

# Admissions process and NHS funding

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# Foundation Degrees

- 2 year Work-related HE qualification, introduced in 2000 as alternative to HND
- Employer involvement in development and delivery of curriculum
  - Development of specific skills and technical knowledge in the workplace– recorded by transcript, validated by the university and underpinned by a personal development plan
- Progression – guaranteed arrangements with at least one honours degree programme
- Minimum entry requirement: 1 A-level equivalent – offers vary from 120 – 300 UCAS points depending on popularity of subject
- Majority delivered in FE Colleges
  - Increasingly student numbers belong to the FE College – no access to facilities or support from validating University
  - Brighton offers Foundation Degrees at the Hastings campus and validates courses offered by Northbrook, CCBH, Plumpton, Sussex Downs and Sussex Coast Colleges



# Admissions timetable

February – June	Research – order prospectuses online
June – October	Attend open days, shortlist your 5 choices
September – November (Autumn Term)	Application : 2013 - £23.00 (£12.00 if only one choice) Simultaneous consideration, invisibility of choice
15 <sup>th</sup> October	Deadline for Oxbridge, Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Science
15 <sup>th</sup> January	Official UCAS deadline
October – March	Interviews and Admissions Days
Feb – June	UCAS Extra
April/May	Choose your CF/CI – be clear whether points or grade offer
After 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Adjustment and Clearing
Mid August	Results! Enrolment information will be sent out once your place has been confirmed.
October	Move in, Register, start your course and enjoy Freshers/Welcome Week

# Choices

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**choices**

university / college	course	starting	decision	your reply	updated
Aston University, Birmingham campus: entry point: 1	<b>N420</b>	01-Oct-2011	Conditional		08-Mar-2011
American InterContinental University - London campus: 3 entry point: 1	<b>W230</b>	01-Oct-2011	Unconditional		08-Mar-2011

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Please make sure you have checked the details of your choices **before** making replies. Click on the course code in red above to access the choice details.

application processed by UCAS : 30-Nov-2010  
last log in : 08-Mar-2011

DON'T FORGET..

to reply to your offers.  
You must reply by **Thu, 5 May 2011**.

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Majority of offers will be Conditional, e.g:

BBB – expectation of additional AS/EP?

32 IB points

DDM

300 UCAS tariff points – increasingly rare



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# Researching choices is important

- UK HE is selective at point of entry
- Government sets control number – heavy penalties for over-recruiting
  - 2013: ABB + (or equivalent BTEC/IB) not included in control number
  - Education, Medicine, Social Work and health courses funded differently, with targets set by NHS or Department for Education: all students considered within contracted numbers
- 2012: Total applicants down 6.6% to 653,600 - 464,900 acceptances
- 2013: 3.5% increase in the number of applicants by 15<sup>th</sup> January  
10.5% increase in 19 year olds
- 2014: further reduction of places at university; changes to institutional course portfolios; growth of HE in FE?



# Competitive environment – National Stats from UCAS – 2012 entry

Subject	Applications	Available places
Nursing	218,617	24,587
Design Studies	109,092	19,701
Law	98,507	17,953
Psychology	96,746	16,710
Medicine	83,184	7,798
Social Work	79,486	11,334
Management Studies	78,973	13,076
Computer Science	64,804	13,299
Sports Science	59,349	11,097

Varies between universities:

Nationally:

- **Medicine: 11 per place**
- **Design - 5.5 per place**
- **Social Work – 7 per place**

Brighton stats:

- **Medicine – 18 per place**
- **Graphic Design – 23 per place**
- **Social Work – 14 per place**



# Before submitting application

- Check published entry requirements
  - Specific GCSE's required? Certain Grades?
  - A-level prerequisites?
  - Overall offer levels or tariff scores – be realistic!
- Other selection criteria and requirements
  - Work experience
  - Interview/audition/portfolio inspection
  - Personal statement
  - Additional testing, e.g.
    - UKCAT – medicine
    - Professional skills tests – teaching
- Specialist art preparation programme for creative courses?



# Admissions – what we look for:

- Applicants who understand the discipline and how it is taught at their chosen university
- Applicants who show real interest in their subject
- Applicants with potential to benefit and do well
- Students who will contribute to the course, department and university
- Students who will complete the programme
- Graduates who will enhance the university's reputation





# Admissions - Personal Statement

- Use varies between courses and universities
- Opportunity to sell yourself
- Well structured, well written, succinct
  - “show a good use of English, not just correct spelling and grammar (essential) but a literate and logical style that flows convincingly”
- Analytical, not just descriptive
- Current and relevant
- Individual, but not too different!
- Used to select for offer/interview
- Basis for interview
- All checked by ‘similarity detection service’

# Personal statement – what to include

- Reasons for choosing the course
- Work experience
- Career aspirations (if you have them)
- Skills and abilities
- Positions of responsibility
- Interests and hobbies
- Gap year plans



# Weak personal statements

- Omit to say why they want to study the subject/go into the profession
- Have no evidence that an applicant has read the prospectus properly
- Not up-to-date and contains irrelevant material
  - “Whilst I really find it interesting to see what well-rounded individuals get up to in their spare time, or via extra curricula school activities, their knowledge and interest in areas likely to apply to the degree is what makes the application stand out”



# Academic reference

Tutor/ head of sixth will complete this before finally submitting the form to UCAS

predicted grades, type of school, number going on to higher education... provides a context to judge other evidence

“open” not confidential

Suitability for chosen course/profession

Evidence that student will cope in university environment



# NHS Funding

- NHS pay tuition fees for:
- Dieticians; Midwives; Nurses; Occupational therapists; Othoptists; Physiotherapists; Podiatrists, Prosthetists and Orthotists; Radiographers; Speech Therapists
- All students eligible for non-means tested £1,000 grant
- Further funding support from NHS (means-tested bursary) and students are also eligible for reduced maintenance loan from Student Loans Company
- Check funding arrangements for Audiology and Paramedic Practice
- Changes to Social Work funding arrangements for 2013 entry
  - No NHS bursary for first year of study
  - Limited number of bursaries for yrs 2/3
  - Tuition fee loans/maintenance loans from SFE



# NHS funding – 45 weeks\*

If you will be studying and living:		Non-means tested grant	Means tested bursary (maximum)	Non-means tested maintenance loan
in London and living in student/rented accommodation/ your own home	During TERM TIME	£1,000	£5,460	£3,263
elsewhere in England (UK for medical and dental students) and living in student/rented accommodation/ your own home	During TERM TIME	£1,000	£4,395	£2,324
anywhere in England (UK for medical and dental students) and living with your parents	During TERM TIME	£1,000	£3,351	£1,744

\*Nursing and Midwifery

**All students eligible for £1,000 grant**

**Maintenance loan reduced in final year of study**

**additional income assessed allowances are available for:**

- **students with dependant adults and/or children**
- **Disabled students**
- **help with practice/placement travel/accommodation expenses**



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# Means-tested bursary funding for Nursing and Midwifery students per annum

Household Income (before tax)	Non-Income Assessed grant	Means –tested bursary	Non means-tested loan	Total support available
<£25000	£1000	£4,395	£2,324	£7,719
£30000	£1000	£3,748	£2,324	£7,072
£35000	£1000	£3,222	£2,324	£6,546
£40000	£1000	£2,696	£2,324	£6,020
£45000	£1000	£2,169	£2,324	£5,493
£50000	£1000	£1,643	£2,324	£4,967
£55000	£1000	£1,117	£2,324	£4,441
£60000	£1000	£590	£2,324	£3,914
>£65000	£1000	0	£2,324	£3,324

Living outside London, away from home with no dependants



# NHS Funding – 30 week courses\*

If you will be studying and living:		Non-means tested grant	Means tested bursary (maximum)	Non-means tested maintenance loan
in London and living in student/rented accommodation/ your own home	During TERM TIME	£1,000	£3,128	£3,263
elsewhere in England (UK for medical and dental students) and living in student/rented accommodation/ your own home	During TERM TIME	£1,000	£2,591	£2,324
anywhere in England (UK for medical and dental students) and living with your parents	During TERM TIME	£1,000	£2,163	£1,744

**All students eligible for £1,000 grant**

**Maintenance loan reduced in final year of study**

**additional income assessed allowances are available for:**

- students with dependant adults and/or children
- Disabled students
- help with practice/placement travel/accommodation expenses



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\* Health Professions courses



# Means-tested bursary funding for Health Professions students per annum – 30 weeks

Household Income (before tax)	Non-Income Assessed grant	Means –tested bursary	Non means-tested loan	Total support available
£20,000	£1,000	£2,591	£2,324	£5,915
£25000	£1000	£2,471	£2,324	£5,795
£30000	£1000	£1,944	£2,324	£5,268
£35000	£1000	£1,418	£2,324	£4,742
£40000	£1000	£892	£2,324	£4,216
£45000	£1000	£365	£2,324	£3,689
£50000	£1000	£0	£2,324	£3,324

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## Applying for funding

Apply to NHS for fees, grant and NHS bursary

Apply to Student Finance England for reduced rate maintenance loan

### Register at beginning of autumn term

- University confirms that student has enrolled  
Money transferred to student bank account by BACS
- Means-tested NHS bursary paid monthly
- Loan paid in termly instalments





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# Repayments

Annual Income Before Tax	Graduates, Current & 11-12 entrants		2012-13 entrants	
	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly
£15,000	£0	£0	£0	£0
£16,000	£90	£7.50	£0	£0
£21,000	£540	£45	£0	£0
£22,000	£630	£52.50	£90	£7.50
£24,000	£810	£67.50	£270	£22.50
£30,000	£1,350	£112.50	£810	£67.50
£35,000	£1,800	£150	£1,260	£105
£40,000	£2,250	£187.50	£1,710	£142.50
£45,000	£2,700	£225	£2,160	£180
£50,000	£3,150	£262.50	£2,610	£217.50

## Affordable repayment system

- Rate of interest:
  - RPI plus 3% whilst studying
  - RPI under £21,000
  - RPI plus up to 3% between £21,000 and £41,000
  - RPI plus 3% above £41,000
- Student loans do not go on credit files
- Debt cleared after 30 years
- Early repayments - no penalties



# Any questions?

## Useful websites:

[www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)

[www.gov.uk/studentfinance](http://www.gov.uk/studentfinance)

[www.gov.uk/studentfinancecalculator](http://www.gov.uk/studentfinancecalculator)

[www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/Students](http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/Students)

Student bursary Calculator:

[www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/Students/3576.aspx](http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/Students/3576.aspx)

[bursarymap.gov.uk](http://bursarymap.gov.uk)

[www.moneysavingexpert.com/family/student-loans-tuition-fees-changes](http://www.moneysavingexpert.com/family/student-loans-tuition-fees-changes)



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