



**Strategic
Application
Guide**

For 2024 **Dentistry** Entry

Thank you for acquiring a copy of the Edify Learning Dentistry Strategic Application Guide.

We have created this eBook to provide you with the admissions statistics from the most recent Dentistry application cycles for every dental school in the UK. In order to ensure that all the information in this guide is as accurate as possible, we have sent Freedom of Information requests to every university in this guide, meaning that the statistics shown are directly provided by each dental school's admissions services.

We understand that the Dentistry application cycle is incredibly competitive, so we want to give you the information and confidence necessary to apply strategically using your strengths. In doing this, we hope to give you the best chances of receiving an interview invitation from a dental school.

However, we must also highlight the following disclaimer. While we have designed this guide to provide you with detailed information about each dental school, we cannot guarantee that you will be successful in your Dentistry applications based on this information alone. Our aim with this guide is to give you access to accurate and often unseen statistics that can help you apply strategically according to your strengths. We don't accept responsibility for application decisions you make as a result of the free 1:1 Strategic Application consultation or the use of this eBook.

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We at Edify Learning hope that you find the contents of this eBook useful when completing your Dental applications.

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The first part of Bart's programme is to introduce students to the basic biological principles and scientific basis of clinical practice in Year 1. Year 2 to 4 builds on the knowledge gained in the first year with particular focus on health and disease. In Year 2, there's a greater emphasis on patient care, which increases throughout subsequent years. During Years 3 and 4 students will experience dental practice in Bart's outreach centres. In Year 5, students will prepare for independent practice where they consolidate the knowledge and skill for professional practice.

Selection Criteria

Barts selects students for interviews based on a 50:50 split between the academic requirements and UCAT score. Entry is based on the following criteria:

- Academic qualifications - A*AA is required or other accepted qualifications.
 - GCSE Grade Requirements - 777666 in any order in Biology, Chemistry, English Language, Mathematics
- UCAT - minimum score in the third decile or above
- Age - must be 18 years old
- English Language Requirement - GCSE English Language Grade 6 or IELTS score 7.0 overall.

Subject Requirements

A-Levels - A*AA with the 1st A-Level being Chemistry or Biology, the 2nd A-Level in another science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics or Maths) and the 3rd A-Level in any A-Level except General Studies, Critical Thinking or Further Maths if Mathematics is taken.

IB - 38 points; 666 at Higher Level in three subjects which must include Chemistry (HL 6) or Biology (HL6) and another science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics or Maths) at higher level.

GCSEs - All applicants must have Biology, Chemistry, English Language and Mathematics at grade 777666 in any order. Double Science Award may substitute all sciences at GCSE

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Personal Statement

Doesn't form part of the selection process for an interview. It's used to support the applicant through the interview process. The personal statement isn't scored at the interview.

Admissions test:

UCAT - applicants are ranked according to a 50:50 weighted applied to the UCAT score and academic ability as measured by UCAS tariff. Individuals with SJT Band 4 will be automatically rejected. In addition to that, applicants will not be considered further if they obtained a total UCAT score below the 4th decile.

Interview method:

Panel interview consisting of two university staff and a dental student. The interview will explore the candidates motivations for studying dentistry, communication skills, ability to work in a team, organisational skills, problem solving and how students could potentially contribute to university life.

Admissions Statistics 2022

Number of applications made	623
Number of applicant interviewed	115
Number of offers given out	Not known
% of applicants who received an offer	Not known
Chance of receiving offer post-interview	Not known

Average UCAT obtained by applicants invited to interview	2680
The top and bottom UCAT Tariff for School Leavers that received offers	Top: 324 & Bottom: 152
The median UCAT of those given an interview and their UCAS Tariff (2020 entry)	Top: 3130 & Bottom: 2230
The median UCAT of those given an interview and their UCAS Tariff (2021 entry)	2630 (UCAT Tariff of 199)
The lowest UCAT of an applicant that was given an interview and their UCAT Tariff and were non-contextual	2690 (UCAT Tariff 152)

The lowest UCAS Tariff score for School Leavers that received offers for interview was 152. The lowest UCAT score for School Leavers that received offers for interview was 2400.

The interview is scored out of 50 points and to secure an offer home students needed a score of 45.5 in 2020 entry and 47 in 2021 entry.

University of Belfast



Belfast split their course into five stages for each of the five years in Dental school. In Stage 1 and 2 students are attached to dental clinics and undertake modules where they learn about the foundations of clinical practice including biomedical and behavioural sciences as well as the principles of dental patient management, dental health promotion and core clinical dental skills. In Stage 3 there is a greater emphasis on clinical skills. Finally, in Stage 4 and 5 students carry out the full range of dental treatment for their own adult and child patients. Clinical situations take place at the Dental School and in Outreach dental clinics.

Selection Criteria

Queen's Belfast selects applicants to interview based on GCSEs and UCAT score.

<https://www.qub.ac.uk/directorates/MRCI/admissions/FileStore/Filetoupload,1432976,en.pdf>

UCAT

Applicants will be scored using their overall UCAT score. Candidates can obtain up to a maximum 6 additional points.

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Banding of UCAT scores	Points
2900-3600	6
2700-2899	5
2500-2699	4
2300-2499	3
2100-2299	2
1900-2099	1
1200-1899	0

GCSEs

Applicants are also scored on their best 9 GCSE subjects. The point system is below:

Alphabetical Grading	Numerical Grading	Points
A*	9	4
A	7 and 8	3
B	6	2
C and C*	4 and 5	1

The UCAT score will then be added to the GCSE score to give an overall points total. SJT will only be used in the 2023 entry to inform decisions on borderline applicants who have achieved a similar score at interview.

Points Threshold for Interview

Year	Points threshold for interview
2022	33 points and above
2021	33 points and above
2020	32 points and above

Applications from candidates who have already achieved the normal academic requirements and have already achieved AAA at A-level including Chemistry and Biology and have satisfied the other subject requirements will be awarded 36 points at Stage One. Points will then be awarded according to performance in UCAT to give an overall score for shortlisting purposes. This only applies if you applied to QUB in your first application for Dentistry and you're a repeat applicant.

Subject Requirements

A-Levels - AAA and A in fourth AS including Chemistry plus one from Biology, Maths, Physics Or A*AA including Chemistry and either Maths/Physics and AS level Biology Grade B

IB - 36 points. 6,6,6 at Higher Level including Chemistry and Biology

GCSEs - Maths Grade 4 and either Physics Grade 4 or Double Science 4,4

Personal Statement

Is not scored but applicant's statements must explicitly state they are interested in a career in Dentistry along with evidence of commitment and motivation for the profession.

Admissions test: UCAT

Interview method: MMI

Admissions Statistics 2020

Number of applications made	519
Number of applicant interviewed	303
Number of offers given out	138
% of applicants who received an offer	26.5%
Chance of receiving offer post-interview	45.4%

University of Birmingham

In the first year students will learn the foundations for clinical practice via a range of biological science modules. Alongside, these modules students will have early patient contact. Teaching is done through enquiry based learning (EBL). The second year builds on the first where there are more biological science modules.

Students will also undertake further sessions alongside senior students, assisting them during their patient care. From the third year students will begin to treat their own patients under supervision within the dental hospital and start to put into practice the skills and knowledge developed in the early years. In the fourth year, students will be introduced to two new specialties: paediatric dentistry and oral medicine. Finally, in the final year students focus on whole patient care and lectures prepare the students for practice once students have qualified.

Selection Criteria

Academic excellence is only one criteria in Birmingham's selection process. They want you to show that you're highly motivated towards a career in dentistry and possess the qualities required of a dentist.

Applicants will be required to declare their commitment, involvement and understanding of the need to work for the benefit of others in the wider community. Applicants must also demonstrate an understanding of empathy when dealing with different members of society. During Birmingham's selection for interview they look at:

- Academic achievement (GCSEs/A-Levels)
- Personal statement
- UCAT score (SJT isn't scored, however, applicants are ranked and divided into quartiles. Applicants in the bottom quartile are rejected and the others are considered for interview).

Subject Requirements

A-Levels - AAA to include Chemistry and Biology.

GCSEs - Grade 7 or above in Mathematics, English Language or Literature and a Grade 8 in Biology or Chemistry or Double Science. For applicants who took their GCSEs in 2020 and were unable to sit their examinations, we will accept up to 2 grade drops in one of the above subjects and grades, or one grade drop in two of the above subjects and grades.



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It is used by Birmingham to invite applicants to interview based on their work experience, voluntary placement and extra-curricular activities.

Admissions test: UCAT

Interview method: MMI

Admissions Statistics 2021

The number of applications	699
The number of applicants invited to interview	300
The number of offers made	177
% of applicants who received an offer	25.3%
Chance of receiving an offer post-interview	59.0%
Average UCAT obtained by applicants interviewed	2568
Average UCAT obtained by offer holders	2721

University of Bristol

Bristol's degrees consist of clinical activity with integrated scientific and technical teaching. With a strong core of clinical work throughout theory, science, clinical skills, teamwork and personal and professional development integrated throughout. Clinical environment is introduced in Year 1 through peer group activities and observations. Clinical skills training and patient contact commence early in Year 2. It is possible later in the course to intercalate.



Selection Criteria

From 2022 entry, applicants that meet all the minimum entry requirements will be selected for interview purely on their UCAT score. For 2023 entry, the final UCAT threshold score to be invited to interview was 2850 for home applicants and 2820 for International applicants. The SJT is not used to select applicants for an interview.

Subject Requirements

A-Levels - AAA including Chemistry and one of Biology, Physics or Mathematics.

IB - 36 points overall with 18 at HL, including 6, 6 at HL in Chemistry and one of Biology, Physics or Mathematics.

GCSEs - Grade 7 in Mathematics and Grade 4 in English Language

Personal Statement

It may be used to differentiate applicants in a tie-breaker situation. Bristol would look at evidence of work experience, motivation, understanding of dentistry, team work, contribution to society and non-academic achievements

Admissions test: UCAT

Interview method: MMI

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Admissions Statistics 2021

The number of applications	943
The number of applicants invited to interview	Not known
The number of offers made	141
% of applicants who received an offer	14.9%
Chance of receiving an offer post-interview	Not known
Average UCAT obtained by applicants interviewed	2660

To secure an offer for 2021 entry you needed to score 232 out of 300 as a Home applicant.

University of Cardiff

Cardiff offers an integrated course where students will learn scientific and pathological processes and how to manage patients effectively. In year one students will spend one day a week at the Dental School and the rest at the School of Biosciences. In Year two to five, students will be based in the School of Dentistry. In the fourth and fifth year, students will spend time away from the Dental School in a primary care setting for a period of around five weeks. Students are given early clinical exposure and have the opportunity to learn in a refurbished £2.2 million simulation suite.



Selection Criteria

If you meet the minimum entry requirements at GCSEs and A-Level, your application will be given an academic score. If you are applying for the BDS programme, your overall score will also include the UCAT. The highest scoring applicants are invited to interview.

Subject Requirements

A-Levels - AAA to include Biology and Chemistry.

IB - 36 points or 666 in 3HL subjects that must include Biology and Chemistry

GCSEs - six GCSEs including Grade 7 in Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

Personal Statement

It is scored as Cardiff combines academic achievement, the personal statement, reference and UCAT to provide a score/ranking to invite applicants to interview.

Admissions test: UCAT

Interview method: MMI

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Admissions Statistics 2022

The number of applications	1421
The number of applicants invited to interview	285
The number of offers made	74
% of applicants who received an offer	5.2%
Chance of receiving an offer post-interview	25.9%

UCAT Scores of those interviewed for 2022 entry

Average	2640
Median	2630
Lowest	2190
Lowest score with no contextual flags	2190

GCSEs & A-Level Results of applicants and offer-holders for 2021 entry

Average number of Grade 8/9 or A* of applicants	3.99
Average number of Grade 8/9 or A* of offer holders	5.47
Average number of A* at A-Level (Predicted or Achieved) of applicants	0.50
Average number of A* at A-Level (Predicted or Achieved) of offer holders	0.86
Cardiff's internal cut-off score for invite to interview (2022 entry)	41

University of Dundee

Dundee's curriculum begins by focusing on the fundamentals of the sciences that underpin dentistry and how they apply clinically. By the end of year one students will begin to meet patients and prepare for starting simple clinical dental procedures in year two. Students have the opportunity to take part in research projects through summer internships and participate in the Dental Wiki projects. In the annual Discovery Week students will be able to explore a topic of their own choice or build on this through an elective study that includes travelling to see dentistry in a different culture.

Selection Criteria

Dundee assess applicants on the basis of their academic achievement including GCSEs, predicted grades and UCAT score.

- For school leavers there's a 60:40 split between academic achievement and UCAT
- For graduate applicants, there's a 40:60 split between academic achievement and UCAT.

Subject Requirements

A-Levels - AAA including Biology and Chemistry

IB - 37 points including 6,6,6 at Higher Level to include Biology and Chemistry

GCSEs - They require Biology and Chemistry at Grade 7 and English, Mathematics and another subject at Grade 6.

Personal Statement

Not scored but it's discussed at the interview.

Admissions test: UCAT

Interview method: MMI

For 2021 entry, there was no offers for intake for 2021 entry due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

- 224 applicants
- 54 applicants invited to interview
- The number of offers given out is not known and



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Admissions Statistics 2020 - Rest of UK

The number of applications	165
The number of applicants invited to interview	78
The number of offers made	35
The number of acceptances	8
% of applicants who received an offer	47.3%
Chance of receiving an offer post-interview	44.8%

UCAT Scores of those interviewed for 2021 entry.

Average	2590
Median	2575
Lowest	2120
Lowest with no contextual flags	2120

Average number of A-Level A* Grades of applicants invited to interview 2020 entry

	Interviews	Offers
Average number of A* Grades	1.2x A*	1.4x A*

Lowest combination of UCAT score and number of A-Level A* grades of applicants invited to interview 2020 entry

	Interviews	Offers
UCAT Score	2060	2360
Lowest no. of A* Grades	0 x A*	0 x A*

University of Glasgow

In Year 1, students will be introduced to all aspects of clinical dentistry, supported by the teaching of clinical medicine, patient management, health promotion and biomedical sciences. In Year 2, students are introduced to the theory and practice that form the clinical basis of dentistry. In addition to this, students will begin the management and treatment of patients. In third year, students explain their skills in all aspects of restorative dentistry and will carry out their first extraction as well as attend outreach placements in paediatric dentistry. In the fourth year, students will continue to develop their clinical skills. At the end of the year students are required to undertake a period of elective study of around four weeks. In the final year students will spend half their time in the Dental student and half working in a community outreach centre.

Selection Criteria

Applicants who meet the UCAT threshold will be invited to interview.

- This was 2570 for Home (Scottish Applicants) in 2022 and 2600 in 2021
- This was 2690 for Rest of UK - RUK in 2022 and 2600 in 2021
- This was 2880 for International students in 2022 and 2600 in 2021

https://www.gla.ac.uk/media/Media_882467_smxx.pdf

Subject Requirements

A-Levels - AAA including Biology and Chemistry

IB - 36 points (6, 6, 6 at HL) Chemistry and Biology at Higher Level, Maths/Physics at HL.

GCSEs - Chemistry and Biology at Grade 7. Six GCSE subjects at Grade 7 including Maths, Physics, English Language and Literature.

Personal Statement

It is used in selection.

Admissions test: UCAT

Interview method: MMI



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Admissions Statistics 2022 (RUK)

The number of applications	139
The number of applicants invited to interview	36
The number of offers made	10
The number of acceptances	5
% of applicants who recieved an offer	7.2%
Chance of receiving an offer post-interview	27.7%

Note: Applicants from widening participation background, may be eligible for a 10% concession on their UCAT score.

King's College London

King's offers an integrated course that has an emphasis on whole patient care. The course has three main components. The first consists of subjects relating to biomedical sciences. The second includes oral and dental aspects of the biological sciences, prevention and treatment of oral and dental diseases and disorders and the effects of systemic disease on oral and dental tissues. The third covers the clinical and technical aspects of dentistry with the provision of comprehensive oral and dental healthcare for patients of all ages.

Selection Criteria

Applicants are ranked based on GCSE performance, UCAT score and contextual information. UCAT has a 50% weighting and rank applicants to others in that application cycle; GCSEs has a 40% weighting where points are awarded on number of Grade 8/9 and full points are gained with eight Grade 8 or 9's and Contextual Factors gives a 10% weighting.

King's then reviews the rest of the application including achieved/predicted grades, personal statement and reference.

Subject Requirements

A-Levels - A*AA with an A in Biology or Chemistry

IB - 35 points including 766 at HL. Must include grade 6 in HL Chemistry or Biology.

GCSEs - English Language and Mathematics at Grade 6.

Personal Statement

Is assessed to determine whether the applicant shows sufficient

Admissions test: UCAT

Interview method: MMI



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Admissions Statistics 2021 (UK)

Number of applications made	632
Number of applicant interviewed	371
Number of offers given out	162
% of applicants who received an offer	25.6%
Chance of receiving offer post-interview	43.6%

The average UCAT of those given an interview	2720
The median UCAT of those given an interview	2700
The lowest UCAT of those given an interview that wasn't contextual	2450

University of Leeds

Leeds offers the only joint Master and Bachelor dentistry degree in the UK. Their MChD/BChD course integrates clinical dentistry, science and personal development. Students will gain early clinical exposure from Year 1 and experience a range of settings throughout the course. Students can also undertake a four-week local or international placement at the end of their fourth year.

Selection Criteria

1. Evaluation of academic entrance requirements
2. Assessment of application, taking into account academic and non-academic criteria, including UCAT results
3. Interview, made up of multiple mini interview (MMIs)
4. Offer

UCAT

All applicants for Dentistry will be required to take UCAT for 2024 entry onwards.

Subject Requirements

A-Levels - AAA

IB - 35 points including at least a Grade 6 in Higher Chemistry and Biology and a further Higher at Grade 6.

GCSEs - A minimum of 6 GCSEs at Grade 6 and above, including Chemistry, Biology, English Language and Maths.

Personal Statement

Plays a role in the selection process as it's reviewed to assess the applicant's interest in the course as well as the reference.

Admissions test: BMAT

Interview method: MMI



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Admissions Statistics 2020 & 2021

	Applications	Interviews carried out	Offers	% Success Rate	Chance of receiving an offer post-interview
Dentistry 2020 entry	551	Not held	115	20.8%	Unknown
Dentistry 2021 entry	436	284	118	27.1%	41.5%

University of Liverpool

Liverpool have designed their programme to facilitate the development of real-world clinical, team-working, and leadership skills. The course shares a three year collaborative learning core (CLC) with dental therapy students, where learning and collaborating in teams builds mutual respect and understanding of the varied roles of the dental team. The remaining two years of the programme will prepare students to undertake the scope of practice of a Dentist. Clinical experience commences in first year and is underpinned by aligned medical and anatomical knowledge; communication skills; professionalism; ethics and clinical safety. Liverpool has world-class facilities with learning suites that feature simulation and interactive technology, including 160 clinical dental chairs, a dental hospital and a £7 million research facility.



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Selection Criteria

- Factors that are assessed on an application form include:
- Academic attainments, to ensure that they meet the minimum entry criteria.
- Predicted grades for examinations/degrees still to be taken or awarded and only those applicants.
- References should be clearly supportive and preferably indicate that the applicant has the necessary attributes for the chosen career. An academic reference should be supplied whenever possible.
- Liverpool does not have a UCAT cut-off score however it is unlikely that they would consider an applicant that was placed in Band 4.

Subject Requirements

A-Levels - AAA to include Chemistry and Biology

IB - 36 points with a Grade 6 in HL Chemistry and Biology

GCSEs - A minimum of 8 GCSEs to include at least 5 subjects at Grade 7 and 3 subjects at least at Grade 6. Grade 6 or above achieved in English Language, Maths and Science.

Personal Statement

Doesn't form part of the assessment to receive an interview invite but it's used to support the candidate through the interview process. The personal statement doesn't form part of the scoring at the interview.

Admissions test: UCAT

Interview method: MMI

Admissions Statistics 2021

The number of applications	958
The number of applicants invited to interview	390
The number of offers made	99
% of applicants who received an offer	10.3%
Chance of receiving an offer post-interview	25.3%

The average UCAT of those interviewed	2610
The median UCAT of those interviewed	2600
The lowest UCAT of those interviewed (not contextual)	2160
Average SJT Band of those interviewed	Band 2

An applicant's UCAT score (including SJT) is considered along with the Personal Statement. It's therefore dependent on the strength of this whole section of the UCAS form as to whether an applicant will progress to interview. A slightly lower than expected UCAT score could be compensated for by a strong Personal Statement (although a score of Band 4 in SJT would not be deemed a competitive enough score for the applicant to be considered for the BDS programme). There isn't an 'average' UCAT score or cut-off score for applicants interviewed.

University of Manchester

Manchester prepares students through enquiry-based learning (EBL) teaching a combination of clinical study and basic and advanced dental sciences. Once students have mastered basic competencies in the University's skills facilities, students will move on to treating patients in both the University Dental Hospital of Manchester and local outreach clinics early in the course. Students will have early clinical experience from the first term of Year 1. Students learn alongside students and professionals from a range of backgrounds, including those training in complementary professions such as dental nursing and therapy.

Selection Criteria

Applicants are first screened according to whether or not they meet the standard academic requirements. Those applications that do not meet the appropriate academic criteria will not progress to the next phase of the screen process.

Applicants will firstly be ranked according to their overall UCAT score, and then Academic Lead for Admissions will begin to assess the applications by taking into account other information.

The primary data taken into account for the holistic assessment includes:

- Academic achievement, including: qualifications that have gone above and beyond the minimum academic entry criteria.
- Qualifications that are both pending (with the predicted grade) and achieved.
- Overall UCAT score and Situational Judgement Test Band.
- Contextual data flags.

While the Non-Academic Information Form or Personal Statement does not form a part of the primary data we use, we do reserve the right to take this into account at any point during the application process.

Please note that we do not consider applicants who achieve band 4 in the Situational Judgement Test (SJT) element of the UCAT. Applicants with a SJT band 3 are welcome to apply. However, we will prioritise applicants who are in bands 1 and 2.

Applicants who achieved an overall UCAT score that exceeded 2800 for standard applicants and 2660 for 2022 entry were automatically invited to interview.



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Subject Requirements

A-Levels - AAA including Biology and Chemistry

IB - 37 points with at least 766 at Higher Level. This should include Chemistry and Biology at a higher level.

GCSEs - we require at least seven GCSEs at grade A (7) or A* (8+); English Language, Mathematics and at least two science subjects are required at GCSE minimum grade B (6)

Personal Statement

Manchester reserves the right to take the personal statement or non-academic information form into account during any point during the application process.

Admissions test: UCAT

Interview method: MMI

Admissions Statistics 2022

The number of applications	869
The number of applicants invited to interview	306
The number of offers made	Not known
% of applicants who received an offer	Not known
Chance of receiving an offer post-interview	Not known

The mean UCAT of those interviewed that applied	2537
The mean UCAT of those given an interview	2746

University of Newcastle



Newcastle splits their course up into stages. In stage one and two students will learn the basic biomedical sciences as a basis for clinical work. Students will also see patients in clinics in the Dental Hospital while shadowing senior students. Towards the end of stage two, students will learn to complete simple procedures in preparation for taking responsibility for their own patients in Stage three. By the end of stage four, students will spend half their time on patient care and clinical dental practice, with supporting clinical-related teaching.

Selection Criteria

Newcastle uses UCAT score, predicted grades and the contents of an applicant's personal statement to invite applicants to interview. Applicants as long as they meet the UCAT cut-off their UCAT score doesn't matter.

Year	UCAT cut-off
2022	2690
2021	2740
2020	2560
2019	2548

Subject Requirements

A-Levels - AAA including Chemistry and Biology

IB - 37 points with Chemistry and Biology at Grade 6 or above at Higher Level.

GCSEs - No requirements

Personal Statement

Read but not scored it's used in the initial screening process for interview, assessing an applicant's insight and commitment to Dentistry.

Admissions test: UCAT

Interview method: Panel/Traditional (for home)

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Admissions Statistics 2022

The number of applications	857
The number of applicants invited to interview	256
The number of offers made	104
% of applicants who recieved an offer	12.1%
Chance of receiving an offer post-interview	40.6%

University of Plymouth



Plymouth’s students start year 1 working in small, integrated study groups where they will learn the core scientific foundations of dentistry in a clinical context. In year 2 students build on the foundations with common dental problems, as well as learn disease mechanisms in greater depth. From Year 3 there is greater self-directed learning as students prepare for project assignments. Twice a week students will go to the Exeter clinic to build upon existing skills and consolidate advanced procedures provided for patients. In Year 4, students will live in Truro for the whole academic year and clinical activity will expand to three days a week. In the final year, there is an emphasis on the implementation and consolidation of skills and abilities learned in previous years and is the final preparation for dental practice.

Selection Criteria

Applicants are considered for interviews based on relevant academic qualifications alone. Plymouth doesn’t consider personal statements or work experience when selecting for an interview.

The Admissions Advisory Panel considers many factors when choosing who will be invited to attend an interview, including the number of places available on the course and the number of applications received, alongside the academic profiles of all of our applicants focusing on A-Levels, GCSE grades and UCAT score. UCAT Cut-off for International students was 2570 for 2023 entry.

UCAT Cutoff

Year	UCAT cut-off
2023	2650
2022	2510
2021	2290
2020	2280

Subject Requirements

A-Levels - A*AA-AAA

IB - 36-38 points including a Grade 6 in Biology and a Grade 6 in another science at HL (666).

GCSEs - applicants need to achieve 7 GCSE passes (grade 4 or higher) which must include English Language, Mathematics and two science subjects.

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Personal Statement

Doesn't assess the personal statement or work experience when selecting for an interview.

Admissions test: UCAT

Interview method: MMI

Admissions Statistics 2021

The number of applications	886
The number of applicants invited to interview	370
The number of offers made	179
% of applicants who received an offer	20.2%
Chance of receiving an offer post-interview	48.3%

University of Sheffield



Sheffield's course is divided into nine integrated themes. Throughout the course Sheffield aims to teach their students theory alongside clinical practice so they'll develop an understanding of dental science and its clinical application. Students will learn the value of evidence-based dentistry and how to apply it to clinical practice.

Selection Criteria

Sheffield invites applicants to interview based on a holistic approach. This includes the assessment of academics (UCAT, GCSEs & A-Levels), applicants' insight into Dentistry (via Personal Statement) and an applicant's personal qualities. In addition to this students must achieve a total score that is average or above to be considered for an interview. Applicant's SJT must fall into Band 1, 2 or 3. Sheffield prioritise applicants that fall into bands 1 and 2.

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UCAT (Median) Invited to Non-Contextual Interview

Year	UCAT median
2021	2730
2020	2650
2019	2630

Average A* GCSE (9s/8s) Non-Contextual Interview

Year	Average A*
2021	4.9
2020	5.0
2019	5.2

Average A* (A-Level Predictions) Non-Contextual Interview

Year	Average A*
2021	1.4
2020	1.3
2019	1.2

Subject Requirements

A-Levels - AAA including Chemistry or Biology and another Science taken in one sitting

IB - 36 points with 6s in Higher Level subjects including Chemistry or Biology and another Science subject. No less than 4 in Standard Level

GCSEs - Five GCSEs at Grade 7+. Minimum Grade 6 in English Language, Maths and Science. Resits accepted.

Personal Statement

Forms part of the initial screening process for the interview. It assesses an applicant's exploration in a career in dentistry and their values.

Admissions test: UCAT

Interview method: MMI

Admissions Statistics 2022

The number of applications	915
The number of applicants invited to interview	307
The number of offers made	118
% of applicants who received an offer	12.9%
Chance of receiving an offer post-interview	33.5%

Subject Requirements

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