last two years. A reference template is available to show the required format.
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✓	Degree certificate(s)	From first and subsequent degrees. We require colour scans of original documents and certified translations of documents issued in any language other than English.
✓	Academic transcripts	From first and subsequent degrees. We require colour scans of original documents and certified translations of documents issued in any language other than English. Transcripts must list all subjects taken and grades achieved to date, with the grade scale clearly displayed in the transcript. Applicants must clearly state their current average grade in the online application form.
✓	Personal statement:	Personal statements should highlight the motivation for applying for the course, and any relevant experience and/or skills.
✓	Programme specific personal statement requirements	The personal statement should highlight your reasons for applying, any clinical experience that demonstrates your capacity to engage with the programme, and details of how the programme will benefit your development and future career.
✓	English language certificates/other evidence	All applicants are required to have reached the required profile level of English language as specified by the University's English Language Requirements Policy
✓	Curriculum Vitae (CV)	CVs might include details of other relevant work experience and qualifications to support an application.
Optional Documents		
	Evidence of external funding	If appropriate (students who are not self-funded).
	Additional references	You are welcome to upload additional references, such as professional references from work experience in a related field and/or industrial placements, to further support your application.

Selection process

Assessment of applications

All applicants are considered in line with the University's [Admissions Principles and Procedures Policy](#) and [Equality, Diversity and Inclusion policy](#). Once a complete application has been submitted with all required supporting documents, it is considered by at least two members of staff (Programme Director and Graduate Director, with input from other teaching staff using the following criteria:

Where we receive a large volume of high-quality applications for a small number of places, we shortlist applicants on the strength of their qualifications and any relevant clinical practice that underpins their ability to engage with patients safely and complete the programme successfully

Interviews

Interviews for shortlisted applicants form part of the selection process.

The purpose of the interview is to assess whether the applicant has the necessary skills and capabilities to pursue the chosen postgraduate programme, and whether the programme is appropriate to the applicant's interests and aspirations.

Interviewees based overseas will normally be interviewed by telephone or Skype.

Decisions

Applicants will be notified by email when a decision has been made and decision letters will be available to view and print by logging into the application. If there is a deadline by which applicants must accept an offer of admission or pay a deposit, this will be stated in the offer letter.

Offers

Offers will typically be made in line with the academic requirements set out above. Offers made may be conditional or unconditional. An unconditional offer will be made to applicants who have already met the conditions and provided evidence that conditions have been met. Where academic or language requirements have not yet been fulfilled, applicants will receive a conditional offer outlining the requirements that must be met.

If an applicant is not selected to receive an offer for the course to which they have originally applied, we may offer the opportunity to be considered for an alternative programme in a related subject area. In such cases applicants will receive an email notification providing any alternative course options and asking whether they wish to be considered for these. It may be necessary for applicants to submit additional documentation in order for the application to be fully considered for an alternative programme. Details of the documentation required can be found in the admissions statement for the relevant programme.

Deferrals

Deferrals are not permitted for this programme. Applicants are encouraged to re-submit their application for consideration following year.

Additional information

Extenuating circumstances

If your education has been significantly disrupted through health or personal problems, disability or specific difficulties within your studies, you can submit an [extenuating circumstances](#) form as part of your application.

The information provided will be treated confidentially and will help us to assess your academic performance fairly considering your circumstances.

Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS)

An ATAS certificate is not required for this programme.

Visa

International students coming to the UK to study full-time may need to apply for a student visa. [Tier 4 student visa guidance notes](#) are available on the University website.

Fees and Deposits

Fees

Annual tuition fee for 2020/21 if available on the relevant [prospectus entry](#) for this programme.

Deposits

International self-funded students accepting a place on a taught postgraduate programme are required to pay a deposit of £1500. Further information is available on [how to pay programme deposits](#). Further information will also be provided in the offer letter to successful applicants. The deposit is non-transferable and non-refundable except under the circumstances outlined in the [International Deposits Refund Policy](#).

Sponsored Students

Sponsored students are not required to pay the deposit but will need to upload a copy of their sponsorship letter using the 'Post Submission Uploads' section of the online application.