



# Graduate Entry Medicine, MBBCH

[Medicine \(Graduate Entry\), MBBCH - Swansea University](#)

<b>Duration:</b> 4 years full-time <b>Tuition Fees:</b> Year 1 £43,850 (September 2024) <i>Please note that tuition fees are subject to an increase of 3% each year. <a href="#">Info here</a></i>	<b>Entry Points:</b> September ( <b>In person only</b> )
<b>Entry Requirements: see below</b> ( <a href="#">Check Equivalencies for your Country</a> )	
<b>English Language Requirement:</b> IELTS 7.0 with no less than 7.0 in speaking and 6.5 in all other components (or Swansea University recognised equivalents) <a href="#">Check Swansea University Approved Tests and Qualifications here</a>	

*Suitable entry requirements as guidance – eligibility can only be confirmed once a full application has been received and reviewed.*

## Important things to note:

- This programme is accredited by the General Medical Council UK (GMC).
- Ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in the UK for Medicine (Guardian 2024), 1<sup>st</sup> for Graduate Prospects and 8<sup>th</sup> for Research and Teaching Quality (Times 2023).
- There are 10 - 12 places each year for international students.
- Requires a first undergraduate degree at UK 2:1 or above. Students who have completed one of the Swansea University's Undergraduate Pathways to Medicine degrees will have the opportunity to secure a guaranteed interview on this program providing that they meet the minimum entry requirements at the time of applying. Further info here: [Pathways to Medicine - Swansea University](#)

## Entry Requirements:

- 2:1 undergraduate degree in any subject, or
- Merit in an integrated master's degree in any subject, or
- 2:2 undergraduate degree AND a Pass in postgraduate higher degree (Masters or PhD) in any subject
- Admissions Tests – GAMSAT or MCAT, results must be from a sitting within two years of application i.e. if test taken in March 2023, student can apply for September 2024 and 2025.

***All applicants MUST have sat the GAMSAT or MCAT test prior to submitting an application, we are unable to consider any application that does not have either a valid admissions test score or proof that an applicant has taken the test and is waiting for their results.***

GAMSAT – minimum acceptable score is overall 50, with a minimum of 50 in paper III (Reasoning in Biological and Physical Sciences).

MCAT – minimum acceptable MCAT score is 500.

**Cut-off score for interview is determined annually, for September 2023 the cut-off score for GAMSAT was 61, and MCAT about 506. This is not determined until all applications for the cycle has been reviewed.**

## Interview Process

- Around 50 – 60 international applicants are invited to virtually conducted interviews.
- You will participate in two separate 20-minute face to face stations, conducted by pairs of selectors taken from our trained panel of clinicians, academics, medical students, and members of the public. The stations may take the form of interviews, presentations, or role play scenarios.

## What is this programme about?

- Graduate Entry Medicine is a unique 4-year programme in Wales, and each year is mapped onto UK GMC's outcome for Graduates where three modules reflect the outcome areas: Scholar and Scientist, Practitioner, and Professional.



- The Case Based Learning, Spiral curriculum means that each year topics are revisited at a more advanced level for building advanced knowledge.
- Students will study the basic biomedical sciences in the context of clinical medicine, public health, pathology, therapeutics, ethics and psycho-social issues in patient management.
- Students will experience a structure involving high level clinical contact throughout students' studies in wide variety of areas.

**Example modules/ placements within the Programme:**

<p><b>Phase I</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learning Weeks (Case based, includes Integrated Clinical Method)</li> <li>• Community-Based Learning (CBL) in General Practice for one day every fourth or fifth week</li> <li>• LOCS - Learning Opportunities in the Clinical Setting</li> <li>• LORS – Learning Opportunities in a Research Setting</li> <li>• Early Apprenticeships (1-3)</li> </ul> <p><b>Phase II</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Case of the Week (Case Based Learning Weeks)</li> <li>• Clinical Apprenticeships and Assistantships (Medicine, Surgery and Primary Care) (4-8) including 8 weeks in CBL</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specialty Attachments– Eight 5 Week placements in Medicine (at Singleton, Morriston and Prince Phillip Hospitals), Acute Surgery, Women’s Health, Child Health, Mental Health, Sub-Specialities of Medicine and Surgery, and Frailty. These include Integrated Clinical Method and simulation.</li> <li>• Elective in Year 4 (5 Week Clinical Placement mostly taken overseas)</li> <li>• Senior Assistantship/Shadowing period at end of Year 4 (5 Week Clinical Placement where students “shadow” F1 doctors in their allocated post in Wales or join the all-Wales ‘shadow’ programme)</li> </ul>
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**After graduation:**

On completion of the course, students will graduate with an MBChB Medicine from Swansea University, allowing them to apply progress to Foundation 1 within a clinical environment.

All Medical graduates must undertake and complete an integrated two-year programme of general training ([UK Foundation Programme](#)), in order to practice as a doctor in the UK. This programme acts as a bridge between medical training programme and speciality and general practice training.

**Students studying at Swansea University in the final year of the Graduate Entry Medicine programme will be applying for the UK Foundation Programme.**

Doctors in training will earn a basic salary. In Foundation Training basic salary is at approximately £29, 384 to £34,012 (from 1 April 2022) [Doctors | Health Careers](#)

Advice from the British Medical Association [Medical training pathway \(bma.org.uk\)](#)