

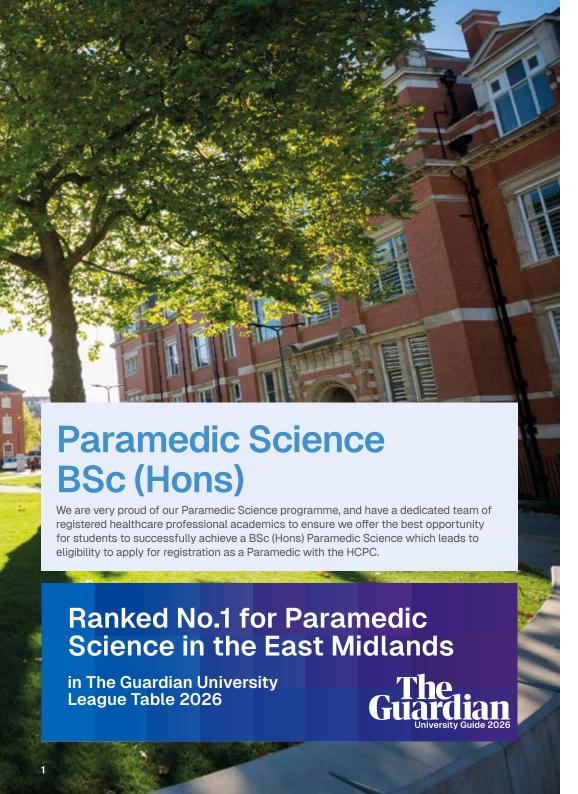
### DE MONTFORT UNIVERSITY



Paramedic Science BSc (Hons) Interview advice

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## Your interview

University interviews are often a new experience for applicants and we want to ensure that when you apply to De Montfort University (DMU) you are given the most useful information to make the experience an enjoyable one.

### Why do we interview?

Our interview process is designed to allow you to make an informed decision regarding course choice, as well as aiding us to ensure we develop the most appropriate candidates to participate in our regulated programme. The Health and Care Professions Council state that our admissions process must give both the applicant and the education provider the information they require to make an informed choice about whether to take up or make an offer of a place on a programme.

### What will happen on the day?

You will receive an email from the admissions team prior to your interview containing information on how to join online. It is recommended that you familiarise vourself with Microsoft Teams (MS Teams) and test your video/audio connection.

The interview will consist of a set of questions that will assess your suitability to join our programme and train to become a paramedic. The interview will take no longer than 30 minutes to complete.

Interview scores are used alongside the application form and candidates are informed of outcome via the admissions team.

### Who will be involved in the day?

Interview panels consist of the Paramedic Academic team

#### Visit us to find out more

To find out more about the course and have the opportunity to view our facilities, and speak with academics and current paramedicine students, join us at an Open Day. Visit: dmu.ac.uk/opendays

## Interview advice

### What can I do to prepare for the interview?

- Before your interview you will be emailed an MS Teams interview invitation. Please accept this and make a note of the date and time.
- We advise that you familiarise yourself with MS Teams before your interview to avoid any last minute panics on the day.
- Ensure you have fully considered the reason for applying to study with us, on this programme.
- We recommend that you explore the role of a paramedic including information from our professional body The College of Paramedics collegeofparamedics.co.uk/ and regulatory body The HCPC hcpc-uk.org/students/.

As paramedicine is not taught at school or college, you need to be able to demonstrate that you understand what the course/career entails. However, you will not be expected to have a detailed understanding of technical topics. The discussions will give you the opportunity to demonstrate the skills needed by a paramedicine student.

Some of these skills might be:

- The ability to use information to construct your own opinion
- Willingness and the ability to analyse situations
- · Problem solving skills
- Good communication and interpersonal skills

### Aside from course specific preparation you may also wish to:

- Organise a practice interview for yourself. Ideally the person interviewing you will be a teacher/careers adviser. If this is not possible, it is usually better to use someone who isn't a close friend or family member as this will help you to gain experience talking about yourself and your work in an unfamiliar environment.
- Review your personal statement. Think about how you might expand on what you have written if asked to discuss it in more detail.

# What happens if I am running late on the day?

We know that delays are sometimes unavoidable, so if you are running late on the day, please contact us on +44 (0) 116 207 8443 as soon as you are able to and let us know. In some instances, if you expect to be significantly late, we may be able to offer an alternative date. However, due to limited dates and popularity of the course, this may not always be possible.



## When will I hear if I have been successful?

We aim to make decisions as soon as possible after the interview. In most cases these are communicated to you via email and an update on the UCAS Hub within a week of your interview.

#### Non-academic requirements

If you are successful after your interview, you will be made an offer, which will be conditional based on you satisfying all academic and non-academic requirements as follows:

- Self-Declaration Form clearance
- · Enhanced DBS disclosure clearance
- Occupational Health clearance

You must meet and fulfil all nonacademic requirements before 17 August 2026. Failure to meet this deadline may result in your offer being withdrawn.

Due to high demand for this course, once the course is full, offers will be made for the next available cohort.

## Further information and advice

For lots more information and advice about the interview, including help to prepare go to: dmu.ac.uk/interviews

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# Don't forget...

- To conduct yourself professionally and dress smartly.
- To ensure that your laptop/computer and phone are fully charged and you have access to a power supply.
- To make sure you have tested your equipment to ensure it works and that you have a quiet space for your MS Teams interview to take place.
- To have a read of our course pages to help you prepare for and anticipate interview questions.

#### During the interview...

- Remember that you have been invited to the interview as you have already shown potential so try to relax, smile and be confident.
- Listen and consider your responses, try to ensure that you are not just giving yes/no answers.
- If you don't understand a question, don't guess, politely ask the interviewer to rephrase or to clarify.
- Be enthusiastic admissions tutors will be looking for applicants who share their enthusiasm for the subject.

## Interview checklist

#### You will need to:

- · Have a pen and paper with you.
- Have one form of photo identification to show during your interview (for example a passport or driving license).

### **Additional support**

We endeavour to make all our events completely accessible. However, if you have any specific requirements or require additional support, please inform the Applicant Events team via email: applicantevents@dmu.ac.uk or call +44 (0) 116 207 8443.

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