

Newcastle University School of Pharmacy

Guidance for interview component of the selection process for Pharmacy MPharm Hons

Introduction

As part of the recruitment and selection process for entry to the MPharm degree, applicants will be required to attend an interview in addition to meeting the [academic requirements of the degree](#).

This process will be centred on the Personal Statement from your UCAS application, motivation to study Pharmacy and your values. The interview will also be an opportunity for you to ask any questions you may have regarding the application process or studying at Newcastle University.

Interviews will be conducted throughout the period October to March as required.

Overview of the application process, Figure 1

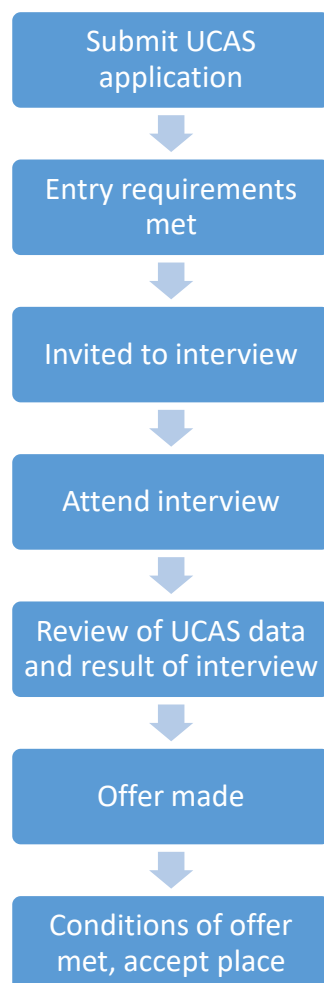


Figure 1: Please note, both the UCAS application and interview are integral parts of the process and must be completed to be considered for an offer. Meeting the entry requirements is based on either your predicted grades or grades obtained.

Format of the interview

The interview will be online via [Zoom](#) and will involve a 15 min discussion with a member of academic staff from the School of Pharmacy and a current pharmacy student.

Once we have received your UCAS application form, you will be sent an email (we will only use the email address provided in your UCAS application form) with instructions on how to book your interview.

Please do remember to also check your spam/junk folder since our email may inadvertently end up there.

Please note you will be asked to turn on your camera, but the interview **will not be recorded**. Candidates are not allowed to record their interview.

If you require any specific adjustments, please get in touch at least 2 weeks before your interview via (study.medicalsciences@ncl.ac.uk) to discuss your requirements and we will do our best to accommodate all reasonable adjustments.

Candidates may have a family member/friend/teacher with them during the interview, but this person must be off camera and not talk during the interview. Note your supporter cannot have applied to study Pharmacy at Newcastle University in that academic year.

Candidates will not be asked to prove their identity during the interview but should be advised that in all cases where it is suspected false information has been provided, this will be reported to UCAS and we will terminate the application.

When a candidate enrolls on the Pharmacy course they will be required to comply with [Fitness to Practice \(FtP\) requirements](#).

At any time during the interview, you may ask for a question to be repeated, or clarified and this will not affect the process.

The interview

The interview will focus on your UCAS personal statement, motivation to study pharmacy and your values.

- **Personal statement:** this will be an opportunity for applicants to highlight any aspect of their personal statement they feel is relevant to their application.

- **Motivation to study Pharmacy:** this will be an opportunity for applicants to say why they want to study Pharmacy. **Please note, we are not expecting applicants to have gained work experience in pharmacy.**
- **Your values:** Again, this will likely draw from your UCAS personal statement and cover things like; a time you have shown leadership; worked in a team; communicated effectively; successfully dealt with a difficult situation. We do understand that applicants will have gained different experiences and what is important is what you have learned rather than how you gained the experience hence you can use examples from any aspect of your life such as a part-time job, membership of a club or society, voluntary work, or caring for a family member.

There will also be an opportunity for you to ask questions about the pharmacy degree and studying at Newcastle University.

There is no requirement to give a presentation, but you may prepare notes in advance/have a copy of your personal statement with you during the interview.

Rescheduling interviews

Applicants can ask for their interview to be rearranged for whatever reason, but we request 72hrs notice and will only allow this once unless there are extraordinary circumstances.

After the interview

The member of staff and student will complete an evaluation form for the applicant that will give an overall decision: make an offer or no offer.

The competitive nature of the admissions process does unfortunately mean that some good applications will be unsuccessful, but where applicants do not receive an offer following interview, they will be able to request feedback by emailing [Undergraduate Admissions](#).

We will follow the [University Policy](#) for any appeals to interview outcomes.

Applicants will be sent a short, anonymous optional online survey to complete to allow for monitoring of the interview process. The data from this survey will be considered for each admissions cycle by members of the School of Pharmacy Admissions Committee.