

Access to Medicine for Mature Students

via the University Diploma of Continuing Education in Access to Science, Engineering, Agriculture & Medicine (SEAM⁺) – SCU4

The purpose of this pathway is to provide an access route to those who have not yet had the opportunity to attend university. Those who have successfully completed a QQI Level 8 degree will not be considered. Those with a QQI Level 7 degree, who have no progression route to obtain a level 8 may be considered.

Admission is competitive and is based on academic merit.¹ Places will be allocated on a competitive basis.²

The following sets out the **minimum** requirements for the reserved two places on the Undergraduate Medical Degree Programme in UCD.

1. Minimum GPA of 3.08 on completion of the Access course.
2. Minimum of A- in the Introduction to Chemistry, Physics & Biology module
3. Applicants will be required to submit a learning journal and obtain an expected HPAT Ireland score of 150. The score from HPAT-Ireland can be used for admission to an undergraduate medicine course commencing in the same year ONLY.
4. Applicants will be invited to submit a 750-word Learning journal which will document their reflections on their learning. It will explore the applicant's understanding, perception, and ideas about their progression route to medicine. As part of the reflective journal applicants will be encouraged to identify, locate, and interpret relevant information and resources to inform their understanding about the consequences and implications of full-time study on a six-year undergraduate medical degree programme.

How the places will be allocated

Admission will be competitive and will be based on academic merit (any canvassing on this point, or failure to mention a previous degree, of any level, will automatically disqualify the applicant from the medicine programme in UCD on a permanent basis.). Places will be allocated on a competitive basis (where two or more applicants have the same score then random selection will be applied and the School also reserves the right to interview candidates if necessary). There is a maximum of two places available on the medical programme.

All applicants meeting the minimum requirements set out above will then be ranked based on a total score which is weighted as:

- GPA (50%)
- HPAT (30%)
- Learning Journal (20%)

Recognition for Prior Learning will be given to those accepted onto the medical degree programme against their elective options only, and not to be used in lieu of a Core Module.

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