

Gateway to Medical Studies

University of Glasgow

Venues

Gilmorehill Campus

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The programme of study will have a focus on credit bearing courses in Level 1 Biology and Science Fundamentals, with daily lectures and weekly laboratory sessions and an additional bespoke Fundamental Skills in Medicine module.

The Fundamental skills in Medicine module is designed to develop the academic skills required to study medicine at university level to develop those independent lifelong learning skills, team work and communication skills required as a doctor within a clinical context.

Students receive workshops in vocational studies understanding professionalism and communication skills in a clinical context, managing their digital identity and an introduction to clinical skills in preparation for their clinical placements in both a primary and secondary care setting. In addition, an opportunity to partake in short periods of immersive experiential opportunity in remote and rural medicine will be provided to students.

Students also begin to develop the important skill of reflecting within a clinical setting and develop the skills of writing reflectively on their clinical experiences.

The bespoke anatomy classes offered as part of the gateway programme will cover body systems that relate directly to topics covered within the medical school programme such as the back and limbs, cardiovascular and respiratory systems, and the abdominal organs of the gastrointestinal system as examples.

As part of the course students have the opportunity to apply their anatomy knowledge to clinical scenarios. Core skills including communication, professionalism, and the ethical and legal considerations around the use of human tissues are also covered.

To support students, each will be allocated a personal mentor, drawn from in-house academic teaching staff and a clinical mentor providing unique exposure to the clinical environment, drawn from local clinicians.

Start Date

September

Qualification

CertHE

Study Method

Full time

Course Length

1 year

Faculty

College of Medical, Veterinary and Life Sciences

Department

School of Medicine, Dentistry and Nursing

Entry Requirements

2026 entry requirements

4 Highers at AABB (by end S6) including Biology and two from Maths, Chemistry and Physics.

SCQF Level

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