

International Students

Welcome to Queen's University Belfast

We have 17,000 students from over 80 countries, 3,500 staff and 100,000 graduates worldwide.

We're one of the UK's leading universities with a heritage dating back over 150 years.

At Queen's University Belfast we understand that international students make a difference. You play a key role in the Queen's experience and have helped raise the quality of teaching and research. The rich mix of different cultures and outlooks throughout our student body makes us the dynamic and innovative university we are today.



MBBS and Dentistry at Queen's Belfast University

Undergraduate Tuition Fees: 26,534 UK pounds a year, Postgraduate Tuition Fees: 25167UK pounds a year

Accommodation: 5500 – 7000 UK pounds a year

Please note places for MBBS and Dentistry are competitive, and less than 50 places are allocated to international students with excellent grades (mainly grade A students)

Entry Requirements

All applicants are required to sit the UK Clinical Aptitude Test, which is used as part of the selection process prior to interview.

- **A-level**

AAA + A (AS) including A-level Chemistry plus at least one other A-level from Biology, Mathematics or

Physics. If not offered at A-level then Biology to at least AS grade B + GCSE Physics or Double Award Science + GCSE Mathematics. A maximum of either one Applied A-level or one Applied AS-level will be counted.

- **GCE A-level**

Chemistry + one from Biology/Human Biology, Mathematics or Physics (Note: only one mathematics subject will be counted at A-level and General Studies is not accepted).

- **GCE AS-level**

if not offered at A-level, at least a grade B in AS-level Biology/Human Biology is required.

- **GCSE**

Mathematics and either Physics or Double Award Science if not offered to AS-level or A-level. In considering applications, GCSE performance in the best 9 subjects will be scored with 4 points awarded for an A* and 3 for an A grade. UKCAT will be scored and used in conjunction with the GCSE score to rank for interview. AS performance and additional GCSE A grades may also be taken into account. Evidence of commitment to medicine, motivation, communication skills and initiative are important.

- **Irish Leaving Certificate**

A1A1A1A1A1B2 including Higher Level grade A1 in Biology and Chemistry + if not offered at Higher Level then Ordinary Level grade B in Mathematics. Students not offering Physics as part of their Leaving Certificate must have an A grade in Junior Certificate Science.

- **Graduates**

Applications from graduates are considered and the full academic background is taken into account. For 2011 the minimum A-level threshold was BBB at first attempt, or BBC for those with a First Class Honours degree or PhD. (for 2013 entry the minimum A-Level threshold will increase to ABB or BBB for those with First Class Honours or PhD with a similar rise for equivalent qualifications). Applicants must have an appropriate science background at GCSE and A-level and at least a 2.1 Honours degree, which can be from a wide range of different subjects. Chemistry must be taken to full A-level and Biology to at least AS-level (or equivalent). Graduate applicants who fulfil these criteria are then scored with their UKCAT

All candidates will be ranked and a proportion selected for interview. Interviews will take the form of MMI (Multi-Mini Interviews) and offers will be made on the results of the interview.

Admission Information

All students admitted to this course will be required to complete a Hepatitis B vaccination programme at the Occupational Health Service of the University.

Medicine welcomes applications from people with disabilities. All applications will be treated on an individual case basis to ensure that the candidate has the potential to fulfil the demands of professional fitness to practise. Disability will not be considered as part of the selection process. However, it is strongly advised that candidates disclose their disability on their UCAS form and contact the School to obtain further advice. Applicants may also be required to provide relevant information which will be treated in the strictest of confidence. It is important that the University has an understanding of your support requirements to implement reasonable adjustments.

As a result of current legislative requirements any offer made will be conditional on a satisfactory criminal history check (Enhanced Disclosure Check). To enable the University to request this check you will be required to provide some personal information which will be treated in the strictest of confidence and in line with Data Protection Principles. The current cost of an Enhanced Disclosure Check is £30. At time of printing the relevant legislation is under review and it is possible that in the future the vetting requirements will change and anyone working with children and vulnerable adults will have to be registered before being allowed to do so. If necessary, there would be an additional charge for this. Applicants who receive offers will be advised of the relevant requirements at the appropriate time.

The course is subject to the University's regulations on Fitness to Practise.

The Medical Course

This course, which extends over five years, is integrated, systems-based and student-centred. The scientific background to medicine is taught alongside clinical medicine. The emphasis is on learning rather than teaching. There is a strong emphasis on clinical skills with teaching in hospitals from as early as the second semester of first year and the fourth and final years are entirely clinical. Student Selected Components provide students with the opportunity to select topics from a range available for in-depth study. This includes the opportunity to undertake an elective attachment outside Northern Ireland. At the end of second or third year, students may also apply to take a year out of their medical course to study for an intercalated degree.

Possession of the degrees of MB, BCh and BAO entitle the graduate to apply to be provisionally registered with the General Medical Council. All graduates who intend to practise in the United Kingdom are required to undertake a two-year Foundation Training Programme. On satisfactory completion of the first year, doctors are fully registered with the General Medical Council.

On registration, the graduate is ready to undertake further postgraduate training in his or her chosen area of interest. The medical degrees provide the basis for opportunities in primary care, hospital medicine, community medicine, academic medicine and other areas of practice.

Queen's is an exciting place to study medicine. Belfast is a vibrant city and boasts four major teaching hospitals all centrally located. In addition, our students study at a number of hospitals and general practices throughout Northern Ireland from first year onwards.



There are close bonds between the medical school and the Northern Ireland community and patients take an active interest in medical education through our 'Patients as Partners' programme.

As well as early clinical contact with patients there is a dedicated **Clinical Skills Education Centre**. It provides both clinical skills training, revision and assessment and is used extensively by students. In addition, the School is developing a state of the art simulation centre.

We place a strong emphasis on bedside teaching and clinical skills and underpin this with learning materials delivered using the latest technologies.

During your early years you have several opportunities to explore areas of personal interest through Student Selected Components. Examples of these modules include *Sign Language*, *Arts in Medicine*, *Medics in Primary School*, *Medical ethics*, *Physical activity* and *languages*.

Opportunities are provided to study for an **Intercalated degree** during your medical training which allows you the opportunity to explore an area of particular interest in much greater depth. This extra research focussed year will lead to either a BSc or MRes qualification.

At the end of year four you undertake an Overseas Elective. This gives you the opportunity to travel abroad to work in a medical environment. Destinations include Australia, India, USA, Africa and Indonesia.

There are several medical based societies, including **BMSA, Scrubs, Medsin and SWOT**. In addition, Queen's has **over 100 clubs and societies** run by students, offering the opportunity to participate in a wide variety sports and activities.

Notable graduates of Queen's medical school include Professor Frank Pantridge, dubbed the 'father of emergency medicine' and inventor of the portable defibrillator, and Dr Jack Kyle, former Irish International rugby player.

Prospective Students



The undergraduate course in Dentistry at Queen's was rated number one in UK by the influential Times Good University Guide in 2008. The undergraduate dental curriculum at QUB is based on the requirements of the UK General Dental Council. In the first 2 years of the course, dental students spend a proportion of their time in the Medical Biology Centre on the main QUB campus where there are state of the art facilities including a dissection suite, lecture theatres, tutorial rooms, laboratories, a clinical skills centre, a library, and an open access 'e' centre. Dental clinical attachments are in the Dental Hospital on the Royal Hospitals site and also in community dental clinics in Belfast.

In the 3rd, 4th and 5th years of the dental course, clinical experience and teaching is concentrated within the Dental Hospital as well as “outreach” teaching within the NHS community dental service clinics in Belfast. Other clinical attachments are spread throughout Northern Ireland in NHS partner teaching hospitals including Belfast City Hospital, and the Ulster Hospital.

Dentists and dental students are expected to make the care of their patients their first concern, to listen to patients, respect their views, treat them politely and considerately, respect their dignity, privacy, and personal beliefs. The aim of the dentistry course at QUB is to produce ‘ a caring, knowledgeable competent and skilful dentist who is able on graduation to accept professional responsibility for the effective and safe care of patients’. QUB dental graduates are expected to have a sound knowledge of dentistry and its scientific basis and to be clinically competent in the core skills required of a practicing dentist in the 21st century.

Student life at Queen’s University is exciting and enjoyable. There are a wide range of social and educational activities organized by the dental students themselves creating a close knit and mutually supportive student community. The university also provides a wider social, cultural sporting and educational context for undergraduates in a wide range of disciplines.