Internal Biomedical Sciences Transfer Route - 2027 Entry

Information for Newcastle University Bioscience and Biomolecular Sciences students who may be considering applying to Medicine via the internal transfer route.

Each year the Medical School will consider applications for transfer to start Stage 1 of the MBBS course from students registered, and who complete, Stage 1 of an undergraduate Biomedical and Biomolecular Sciences degree programme offered by the School of Biomedical, Nutritional and Sport Sciences at Newcastle University.

There is a limited number of places available, and this route of entry is highly competitive. It is anticipated that there will be up to 7 places available. Candidates must meet the entry criteria, before being made an offer. As such it may be possible that not all available places will be filled.

To be eligible for competitive entry to Stage 1 of the MBBS course, applicants must be registered in Stage 1 of a Biomedical and Biomolecular Science degree programme offered by the Faculty of Medical Sciences at Newcastle University.

Please note that students on the BSc Sports and Exercise Science, BSc Human Nutrition, BSc Nutrition with Food Marketing, BSc Psychology and Nutrition (including programmes with Placement), and Dietetics MDiet Honours are NOT eligible for this transfer route.

Only one application will be considered. If you wish to apply to the MBBS course through the Biomedical Sciences Internal Transfer Route, we will not consider a UCAS application from you in the same admissions cycle.

Students studying a Biomedical and Biomolecular Sciences programme will have the opportunity to attend an information session about the requirements for the transfer route of entry on Wednesday 25th November 2026, 1100 – 1200.

Entry Requirements

Any student wishing to apply for a place on the MBBS degree programme must be in good academic standing and should fulfil the following academic requirements:

- A minimum average mark of 70% across all Stage 1 modules.
- No less than 65% for any one module.
- Provide evidence of their UCAT score:
    - Please note, we do not accept SJT Band 4.

- UCAT scores must be achieved within two years of commencing Stage 1 of a Biomedical and Biomolecular Sciences degree programme.

This information must be made available to the Medical Student Office at the time of the application.

Extenuating Circumstances and PEC Policy:

Please note that as part of the admissions process, the MBBS selectors cannot consider extenuating circumstances which may have affected performance. Any extenuating circumstances must be raised in a timely fashion through the appropriate process in the School of Biomedical, Nutritional and Sport Sciences.

Students who have an approved PEC to defer either their Semester 1 or Semester 2 exams may be offered an interview if they achieve a sufficiently high ranking by academic performance. If their performance at interview meets the threshold for an offer of a place on the MBBS programme, the offer would be dependent on the student achieving a minimum average Stage 1 mark of 70% across all Stage 1 modules and no less than 65% for any one module by the end of the academic year.

Information on the application process:

1. Applications must be made by submitting the Biomedical Sciences Transfer Application form.
2. The closing date for applications will be in late June 2027 (there will be at least 1 weeks' notice between receiving results to the deadline for submission of the application form)
3. All applications will be screened to ensure that they meet the academic threshold of 70% average mark across all Stage 1 modules, with no module with a mark less than 65%.
4. Applications will be ranked according to their academic performance at Stage 1.
5. Applicants who achieve the highest ranking will be offered an interview; thus the threshold may vary each year.
6. When invited to interview, applicants will be required to sign a declaration about their health status and any reprimands, cautions or convictions.
7. Interviews will be held before the end of July 2026 in a panel format.
8. The interview panel will consist of two admissions selectors.
9. Each candidate's performance at interview will be scored by both selectors independently, using the following competencies:
    - Empathy and self-awareness
    - Compatibility with the MBBS programme
    - Motivation and commitment to become a doctor

- Teamwork including leadership
- Persistence and Resilience
- Integrity
- Communication

Offers:

Offers will be made to candidates with the highest interview scores.

In the event of multiple candidates being tied on the same score, and insufficient places being available to make all candidates an offer, candidates will be ranked based on their academic achievements during Stage 1 to determine who will be offered a place.

A limited shortlist of reserve candidates may be drawn up after the interviews. Reserve candidates may be offered a place in the event of other candidates withdrawing or subsequent places becoming available.

Feedback on this internal transfer route will not be available.