

## **Interview requirements - Pharmacy**

All UK and Republic of Ireland (ROI) applicants who are being considered for entry onto the MPharm programme must attend a formal interview. With over 1,900 applications to consider each academic year and only 12 interview dates per session, only the best applicants are selected for interview. As a general rule, applicants who are given the opportunity to attend for interview (held on Wednesday afternoons from 1-4pm) should have a good set of AS and GCSE grades (including Grade B in Mathematics and English Language) with a predicted minimum of ABB at A level. Please note the predicted grade A MUST be in either Chemistry, Biology or Mathematics.

If an applicant's AS-grades are below standard but their school confidently expects them to achieve a minimum of ABB at A-level, the referee should explain his/her confidence in the applicant's ability on the UCAS form. All offers are based on a combination of predicted/achieved A-levels (or equivalent), personal statement, referee statement and interview assessment. The interview is an important part of the application process and those who fail to attend, without prior explanation, will have their applications withdrawn.

Applicants are expected to attend the visit day from 1-4pm, although the interview itself should last no longer than 15 minutes and is held with an academic member of staff and a final year student. During the visit day, applicants are asked to complete two assignments which will be used to assess written communication ability and numeracy skills. These assessments will gauge current knowledge and are not something that can be specifically revised for.

Applicants will be taken on a tour of the School facilities and they will be given the opportunity to meet academic staff and current students. There is a parallel programme for parents, who are very welcome to attend the interview day. Further information on the day's activities will be sent by post at the appropriate time.

Applicants invited by the School for interview will be asked to confirm their attendance by either returning the form enclosed with the interview invitation or by using an online form.

## **After you apply - FLS**

All applications come through [UCAS](#).

Applications are scrutinised and reviewed by the admissions panel (consisting: Chief Admissions Officer, Deputy Chief Admissions Officer, Student Recruitment Manager and other Admissions staff).

Factors contributing to a successful application:

- Past academic performance
- Predicted academic performance
- Enthusiasm for, and realistic grasp of, chosen degree programme
- Evidence of interpersonal skills and non-academic interests / achievements
- Appreciation of the benefits of student life in Manchester

All short-listed candidates (home and EU) will be invited to an interview during a Visit Day. International students will be interviewed by phone, video conferencing, in their own country or may be made an offer based on the information on their UCAS form.

Subject to successful performance at interview, UCAS will inform the applicant of the decision within 2 weeks.

There is no standard offer, the basis of the offer made will be a combination of performance at interview, information on the UCAS form and predicted academic performance (where applicable).

## **Recommended reading**

Doing some general scientific reading will help you with your UCAS application and interview and will be useful preparation for the start of your course.

You may wish to consider the following:

### **Magazines**

- The Biological Sciences Review
- Nature
- Science
- New Scientist
- The Scientific American

### **Visiting days – Maths**

Once we receive your UCAS application, it will be considered on merit by admissions staff. Many of our applicants are then invited to attend one of our Visiting Days, which are held regularly between November and March. These start with registration and a buffet lunch, and give you the opportunity to see the School at first hand, to ask questions and to meet members of staff and current students. Your parents can also attend the Visiting Day, and we arrange a separate programme for them.

**It is important that you visit the School if at all possible because of the interview you will have with a member of staff, which helps to determine what conditional offer we make you.** In addition, the Visiting Day provides you with the opportunity to get some insight into what it is like to be a Mathematics student at Manchester; as well as having the interview, you will be shown around the campus by some of our current students and attend a mathematical talk.

### **Interview requirements - Nursing**

All shortlisted applicants will be required to attend a group interview.

Interviews are scheduled from October through to May and will take the form of a group interview of up to 10 candidates lasting for one hour. You will be interviewed by a member of academic staff, a service user or carer and a practice based colleague. You will also be required to complete a standardised online numeracy test which will take about one hour and an English written test lasting approximately 30 minutes. The offer of a place will be based on your performance during the interview and the scores from the numeracy and written tests. Please note feedback will not be available for the numeracy or English written tests.

If you have a disability that you think will affect your ability to participate in any of these activities, please tell us about these when you confirm your intention to attend for the interview.

### **Interview requirements - MACE**

UK-based applicants with relevant predicted entry requirements will be invited to attend one of our UCAS Visit/Interview days, prior to being considered for an offer. We believe this is an important part of the selection process and is also beneficial in giving an opportunity for applicants to visit the School and our labs, and to speak with staff and students, in order to help with their decision making.

## Interview requirements – Chemical Engineering

- From the interview they want to mainly hear about what's your main motivation about being a chemical engineer
- Over 30 academics and each of them interview differently so there isn't a generic interview
- some ask questions about what your studying at A-level and then go onto ask about more technical things, (speaking to a mate he got asked plot the graph of  $y = \ln x / x$  and another mate said she wasn't asked anything A-level related) however some keep it simple and treat it like a behavioural interview and ask questions like why Manchester, why chem eng.... and questions about working in a team or about times of leadership
- they are already impressed from you from your personal statement and want to know about if you would be able to survive through the course from your character
- he also said the tutors are told to judge a candidate on if they missed the entry requirements by 1 grade would they cope as anyone could have an off exam
- Basically it's to find out what is their MOTIVATION for wanting to be a chemical engineer as this is a key factor to surviving the course.