

Postgraduate Admissions Statement

MSc Oral Medicine

Programmes covered

This Admissions Statement applies to the following programme(s):

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Applicants should also refer to the relevant prospectus entry for further programme details.

This Admissions Statement should be read in association with the [University Admissions Principles and Procedures for Postgraduate Taught Programmes](#).

Faculty

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Admissions cycle

This Admissions Statement applies to applications submitted for entry to the programme between 1 October 2018 and 30 September 2019.

Application deadline

Application deadlines can be found on the individual programme page within the [University course finder](#).

Admissions criteria

Academic requirements

Applicants must hold a Bachelor of Dental Surgery degree or equivalent qualification, and provide evidence of recent clinical dental experience.

For information on international equivalent qualifications, please refer to our [International Office website](#).

English language requirements for non-native English speakers

Applicants whose first language is not English, and whose full undergraduate degree was not taught in an English-speaking country, must hold/achieve a minimum score in an approved English language test as specified in Profile B of the [University's English Language Requirements Policy](#).

You do not need to have reached the required level of English language before applying. If necessary, English language will be included as a condition of offer.

There is an option to take one of the University's Pre-sessional English courses; details are available on the

Additional requirements

In accordance with the requirements of the University Hospitals Bristol NHS Trust and North Bristol Trust regarding students with access to patients, applicants must provide evidence by **31 August 2019** of the following immunisations before commencing clinical sessions within Trust premises:

MMR	Either: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Evidence of two MMR vaccinations, or• Evidence of immunity to measles, mumps and rubella
Hepatitis B	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Three hepatitis B vaccines• Blood test results showing immunity• Five-year booster (if applicable)
Chickenpox	Either: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Verbal history of disease, or• Blood test results showing immunity, or• Evidence of chickenpox vaccination within last 10 years
Tuberculosis	Either: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• BCG scar, or• Proof of vaccination Overseas candidates must undergo a blood test after six weeks of arrival in the UK. Cases are assessed individually by occupational health staff.
Exposure prone procedures (EPP) clearance	Negative blood test results for: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hepatitis B• Hepatitis C• HIV All students must take these blood tests in the UK, and must not have subsequently worked abroad, at least one week before commencing EPP work.

Applicants must also undergo Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) clearance before commencing clinical sessions within Trust premises.

International applicants must provide a satisfactory police check/certificate of good conduct from their home country (with a certified English translation if necessary). This requirement will be included in the conditions of any offer that is made, and must be satisfied before admission to the programme can be confirmed.

Applicants should also have basic computer skills and access to a PC with internet connection.

Application process

Online application form

Applicants should complete the online application form, uploading all required documents directly. Guidance on uploading documents can be found in the [guidance for online applications](#). Paper documents received by post, or electronic documents received by email, are only considered in exceptional circumstances.

Before applying, make sure you choose the right programme by reading the prospectus entry and Admissions Statement fully. If you need clarification, please [contact the relevant admissions team](#).

Applications may not be considered until all required documents have been uploaded. If you have already submitted an application, you can upload additional documents into the 'Post-submission uploads' section of the application form.

Documents required

Required documents for this programme are as follows:

- **Two academic references (minimum).** References should be submitted electronically by the referee, using the online reference form. Alternatively, scanned copies of the original reference document(s) can be uploaded by the applicant.

If you graduated more than two years ago, or if professional experience is relevant to your application, a professional reference will be accepted in lieu of one academic reference. At least one referee should be familiar with your academic work. References must be written, signed and dated on official letter-headed paper from the referee's organisation, and must include full referee contact details, as shown in the [reference template](#). References supplied with a personal contact email address are only accepted in exceptional circumstances, which must be explained within the reference. All references must be dated within the last two years.

- **Degree certificate(s)** from first and subsequent degrees. We require colour scans of original documents and certified translations of documents issued in any language other than English.
- **Academic transcripts** from first and subsequent degrees. We require colour scans of original documents and certified translations of documents issued in any language other than English. Transcripts must list all subjects taken and grades achieved to date, with the grade scale clearly displayed in the transcript. Applicants must state their current average grade in the online application form.
- **Personal statement.** The personal statement should highlight your reasons for applying, any clinical experience that demonstrates your capacity to engage with the programme, and details of how the programme will benefit your development and future career.
- **English language certificates** are required from applicants whose native language is not English and whose full undergraduate degree was not taught in an [English-speaking country](#).
- **Curriculum vitae (CV).** CVs might include details of other relevant work experience and qualifications to support an application. Evidence of postgraduate qualifications is required, but please do not include any school (pre-university) certificates, unless specified above.
- **Evidence of external funding if appropriate (students who are not self-funded).**

Optional documents

- **Additional references.** You are welcome to upload additional references, such as professional references from work experience in a related field and/or industrial placements, to further support your application.

Correspondence with applicants

We will correspond with you via the email address used to set up your application form account. Please keep this address up-to-date.

Selection process

Assessment of applications

All applicants are considered on an equal basis in line with the [University's Equality and Diversity Policy](#).

Once a complete application has been submitted with all required supporting documents, it is considered by the Programme Director and Graduate Director, with input from other teaching staff.

Where we receive a large volume of high-quality applications for a small number of places, we shortlist

applicants on the strength of their qualifications and any relevant clinical practice that underpins their ability to engage with patients safely and complete the programme successfully.

Where an applicant has undertaken a transnational education partnership programme or top-up degree, meeting the minimum academic entry criteria will not automatically mean an applicant will receive an offer. For these applicants, admissions decisions will consider the academic history of the applicant alongside relevance of degree, and, if required, degree content, and performance in key modules.

Each applicant is considered both holistically on their own merit and in competition with the rest of the applicant cohort during the academic cycle.

Interviews

We hold interviews for shortlisted applicants, either in person or via Skype.

Interviews are used to assess whether the applicant has the necessary skills and capabilities to pursue their chosen programme, and whether the programme is appropriate to their interests and aspirations.

Decisions

Notification of decisions

Applicants will be notified by email when a decision has been made and decision letters will be available to view and print by logging into the application. Decision letters include any deadline by which applicants must accept an offer.

Offers

Offers may be conditional or unconditional. Unconditional offers are made to successful applicants who have met the admissions requirements. Successful applicants who have not yet fulfilled the academic or language requirements will receive a conditional offer outlining the outstanding requirements.

Unsuccessful applicants may be considered for an alternative programme in a related subject area. In such cases, applicants will receive an email with details of the alternative options. You may have to submit additional documentation in order to be considered for an alternative programme. Please check the relevant [admissions statement](#) for details.

Deferrals

Deferrals are not permitted for this programme. Applicants who wish to defer should resubmit their application for consideration in the relevant year.

Additional information

Extenuating circumstances

If your education has been significantly disrupted through health or personal problems, disability or specific difficulties within your studies, you can submit an [extenuating circumstances](#) form as part of your application.

The information provided will be treated confidentially, and will help us to assess your academic performance fairly in light of your circumstances.

ATAS

An ATAS certificate is not required for this programme.

Deposits

International self-funded students accepting a place on a taught postgraduate programme must pay a deposit of £1,500. Further information on [how to pay programme deposits](#) is provided in the offer letter as well as online.

The deposit is non-transferable and non-refundable except under the circumstances outlined in the [International Deposits Refund Policy](#).

Visa

International students coming to the UK to study full-time must apply for a student visa. [Tier 4 student visa guidance notes](#) are available on the University website.

Sponsored students

Sponsored students are not required to pay the deposit, but must upload a copy of their sponsorship letter in the 'Post-submission uploads' section of the online application, and must also complete and upload the [sponsorship authorisation form](#).