

**BHASVIC**

# **Making a medical career application at BHASVIC**



# Aim

- It can be done!
- It can be done **cheaply!**



# Interviews this year

- **87.7%** (71/81) with at least 1 interview for med/dent/vet
- Total number of interviews **194**

# Offers in the last 2 years

- **98** students with at least 1 offer for med/dent/vet
- Total number of offers **198**

# This is a competitive application!

**Home** fundable limits 2025-26:

- 7,670 Medicine (47 med schools)
- 766 Dentistry (16 dent schools)
- 1,200 Veterinary (11 vet schools)

# Medicine

## Interviews

## Offers

2024

84.8%

69.6%

2025

87.9%

79.3%

**2026**

**88.3%**

**?**

**National**

**25 - 80%?**

**20%?**



# Dentistry

## Interviews

## Offers

2024

25.0%

25.0%

2025

81.8%

45.5%

**2026**

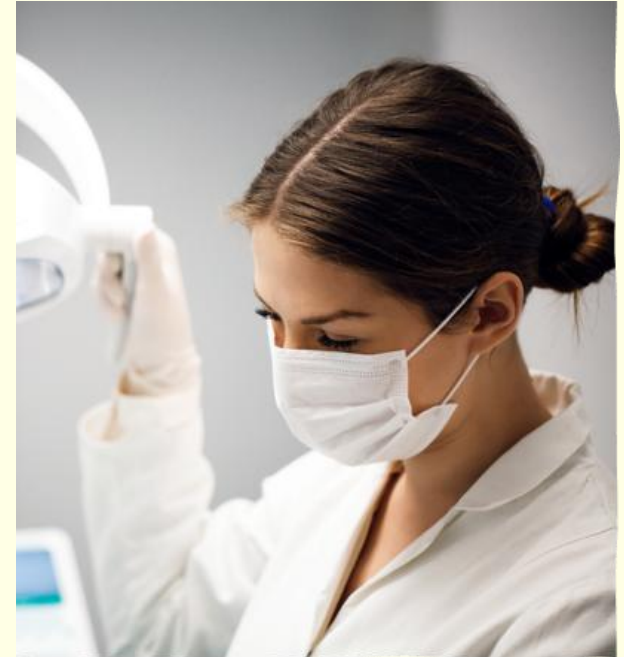
**70.0%**

**?**

**National**

**?%**

**9%?**



# Veterinary

## Interviews

## Offers

2024

87.5%

100%

2025

87.5%

62.5%

**2026**

**100%**

**?**

**National**

**70%?**

**30%?**



# This is a competitive application!

- Expect rejection
- No news is good news
- You only need one
- It's very normal to apply again



# What happens when?

<b>May</b>	Start writing personal statements (Progression week)
<b>June</b>	Medical tutor groups start. Create UCAS account.
<b>Summer hols</b>	<b>UCAT admissions test sat by 6th Sept</b> (med/dent)
<b>Sept</b>	Finalise personal statements ( <b>Mon 7th Sept</b> ) + Medics plus portfolio course starts + Early application deadline ( <b>Fri 25th Sept</b> )
<b>Nov to March</b>	Interviews
<b>Dec to May</b>	Offers and rejections

# Choosing unis



- Choose up to 4 medical schools + 1 non-medical (5th choice)
- Deferring - can have a split application
- **Be strategic - don't be snobby!**
- 5th choice can be anything (different personal statement?)
- Use Uni admissions

# What are unis looking for?

1. Meet **GCSE** entry requirements (6's English Lang + Maths)
2. Meet **A level** entry requirements (3 As) (**Summer exams used to predict**)
3. Competitive **UCAT** score (med/dent)
4. Personal statement
5. Interview score



# Entry requirements

Search 'Medical Schools Council Entry requirements'.

## GCSEs



GCSE or Scottish National 5 minimum of five at grade 7/A or higher. English language (including spoken English), Maths and sciences (combined science or Biology, Chemistry and Physics) must be achieved at a minimum of grade 6/B. International GCSE (IGCSE) single-award combined science or any other single-award combined science qualification not accepted.

This is Keele

## A Levels



A\*AA to include (a) Biology or Chemistry, (b) one more from Biology, Chemistry, Economics, Further Maths, Maths, Physics, Psychology, Statistics, (c) any third reformed (post-2017) A-Level, but only one Maths subject (Maths, Further Maths or Statistics) may be included in the three A-Levels. Practical endorsements must be achieved for Biology, Chemistry and Physics A-Levels.

# Work experience

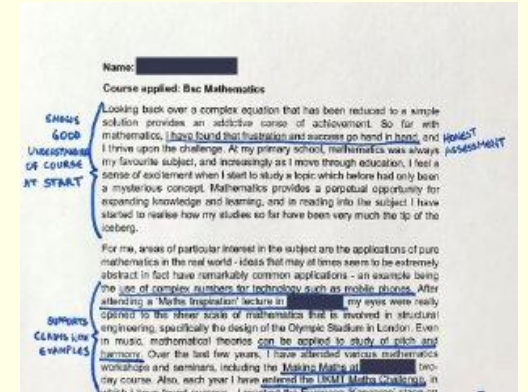
- Medics - doesn't have to be clinical
- Most dentists have clinical
- Vets need clinical - a specific no of hours + references
- Online WEX
- **Reflection**



# Personal Statement

4,000 characters or 47 lines, 3 questions:

- 1) Why do you want to study this course or subject?
- 2) How have your qualifications and studies helped you to prepare for this course or subject?
- 3) What else have you done to prepare outside of education, and why are these experiences useful?



# Personal Statement

- Some unis use it, some don't (check entry requirements)
- **REFLECT** (potential for growth)
- What you're interested in
- Your skills (teamwork, communication)
- Ability to cope under pressure (work/life balance)
- Understand realities of the profession (WEX)

# Our reference



The same as the personal statement +

- Academics (position in cohort, attendance, research)

# UCAT



- Used by **ALL medical and dental** schools
- Register in May, book in June, **sit it in the summer hols by Sept 6th**
- Taken at a driving test centre, costs £70, take your passport!
- 3 sections (total 2700) + SJT (Band 1 to 4)
- Results at the end of the test

# UCAT



- **The key to getting an interview**
- Free resources - UCAT website + 5 UCAT sessions in BHASVIC
- Medify 40% discount
- Don't start too early (6 weeks prep). Treat it like an exam. Practice in timed conditions.
- Vets don't have UCAT (questionnaires in Sept + ESAT)

# Oxbridge

- Stay in medics but access Oxbridge
- Alumni help
- Demonstrate academic excellence (data and research)



# Widening Participation

- WP criteria – FSM, young carer, bursary, postcode, disability...
- **Each uni has their own WP criteria. Google 'contextual info'**
- Lower offers, UCAT uplift, foundation/gateway courses, summer schools
- Kings Extended Medical Degree, Southampton BM6 Widening participation. Check uni websites as criteria stricter.
- Newcastle Partners, Access to Leeds, Belong at Birmingham, Exeter Scholars

# Interviews



- Very protracted (Nov to May)
- MMIs/panel/**in person**/online (check websites)
- Interview practice in tutorial + Medics Plus + Alumni help
- Mock interviews (Dec)

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**Thank You. Any questions?**

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