

PRE-SESSIONAL MEDICS PROGRAMME

PREPARING YOUR APPLICATION FOR MEDICAL SCHOOL

Who is this programme for?

Designed in partnership with St George's University, the CATS Colleges' Pre-sessional Medics Programme prepares aspiring medics for their application to Medical School. Any student wishing to take advantage of the guaranteed progression route to St George's University must take this course as an extension to their A level, International Baccalaureate or University Foundation Programme studies.

This programme is also suitable for students wishing to apply to other Medical Schools in the UK.

Quick facts

Age	17
Language level requirements	IELTS 6.0
Average class size	10
Hours per week	35
Availability	London: Arrival: Sunday 18 Aug Departure: Sunday 1 September (transfer to your chosen CATS College)
Price	£2,800*

What will you achieve?

You will:

- develop your scientific knowledge through a programme of lectures, activities and workshops on topics such as anatomical terminology, cell physiology and the skeletal system
- prepare for the two medical school aptitude tests – UKCAT and BMAT – after receiving exam coaching and practice
- build the confidence to excel in your medical school interview after opportunities to develop your presentation skills
- create a competitive application to medical school after personal statement advice and a briefing on how to apply to medical school.

Timetable highlights

Lectures and workshops

- An introduction applying to a UK Medical School through the Universities and College Admissions Service (UCAS)
- BMAT & UKCAT overview, exam tips and practice
- Writing a compelling personal statement for Medical School
- Medical School interview preparation and practice
- An introduction to ethics
- Critical Thinking Workshop
- A Q&A with a panel of healthcare professionals

Lessons

Topics include:

- The skeletal system – joints, axial and appendicular skeleton
- The nervous system – brain and spinal cord, cranial and peripheral nerves and autonomic
- The respiratory system
- An introduction to anatomical terminology in English

Activities

- A visit to a Medical School in London
- A visit to a hospital to learn about the National Health Service (NHS)
- Medical Learning Walk around London where you will learn about the inventors and innovations in modern medicine

Assessment

The two-week programme will culminate with a 90-minute multiple choice exam and a one-to-one academic counselling session to assess your suitability to study Medicine.

To gain an interview with St George's University you must:

- Achieve at least 60% in your end of course exam
- Pass a series of online quizzes
- Participate and excel in three buzz groups
- Demonstrate your commitment to study Medicine in your one-to-one counselling session

Next steps

On successful completion of the two-week course, students will benefit from additional sessions and support in the Autumn term at their chosen CATS College.

What's a buzz group?

Students are placed in small groups to prepare a presentation on a topic to the rest of the class. Presentations should last no more than 15 minutes. These sessions are designed to encourage group interaction and communication skills and showcase their comprehension of the subject.

