

Guide to study in the UK

Medicine, Dentistry and allied subjects

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Foreword

Greetings from the British Council!

I am delighted to present the British Council Studying Medicine, Dentistry and Allied Subjects in the UK e-guide for students from South Asia who are interested in studying these courses in the UK.

The United Kingdom offers you a worldleading education system, with accredited UK qualifications that can make a real difference to your career. With an outstanding reputation for research and higher education, UK universities and colleges attract the world's leading academics and industry professionals. Studying in the UK will also give you the unique opportunity to experience a new and vibrant culture, network with students and professionals from all over the world and gain valuable skills to help further your professional development.

The UK is the ideal place to start, if you want to study Medicine, Dentistry and allied subjects. You will have access to world-class universities with the best medical minds and have access to state-of-the-art medical equipment. You will have a chance to practice in a real-world healthcare environment and your skills and experience will help you in your career ahead.

UK Universities have been at the forefront of global efforts to understand the COVID-19, protect our communities and develop vaccines, with Oxford University's Astra Zeneca vaccine being administered to millions worldwide. How exciting to be at the centre of world changing research that save lives!

The UK Government has also announced the Graduate Route which will enable international students to remain in the UK for two years (three years for PhD graduates) after they have completed their degrees.



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This publication will help you understand more about studying Medicine, Dentistry and Allied subjects in the UK, how these subjects are taught and careers to pursue, and how the application process for medicine can be different. This publication also has useful information around student visas and the alumni profiles will give you an idea on how to approach your studies in the UK.

Do remember that there are thousands of degrees and <u>courses</u> in medicine, dentistry and allied subjects available across many UK universities and colleges. Find out <u>here.</u>

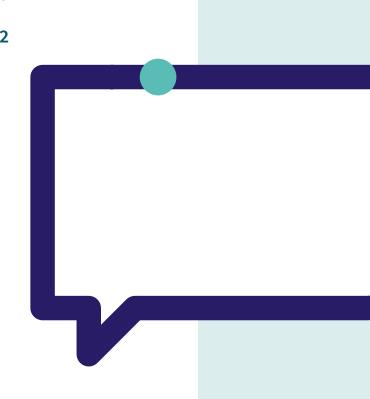
In the academic year 2019-20, there were over 67,000 students from South Asia studying in the UK, where the outstanding contribution that students from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Nepal make to the international student community is greatly valued and celebrated.

I hope this information will give you the confidence and knowledge you need to pursue your dream career in the UK. Please reach out to your local British Council office for any queries or support.

Good Luck!

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Why Study in the UK?

The UK is a unique and perfect choice for any international student. Only the UK can offer:

- a welcoming and inclusive way of life
- a rich and historical culture
- exceptional academic standards
- two of the world's top three universities
- a further 26 of our universities and colleges are among the world's 200 best institutions for learning
- one of the most trusted and popular study destinations in the entire world
- in 2019–20, over 556,000 international students both undergraduates and postgraduates chose to study in the UK over other countries.

A UK education opens doors, wherever you go in the world.

From our world-recognised universities to our innovative teaching approach and the leading minds who deliver it the UK has been the preferred choice for some of the most important minds in history. One in four world leaders have studied in the UK, so if you're dreaming of achieving big things, you can be sure the UK is the right place to achieve them.

The UK's academic reputation is worldrenown. Built on a heritage that is now centuries old, our approach to education applies the very latest learning theory through universities that routinely top international tables. Our innovative teaching methods produce successful, versatile graduates who are sought-after by employers around the world.

World-ranked universities

UK universities have featured remarkably in world rankings ever since they began.

In 2018 the <u>Times Higher Education World</u> <u>Rankings</u> honoured us with three of the world's top ten universities, including the top two – the <u>University of Oxford</u> and the <u>University of Cambridge</u>. This high quality can be found right across the country, with seven in the top 50 and 32 in the top 200 universities.

Quality that's government-guaranteed

The UK's 162 higher education institutions are all held to strict standards by the government, so you know you are getting the best teaching, support and resources available.

<u>The Register of Regulated Qualifications</u> contains details of Recognised Awarding Organisations and Regulated Qualifications in England (Ofqual), Wales (Welsh Government) and Northern Ireland (Ofqual for vocational qualifications and CCEA Accreditation for all other qualifications). For Scottish qualifications, please <u>click here.</u>

Innovative teaching methods

Our universities combine traditional lectures with a variety of innovative teaching techniques, designed to encourage independent thinking, problem-solving skills and self-motivation. You will be working in small groups solving real-life problems relevant to your future career.

You will have access to leading technology, from state-of-the-art laboratories to interactive screens and online-learning.

You will have an opportunity to learn from the very best in your field: many teachers in UK universities are industry leaders in their field, and you will have one-to-one access to them where you will be able to learn from their vast experience. Our institutions also cultivate industry relationships, allowing you to get practical experience in your field within worldleading organisations, and make connections to give your career an edge.

Short, flexible courses

In the UK, flexibility is built into the majority of our courses. Many universities allow you to choose from different subject 'modules', so you can build a course programme that fits you best, specialising as you go for a perfectly tailored experience. Postgraduate courses in the UK are shorter than both the US and Australia, with many MBA's taking just one year. So you get better value for money and can begin applying your knowledge in the real world a lot sooner.

A new way of learning

Our educational system doesn't just immerse you in your chosen subject – it's designed to help you to think differently. Throughout your studies you'll be encouraged to ask questions, debate your teachers and fellow students, and come up with your own ideas through a blend of practical learning, lectures and seminars and innovative, high-tech teaching. Behind our courses and degrees are brilliant thinkers, some of the best minds in their fields who you can connect with.

The impact that their supportive inspiring teaching has is evident in the feedback we receive from our postgraduates. 93 per cent of international postgraduates rate the quality of UK teaching highly.





World-leading research

We're ranked second in the world for science and research and 54 per cent of our output is world- leading. Our fieldweighted citation impact is higher than the US, Canada, Germany, Japan and Brazil, so when you study here you can be sure you'll be working alongside some of the best minds – and using some of the best technology- in the world.

Health and safety

The UK is a very safe country with low levels of crime and violence. Your university/institution will brief you about keeping safe and staff are always on hand to help ensure your safety. Community police officers and campus-based security staff will give you practical advice about personal safety. The UK's National Health Service (NHS) is one of the most advanced healthcare systems in the world. The NHS provides first-class treatment and support and you can access the NHS at a subsidised rate which is why international students do not need private medical insurance.

As part of your visa application, you will pay an Immigration Health Surcharge that allows you to use the NHS for most physical and mental illnesses, including emergency services and care for Covid.

Study Options

The academic year

In the UK, the standard academic year starts in September or October and runs until June or July.

Postgraduate courses often run from September to September, and there are other courses that are more flexible and offer a range of start dates.

Subjects and modules

Most higher education courses have a 'modular' structure. This means that you can build a personalised course by choosing modules or units of study from different subject areas. For example, if you are studying English literature, for your first year you could choose one module on Science fiction, one module on Children's literature, and one module on Short stories.

If you are interested in more than one subject, you may be able to study a combination as part of your course, e.g. English literature and psychology. You can often decide for yourself how much time you would like to spend on each subject. 'Joint' means the two subjects are studied equally, 'major/minor' means the time spent is usually 75 per cent/25 per cent.

Study modes

Most full-time undergraduate courses take three years to complete (typically four years in Scotland). Full-time postgraduate courses can be from one year upwards. Some degrees are available to study as accelerated courses taken over two years instead of three, so that you can gain your qualification even faster. Accelerated degrees have the same amount of modules as their three year options, allowing you to get even better value for money by getting the same course with a year less of living cost.

Part-time courses are normally taken over a longer period, so that you can work alongside your studies or learn at a more relaxed pace. If you need a visa to study in the UK, please check that your immigration status allows you to do a parttime course.

Undergraduate

UK universities have one of the most diverse subject offerings in the world.

You will be given the support and space you'll need to be imaginative, ambitious and to think differently. You will receive a prestigious education that is built on the most solid of historical foundations.





- Over 400 universities and higher education institutions to choose from.
- Locations from busy cities, to pastoral countryside settings, to beautiful coastal towns.
- Choose from our universities, higher education colleges and specialist institutions (such as world-famous art schools and award-winning conservatoires).

UK undergraduate course types include:

- bachelor's or undergraduate degrees (full-time)
- bachelor's or undergraduate degrees (part-time)
- shorter courses such as a foundation degree, Diploma of Higher Education, Higher National Diploma, and Certificate of Higher Education.

Postgraduate

- Postgraduate courses maintain the UK's exceptional academic standards.
- Often shorter than those in the US and Australia.
- Many take just one year to complete.
- Excellent value for money.
- You can begin applying your education to the real world sooner.

UK postgraduate course types include:

- master's degrees
- MBA courses
- PhDs or doctorates
- postgraduate diplomas and qualifications (these are usually shorter than a master's and do not involve a thesis or dissertation)
- professional and vocational qualifications.

Applying to medical school in the United Kingdom

An experience of a student from India

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Medicine is an exciting career with two days never being the same, where every patient is an individual and there is a chance to learn something new every day. If you are passionate about studying to become a doctor, you've come to the right place!

Applying to a medical school in the UK is quite different to other courses and it is important that you familiarise yourself with the application process well in advance to allow yourself enough time to submit your application. One of the key dates to keep in mind is the UCAS application deadline for medicine, which is in October - this is 3 months earlier than for other courses and it is important that you submit it on time.

It is important to remember that every medical school is different. This is true about both their selection process as well as how the course is taught. It is crucial that you spend some time going through this information on their website before deciding where to apply. Another key consideration is what standardized test your university uses to screen applicants. This could either be the UKCAT (United Kingdom Clinical Aptitude Test) or the BMAT (BioMedical Admissions Test). Each university has its own preference so it is important to read around what these tests are about and which ones you might have to sit.

You will also need to draft a personal statement. This is a written piece that explores why you want to study medicine, your achievements so far and why you are the right type of person for the course.

A good way to show your commitment to studying medicine is by undertaking some relevant work experience. This could involve shadowing a doctor at a hospital or clinic where you will have the opportunity to see first-hand the work-life of a doctor. Shadowing a doctor can be difficult to arrange and don't be disappointed if this is not possible. You can undertake work experience in any healthcare setting, and it can be with any member of a healthcare team - such as a nurse or paramedic.

Wherever you undertake your work experience it is important to include your experiences in your personal statement. Rather than just listing the activities you did, I would encourage you to also reflect on your experiences, you can write about a particularly thought-provoking episode and how it made you feel or what it made you realise. Once you have submitted your application and completed the UKCAT/BMAT, you must wait to see if your application has been shortlisted for an interview. This can often be an anxious time, but it is important to stay positive! There are several free online resources and books which can help prepare you for the interview.

If you are successful at your interview, the university will give you a conditional offer to study at their institute. This conditional offer will usually state a minimum score in your final school exams - each university's requirement can be found on their website.

If you get offered a place to study medicine in the UK – well done! If not, do not be disheartened and remember to never give up on your dreams, you can always work on your application and reapply the following year.

Finally, it is important not to get overwhelmed by the application process and to enjoy your journey to becoming a medical student and eventually, a fully qualified doctor. I wish you all the best of luck with your applications!



Studying Medicine, Dentistry and allied subjects in the UK

Courses, applications, requirements and employability

Medicine

Amazing medical careers. Made possible in the UK

If you're planning to study medicine, the UK is the ideal place to start. As well as giving you access to world-class universities, you'll be honing your specialism with the support of passionate teachers, and access to state-of-the-art medical equipment. And because you'll be doing it in the home of medical English, with the chance to practice in real-world healthcare settings, you can graduate feeling like the best possible you, ready to take your skills and experience anywhere.

Be at the forefront of research

If you want to learn from the best medical minds, the UK is an excellent choice. We have four of the world's top ten medicine universities here in the UK, but you'll find world-class teaching right across the country. Many of our university hospitals are pioneering treatments for some of the most pressing medical challenges facing the world today.

A unique medical heritage

Our universities have been helping to advance medical knowledge for centuries and we've led the world in new treatments and helping widen access to care. From conceiving the vaccine in 1798 to performing the world's first foetal ultrasound to developing the world's first fully articulated prosthetic hand in 2013, we're driven to make discoveries and inspire the next generation to do the same. It's why more than 22,000 medical students travel here from overseas to get knowledge and expertise they can use wherever they want to go.

Qualifications recognised around the world

Whatever your specialism, a medical qualification from the UK opens doors. Employers everywhere can feel confident that you have the language skills, research insights and high level of practical training you need to hit the ground running. You'll be exporting some of the latest discoveries to use in your role from day one, giving you the best possible headstart for success.

In the UK you can choose from:

- General Practice
- Anaesthetics
- Medicine
- Pathology
- Psychiatry
- Radiology
- Surgery

With over 60 specialisms on offer to international medical students within those areas, you'll also find you can adapt most of our degrees to suit the way you want to learn too. Modular course structures allow you to adapt your learning flexibly, to fit your interests and focus.

What your studies will cover

Even with so many ways to specialise and tailor your learning experience, your'e guaranteed certain things with every UK medicine degree.

Real-world Experience

When you study in the UK you don't have to wait till you graduate to discover what it's like caring for people in real clinical settings. Our students are able to take advantage of excellent relationships forged between universities and hospitals right across the UK, so you can put your theory and skills into practice much sooner, and ensure you feel ready the moment you leave.

The latest technology and insights

You will also get a taste of the latest medical equipment. Our labs and learning environments are cutting edge, and the technology you'll be training on will get you ready for the real thing, wherever you want to work. We're also at the forefront of medical research, and the minds behind that research will be guiding you through your learning from day one.

Medical English

All healthcare professionals need a strong grasp of medical English, and by studying in the UK you'll be immersed in the global language of care. As well as perfecting your grasp of this essential tool, both verbal and written, you'll be developing a bedside manner and communication skills that you'll rely on throughout your career.

Committed to innovative care

The UK has a unique reputation for medicine, and one of the most famous healthcare systems in the world. The National Health Service is 70 years old and its philosophy of free care for all is mark of national pride. A medical degree from the UK allows you to understand this integrated system first hand, whilst seeing how it connects with private practice and wider services, such as care for the elderly and mental health.

From our leading learning environments to our unique culture, studying medicine in the UK puts you at the leading edge of medical practice – ensuring you have the best possible start to your career, wherever you want to go.

Search for undergraduate medicine courses on <u>UCAS</u>

Search for postgraduate medicine courses on <u>Prospects</u>

Where can I study medicine?

You can find world-class medicine degrees in more than 30 universities across the UK, including four of the world's top ten: University of Oxford, Medical Sciences Division (second), University of Cambridge, School of Clinical Medicine (third), University College London Medical School (eighth) and Imperial College School of Medicine, London (tenth).

What is the application process?

Medicine is a highly competitive subject in the UK, but every year we welcome thousands of international students to study at our medical schools. Typically, universities require three As at A-level, including biology or chemistry, an International Baccalaureate of 38 and an IELTS score of 7.0 for undergraduate medicine degrees. Most medical degrees also use one of three admissions tests. While some universities use the <u>GAMSAT</u> or <u>BMAT</u> test, the majority of UK medical schools use <u>UKCAT</u> (UK Clinical Aptitude Test), which you must register for and sit before making a UCAS application.

How long does it take to graduate?

Medicine degrees in the UK normally last five years, though for some universities it can be six.

What is the course structure?

A big advantage of a UK medicine degree is the modular course structure, which allows you to refine your studies according to your interests as you learn. Before you begin to specialise, you'll learn all the basic medical sciences you need along with clinical training on wards. Close relationships between universities and hospitals across the UK allow you to put your theory and skills into practice sooner. After this, students who are staying to work in the UK undertake a twoyear foundation programme and are granted a provisional licence to practise. Full registration is awarded at the end of the first year.

Why is the UK a good choice for medicine?

The UK has a unique medical heritage. Our universities have been helping to advance medical knowledge for centuries and we've led the world in creating new treatments and widening access to care. We also have one of the most famous healthcare models in the world. The National Health Service is 70 years old. and you'll develop a strong working knowledge of the service, as well as how it integrates with private practice and the wider care system. The UK also offers inspirational expert teaching and the opportunity to get your hands on the latest medical equipment in our cuttingedge learning environments. All while being immersed in medical English – the global language of care.

Are there any scholarships for medicine?

As well as being one of the best places to study medicine in the world, the UK also offers lots of ways to make studying more accessible, including scholarships.

Outstanding students have several options available to them, from specific university scholarships to those offered by the UK government such as <u>Chevening</u> <u>Scholarships</u>. Visit the website of your chosen university to find out what scholarships you may be eligible for. You can also find out more about scholarships on the <u>Study UK website</u>.

What is UK medical research like?

The UK spends over £37.1 billion on research and development a year and is ranked fourth in the world for scientific research and second for life sciences research. We have a global reputation for research that changes lives – pioneering treatments for some of the most pressing medical challenges through diverse international collaborations.

What are my work options after I graduate?

A UK medicine degree opens doors – our graduates are among the most employable in the world. There are 60 specialisms on offer, and during your studies you'll be able to focus on one of the seven core medical fields: general practice, anaesthetics, medicine, pathology, psychiatry, radiology and surgery.

International students can apply to stay and work in the UK for two years after graduating through the <u>Graduate Route</u>.

To find out more about studying medicine in the UK and find a course, visit <u>Study UK.</u>





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Nursing

Great nursing careers start here

The UK has a unique history in medicine, and our universities have been helping to advance medical knowledge and nursing practice for centuries. So if you want a bright career in nursing that's truly ambitious and right at the cutting edge of care, the UK is the best possible place to get a head start.

A proud nursing heritage

We've been at the forefront of professional nursing since it was first conceived as a profession. In fact, we created the first professional nurses in the world, when Florence Nightingale opened a dedicated school of nursing at St Thomas' Hospital in London in 1860.

Today we set the standard, led by the century-old heritage of the Royal College of Nursing. From administering vaccines to constantly improving standards in the discipline, we're helping to shape the ways that nurses care around the world.

Most of that care in the UK is provided within our world-famous public healthcare model, the National Health Service. Now 70 years old, the publicly funded model is closely integrated with private practice and the wider care system, and much of your learning will give you first hand insights into how it operates. So when you begin practising professionally you'll have some amazing experience to offer your employer, wherever you work.

Outstanding teaching across every specialism

The UK has three of the best universities for nursing in the world – King's College London (second), the University of Southampton (fifth) and the University of Manchester (eighth). But with almost 90 universities offering close to 500 nursing degrees, you'll have plenty of choice on where to start or advance your nursing career.

The flexible modular nature of university teaching in the UK means that you'll be able specialise as you learn, choosing the modules that interest you most. So whether you're thinking about a role in midwifery, committed to caring for people with learning disabilities, or you simply haven't decided yet, you'll find plenty of support, guidance and opportunities to help you make your decisions and find your perfect path.

What to expect

A UK nursing degree will immerse you in every aspect of the theory and practise of nursing, including the real-world challenges you'll be facing when you graduate.

Real-world experience

When you study nursing in the UK you don't have to wait till you graduate to discover what it's like caring for people. With so many excellent relationships between universities and hospitals right across the UK, you'll be able to put theory into practice almost straight away in a clinical setting – so you feel confident in your professional role from day one.



Common career paths for UK nursing graduates include:

- Adult nurse
- Children's nurse
- Health play specialist
- Health visitor
- High intensity therapist
- Learning disability nurse
- Mental health nurse
- Midwife
- Paramedic
- Physician associate

Cutting-edge training

You will also be learning on the most up to date medical equipment to help make sure you're ready for the real thing, wherever you choose to go. With the latest medical research coming out of our universities too, you'll be learning from teachers who are at the very forefront of modern medicine.

Medical English

All healthcare professionals need a strong grasp of medical English, and by studying in the UK you'll be immersed in the global language of care. As well as perfecting your grasp of this essential tool, both verbal and written, you'll be developing a bedside manner and communication skills that you'll rely on throughout your career.

A unique study experience

From our advanced learning environments to our unique culture, studying nursing in the UK puts you at the leading edge of medical practice. So you graduate with the knowledge, skills and life experience you need to thrive in your chosen role. With amazing cities, friendly people and so much else to explore, the UK offers the best possible start to your career, wherever you want to go.

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Where can I study nursing in the UK?

With three of the top ranked universities for nursing – King's College London (second), the University of Southampton (fifth) and the University of Manchester (eighth) – you won't struggle to find worldclass teaching in the UK. In total there are almost 90 universities to choose from, with more than 470 courses between them.

What is the application process?

Nursing degrees are highly competitive, and applications will typically need to show you have the required aptitude and motivation as well as strong academic credentials – usually three A-levels of ABB or better. Your numeracy and literacy will need to be very good, as will your ability to communicate. Working as part of a team under pressure is a critical skill for this role. Most universities will expect 30 points for an International Baccalaureate, and an IELTS score of 7.0 overall, no lower than 6.0 in any one component.

How long does it take to graduate?

Nursing degrees in the UK typically demand four years full-time study. This includes a wide range of compulsory courses in life sciences as well as placements in different real-world health environments such as community and medical centres. This first-hand experience of the NHS will give you the chance to apply the theory covered in your lectures, tutorials, practical sessions and group work with real patients.

What qualifications do I need to be able to work in the UK?

If you want to work as a registered nurse in the UK, you'll need to complete the Overseas Nursing Programme (ONP). The ONP gives you the freedom to apply for roles in the NHS or the private sector and can be integrated as part of a BSc (Hons) or MSc courses in International Nursing Studies. Once you have an undergraduate or postgraduate qualification in International Nursing Studies, you can apply for registration with the <u>Nursing and</u> <u>Midwifery Council (NMC)</u> in order to be eligible to work in the UK. You'll need to complete 400 hours of supervised practice placement to complete the course.

You are legally allowed to work 20 hours a week during term time, and full-time in the holidays, to make up your quota. Wherever you study or undergo your work placements, you'll be learning on state-ofthe-art equipment whilst immersed in Medical English – the global language of care.

Why is the UK a good choice for nursing?

The UK has helped to shape professional nursing ever since the 1850s when Florence Nightingale founded the first ever school dedicated to professional nursing at St Thomas' hospital in London4 . From administering vaccines to setting standards in the discipline, we've led the world and nursing has played a vital role in supporting our world-leading medical research and care. The UK is also home to a world-famous public healthcare model, the National Health Service, which has close ties to universities across the country. Closely integrated with private practice and the wider care system, you'll be learning best-practice approaches to nursing first-hand from within these modern healthcare environments, alongside leading health professionals from all disciplines.

Are there any scholarships for nursing?

There are close to 1000 nursing scholarships for international students in the UK. While some are specific to applicants from certain countries, many are open to any nationality. You can also choose to apply for one of the more high profile opportunities such as <u>Chevening</u> <u>Scholarships</u> or <u>Commonwealth</u> <u>Scholarships</u>, which are both open to residents of any country.

What are my work options after I graduate?

A UK nursing qualification opens the door to all kinds of job roles directly related to your degree. From becoming an adult or children's nurse, a health visitor or midwife, specialising in learning disabilities or mental health, or even becoming a paramedic, each offers a very different kind of career experience. The kinds of employers seeking people with nursing skills is just as diverse. You could find yourself working for a private sector healthcare provider or a national one, a voluntary organisation, a school, prison, nursing home, industry employer or even the army. But whatever path you take, you'll find doors open up anywhere in the world when you have the versatile, real-world skills provided by a UK nursing degree. International students who have completed an undergraduate or master's degree can apply to stay and work in the UK for two years upon graduation, through the <u>Graduate Route</u>.

To find out more about studying nursing in the UK and to find a course, visit <u>Study UK.</u>





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Over 33,000 students from more than 140 countries

95.9% of students in employment or further study 6 months after graduation DLHE 2016/17

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Dentistry

Studying dentistry, while rigorous can be fulfilling, as in any medicine field. The key aspects to focus on are the entry requirements which can be demanding and the course contents which are intensive.

Dentistry students learn to diagnose and improve people's oral health. Students in dentistry in the UK will also study cosmetic dentistry, along with aspects of medicine, science and other related disciplines. It has a very clear and distinct career path and strong employability prospects.

The generally five-year long course will offer an understanding of the subject, through classroom lectures and seminars, and later years will start offering specialisations in certain areas leading on to practical classes and developing experience. Students can learn from experts at work and even start treating patients under careful supervision.

To study dentistry, qualifications in chemistry and biology are required for many universities and physics and mathematics are often preferred as well to be pertinent. Students are expected to get higher than standard grades to be able to pursue dentistry, as is common with all medicine subjects.

Studying dentistry can be intensive and competitive but besides strong academics, there is emphasis on soft skills as well, such as bedside manners, reasoning and clear thinking, working under pressure among other skills.

The fast-paced technological advancements in this field create an exciting study environment for students and make for a dynamic industry. New technologies and specialisms in the subject make for a stimulating learning experience. Students can choose to specialise across orthodontist, paediatric, cosmetic and aesthetic, endodontist, and other sub-themes.

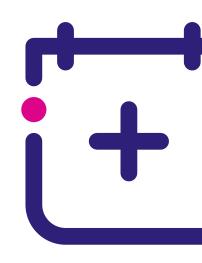
There are mandatory modules and skills that the student needs to learn before going into specialisations.

With a degree in dentistry, you can start a career as a trainee in the NHS or in public and then go on to build a career as a dentist in the NHS or private practice, a dental hygienist, orthodontist, dental nurse, dental therapist, dental technician among other careers. You may also go on to work in academics as a lecturer or medical researcher, health aid worker and more.

In terms of entrance tests, some universities require A levels and a successful UCAT (University Clinical Aptitude Test) result. Please check these details on the university websites to see what the requirements are.

Students can choose to take on apprenticeships which combine work and studying.

Find out more about <u>apprenticeships</u> and <u>studying dentistry</u> in the UK.



Scholarships and funding

Scholarships are provided for the financial assistance for international students who wish to study in the UK. Scholarships are generally limited in number and are offered to a specific segment or for a specific field of study. As such they are always highly competitive and are aimed largely at postgraduate level students. For undergraduate studies, scholarships, bursaries and partial fee waivers are much rarer. It is important to note the following: The application process, amount of scholarship and criteria will differ for each scholarship.

Scholarships in the UK are funded by:

- UK government
- External agencies
- Universities/higher education institutions

British Council managed Scholarships:

GREAT Scholarships: In collaboration with the UK's GREAT Britain campaign, the British Council has launched GREAT Scholarships over a broad range of subjects. This is a great opportunity for Indian students wishing to access a UK university education. Click here to know more

Commonwealth Scholarship and

Fellowship: The Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan provides opportunities to students of Commonwealth countries who can make a significant contribution to their home country after the completion of a higher education programme in the UK. This is a source of funding made available to all Commonwealth countries by the Commonwealth Scholarships Commission. Click here to know more

Charles Wallace India Trust

Scholarships (CWIT): CWIT enables Indians in the early to mid stages of their careers to spend time in the UK, helping them to achieve artistic, academic and professional ambitions and to broaden their international contacts. Click here to know more

A.S Hornby Trust Scholarships:

The scholarships are intended to support English language teachers. <u>Click here to know more</u>

There are a number of other scholarship schemes run by governments, charities and organisations. Here are a few you may want to have a look at:

Chevening Scholarship: Chevening is the UK government's international awards scheme aimed at developing global leaders. Funded by the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) and partner organisations, Chevening offers two types of award – Chevening Scholarships and Chevening Fellowships. – the recipients of which are rigorously selected by British Embassies and High Commissions throughout the world. <u>Click here to know more</u>

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Scotland's Saltire Scholarships is a programme of scholarships offered by the Scottish Government in collaboration with Scottish universities in the areas of science, technology, creative industries, healthcare and medical sciences, and renewable and clean energy. <u>Click here to know more</u> Felix Scholarship: The Felix Scholarship was founded to offer gifted underprivileged students from India and certain other developing countries the opportunity of furthering their postgraduate education by attending a university in the UK.

Felix scholarships are offered at three universities - the University of Oxford, the University of Reading and the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), part of the University of London. The Scholarships are awarded on the basis of outstanding academic merit and financial need. <u>Click here to know more</u>

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Graduate Route and Student Route

Harry Booty, UKVI International Communications Lead, UK Visas and Immigration answers most common questions about Graduate Route and Student Route.



What is the Graduate Route and who is eligible for it? (and who will not be, e.g. distance learning students, those who arrive after 21 June / 27 September etc.)

The Graduate Route is the UK's new poststudy work opportunity that is available for graduates from eligible higher education providers in the UK. It is two years long (or three years for Doctoral students) and gives eligible students the right to work, or look for work, whilst in the UK. The provider you study at has to be registered with the Home Office with a track record of compliance (you can check this on Gov.UK) and you have to be studying at undergraduate level or above. You won't be able to apply for the Graduate Route from anywhere outside the UK, and dependants (e.g. spouses or children) can only apply for the Graduate Route if they are inside the UK with a valid Student/Tier 4 Dependant visa also. Furthermore, you can only avail the Graduate Route once per individual – it won't be possible to repeatedly switch from Student visas to the Graduate Route, for example. The Covid concession allows for students who have commenced a course in autumn 2021 via distance

learning to apply for the Graduate Route, provided they are in the UK by 6 April 2022 (or prior to their Student permission expiring). However, you should check with your university about the dates you are required to be in the UK by for your studies – as these may differ

From when does it come into effect and what about students affected by Covid 19 restrictions?

The route opened on 01 July 2021. Anyone who has a valid student visa (either the old Tier 4 visa or new Student route visa) will be able to apply, if they are in the UK with a valid visa at the time of introduction and successfully complete an eligible degree course at undergraduate level or above.

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What benefits do I get from the Graduate Route?

The new Graduate Route represents a fantastic improvement for international students, who now get more time to work, or look for work, after their studies in the UK. You do not need to be sponsored (e.g. you do not need a job offer) and can work at any skill level for any salary. This gives you more flexibility to begin your career in the UK, start earning money and explore different avenues for employment in the UK, rather than being tied to a single employer.

An important thing to note however is that it is a one-time two year (or three year for doctoral students) offer only, and it doesn't count towards settlement. To stay in the UK longer, or count time towards applying to permanently settle in the UK, you will be able to consider other routes – such as the Skilled Worker, Start Up, Innovator, Global Talent or other visa routes.

What is the Student Route, and how does it affect students from South Asian countries?

The new Student Route opened on 5 October 2020 and replaced the old Tier 4 Student Route. All students applying for courses within the UK, who are aged 16 or over and studying at a provider that is not an independent school will apply for the new Student Route (those younger going for education will apply for a Child Student Route). This has similarities with the old route, for example around language and finance. However, it becomes simpler in several notable ways. Most importantly, students will be able to apply up to six months before their course starts if they are applying from outside the UKmeaning they can sort their visa in good time before they need to travel. Furthermore, it will be easier for students to extend their Student visa inside the UK, if they wish to continue their studies (e.g. opting to do a masters after completing an undergraduate course).

What do I need to do to get my Student visa?

You should apply as early as possible. It can take three weeks to get a response on your visa application (though it may be possible to pay for Priority or Super Priority visa service to get a response quicker, depending on where you are). But if you can, apply one month or more in advance of your date of travel.

You should also check your visa application and supporting documents thoroughly before submitting. Sometimes people get rejected for not meeting our basic requirements – for example not having money for 28 days before applying or not supplying evidence of English language proficiency. Visiting GOV.UK or speaking to your university about the information needed and ensuring to meet this is a simple way to maximise your chances of success. Finally, we'd say, don't worry too much! The vast majority of applicants are successful, and genuine students have nothing to worry about from our visa process. It may be that we ask for further information or even an interview – however, if you are able to come along, talk to us fluently in English and explain your plans and intentions for studying in UK, you shouldn't be troubled by the experience.

Where can I apply for my visa and find out more?

Follow the links below for more information on

Student visas

Graduate Route

The UK Government's actions to support visa applicants during the Pandemic

Your closest Visa Application Centre

<u>Covid-19 Guidance for International</u> <u>Students</u>





Do I need to get an IELTS test for my UK student visa?

All students must be able to speak English to a high standard to be granted a Student visa. In official language, this is to B2 standard under the Common European Framework of Reference to study at degree level or above or B1 level to study below degree level, or CEFR. In practice, this means high proficiency or nearfluency.

Whether students will be required to sit a IELTS test or not depends on the level of study that is being undertaken and the type of sponsor the study will be conducted at. Students studying below degree level must pass an IELTS test. For students studying at degree level or above UK universities do have discretion about how they test English, and may offer different options for you to show your English proficiency to them. This differs from institution to institution so it is best to check directly with your chosen university. However you demonstrate your English proficiency will be shown on the Confirmation of Acceptance of Studies, which you need to apply for your visa. You will need to provide the evidence of English language ability that the CAS references as part of your visa application.

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Alumni Profiles

Dr Shahwar Kazmi India

Dr Shahwar Kazmi is a medical doctor who comes from a humble background of Bihar, India. He earned his bachelor's degree in Medicine from Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh. Dr Kazmi believes in the mantra of "building a healthier society by preventing diseases at population level, rather than curing it in hospitals". He therefore wanted to equip himself with right knowledge, qualification, and public health skills, which he would apply to real world for timebound achievable results. He was advised by his seniors to go to public health schools in United Kingdom (UK) for the purpose. However, coming from a middle-class family, and considering the cost involved, going to UK for higher studies was a distant dream. Running in his dream, he discovered that UK universities offer a plethora of scholarships to international students coming from low-middle income countries.

Dr Kazmi applied for several scholarships and fortunately got Commonwealth Shared Scholarship, which covered all costs of his education in UK. He still fondly remembers the date 13th April 2015, when he received email confirming "Commonwealth Scholarship Award" from Finance Support Officer of the University of Sheffield.

"Sometimes things happen, which divides your life into two parts: your life before the incident and your life after it. Receiving Commonwealth Scholarship to study in UK was that defining moment of my life which changed everything for good", says Dr Kazmi.



The scholarship helped Dr Kazmi, realize his dream and he finally reached UK for his postgraduate degree program, which was rewarding in many ways. "Students from across the world converge to UK universities which enrich classroom discussions, expose you to diverse culture, and surprise you with the extraordinary experiences and perspectives during your stay at the campus. Further, the curriculum format encourages research and innovation, which serve as "boiling broth" of new ideas.

A unique feature of UK universities is the mentorship you receive from your professors. Your mentors not only steer you smooth through your degree program but also assist you to embed and gel well while you stay in UK.", says Dr Kazmi.



Having a Master's in Public Health and a Diploma in Tropical Medicine and Hygiene from UK helped him secure the job of a research coordinator with Médecins Sans Frontières / Doctors Without Borders (MSF). During his stint with MSF for four years, he contributed several groundbreaking, cutting-edge, global research on health in India, South Africa, UK, Uzbekistan, Thailand, and Belarus. Dr Kazmi coordinated randomized controlled trials which led to finding new panacea for HIV-Visceral Leishmaniasis co-infected patients, a shorter (6 months) and better treatment for Drug-resistant Tuberculosis, and an observational study to predict severe COVID-19 patients, early in disease. "A very gratifying opportunity of my work with MSF was setting up health and relief camps during the acute phase of the Rohingya Refugees crisis in September 2017, in Bangladesh", Dr Kazmi reminisces.

As travel restrictions of COVID-19 were eased, Dr Kazmi decided to return to his motherland and serve his country during the pandemic. He is currently employed full-time with WHO working on COVID-19 prevention and control and vaccine preventable diseases programs in India. He is also doing a "Pro Bono Clinic" for poor patients not having access to primary health care services in his freetime. Immunization, neglected tropical diseases, disaster management, and epidemiological investigations are his keen interest areas.

Rizwan Javed India

Rizwan Javed is a transfusion medicine specialist, who leads peripheral stem cell collection and preservation in the bone marrow transplant team at Tata Medical Center, Kolkata. He completed a one-year Masters in transfusion and transplantation sciences in 2018 at University of Bristol/NHS Blood and Transplant, Filton which is also home to International Blood Group Reference Laboratory (IBGRL). He feels that his training in UK has broadened his understanding of scientific research and its clinical applications. He finds his dissertation related to red cell cultures very exciting and futuristic, as it may develop reliable and safer alternatives to donor-dependent blood transfusion service.



He organized and even participated in numerous academic and cultural events in southwest of England as the Regional co-ordinator for Commonwealth scholars.





He was also elected as a student representative for the Faculty of Biomedical Sciences at the university. The Bristol students Union invited him to conduct research and provide feedback on International student experiences. He immensely enjoyed these roles as he had the unique opportunity to network with diverse group of people.

He is convinced that academics compliments knowledge, but interactions makes us truly wise. He had the honour to be selected as a Young leader and invited to the 'Your Commonwealth' Youth Challenge Event in London, 2018. He had the opportunity to discuss possible solutions to healthcare problems in the developing world with Rt Hon Patricia Scotland QC (Commonwealth Secretary-General) and the Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Sussex (Prince Harry & Meghan) at the 'Your Commonwealth' Youth Challenge Event in London, 2018.

He feels that the Commonwealth shared scholarship opened doors to a whole new world of excellent academics, cuttingedge research and enriching human experiences. He strongly recommends students not to miss out on any opportunity to explore Great Britain and its richness during their stay.

On his return to India, he had the privilege to join his mentor, Prof. Mammen, who provided him the opportunity to utilize his knowledge and skills in collecting and cryopreserving hematopoietic stem cells for cancer patients undergoing Bone marrow transplant. In the course of three years, along with his team, he has successfully conducted over 200 peripheral stem cell collections and over 100 cryopreservation procedures. This has benefited over 150 cancer patients (a quarter of them are children) from different parts of India and Asia (Bangladesh, Pakistan and Afghanistan), undergoing bone marrow transplant at Kolkata. Rizwan has contributed 8 scientific articles as a first author to several peer-reviewed journals and coauthored a chapter on Donor evaluation in book on Contemporary Bone Marrow Transplantation a published by Springer. Two out of his four research abstracts have been awarded at National and International Conferences. He thinks that teaching is the best way to learn and he enjoys teaching fellow doctors, nurses and technicians.

Rizwan believes that perseverance is the key to success and one should continue to push the 'finishing line' further to keep the fun alive. He strongly recommends prospective students to harness the wealth of goodness that lies in 'common' people across the Commonwealth and the globe.



Mehtab Ghazi Rahman Bangladesh

Dr Mehtab Ghazi Rahman is a Consultant Psychiatrist and the Responsible Clinician for Nile Ward Psychiatric Intensive Care Unit, St Charles Hospital, London. Having completed his schooling from Sunshine Grammar School & College, Chittagong, he attained a place to study Medicine at the prestigious St Bartholomew's and the Royal London Medical School, Queen Mary's School of Medicine & Dentistry. He graduated as a doctor in 2009 and completed his medical foundation F1 /F2 training in London.

Dr Rahman was successful in attaining a place to specialise in Psychiatry in London at the highly competitive St Mary's and Charing Cross training schemes under Health Education England. He completed his CCT in General Adult Psychiatry with special endorsement in Liaison Psychiatry in 2019. He is on the specialist register and is recognised as an approved Trainer by the General Medical Council (GMC) of the United Kingdom.

Dr Rahman currently works as a Consultant Psychiatrist in Intensive Care at the Central and North West London (CNWL) NHS Foundation Trust. He runs a highly specialist ward in Central London looking after severely unwell patients suffering from mental disorders, where he leads a team of fifty doctors, nurses and healthcare assistants to deliver holistic care to his patients.

In addition to his Consultant role, Dr Rahman is the Trustwide Physical Health lead in Mental health Services where he spearheads and directs projects to improve the physical health of patients suffering from mental disorders across London.



He is CNWL's Flu Group Medical Lead, the Physical Health Inpatient Lead at St Charles Hospital and the LNC representative for Kensington & Chelsea.

Dr Rahman is a Board Member for the Continuing Professional Development section of the Royal College of Psychiatrists of the United Kingdom and works closely with various charitable organisations in developing countries. He is passionate about medical education and is involved in teaching undergraduates (at Imperial College London), doctors in training, nurses, healthcare assistants and non-medical prescribers.

Dr Rahman has received accolades for his quality improvement work in improving physical health in mental health settings and reducing violence in psychiatric intensive care settings.

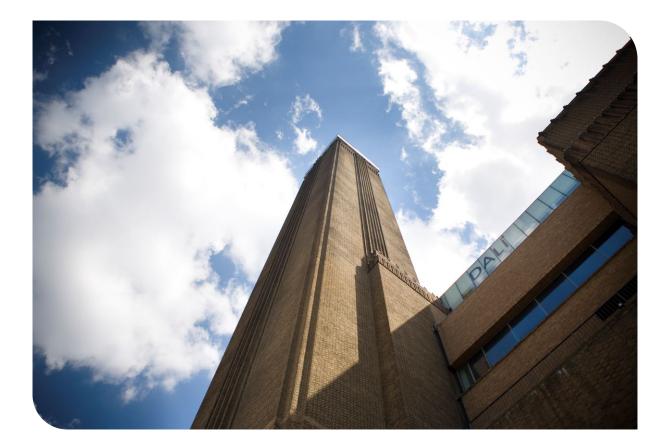
Fahdel Sheikh Pakistan

Fahdel Sheikh completed his MSc. Health Services & Hospital Management from London Southbank University in 2005. He is a leading Healthcare professional, philanthropist and more recently a prominent diplomat. His contribution in the field of health services, health education has reshaped the not-for-profit health institutions in Pakistan. Fahdel was awarded by President of the Republic of Philippines for his numerous health and Philanthropic contributions at the community level and beyond.

Fahdel feels graduating from London Southbank University is a privilege that instilled in him the importance of hard work, self-reliance, and perseverance. The course on Medical Architecture Research and Health Economics became solid foundations for replicating the trends in modern Health Systems of the United Kingdom in Pakistan.



Fahdel is now transforming health service delivery and health education for Institutions in Pakistan. He wishes to expand Avicenna Medical & Dental College into a world class University like London Southbank University through international collaborations with renowned British Universities.



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Merit	£1,000	Undergraduate and Postgraduate	All	Course Application Deadline		

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Scholarship	Amount	Level	Intake	Deadline
South Asia Scholarship	£5,000	Postgraduate	2022/2023	
Global Excellence Scholarship	£6,000	Postgraduate	2022/2023	

University of Glasgow					
Scholarship	Amount	Level	Intake	Deadline	
Joseph Lister India Scholarship	£5,000	Postgraduate Taught	September 2022	Various	
International Leadership Scholarship	£10,000	Postgraduate Taught	September 2022	Various	
Undergraduate Excellence Scholarship	£7,000 per year of study	Undergraduate	September 2022	Various	

University of Northampton						
Scholarship	Amount	Level	Intake	Deadline		
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