



Physician Associate Studies MSc

Interview advice



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Designed and delivered in collaboration with practitioners from local healthcare providers, this course will equip you with the specific knowledge and skills required to practice as a Physician Associate. We are very proud of our Physician Associate Studies programme and look forward to giving you a deeper insight into the course during your Interview Day.

On the following pages you will find lots of useful information and advice to enable you to prepare for your interview day to help make the experience as useful and positive as it can be.

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 interviews are designed not only for us to assess your suitability for the course, but also for you to make sure you are choosing the right course for you. Universities interview in particular for courses where a specific skill set is required, or where the course leads to a regulated profession.

Your interview will be used as part of the selection process to determine whether you will be made an offer.

How is the admissions process structured?

Our selection process consists of 2 stages:

1. Selection based on application and personal statement
2. Multiple mini interview (MMI) on Microsoft Teams (MS Teams).

The MMI will consist of four stations (mini interviews). You will be asked to perform a task or discuss a particular topic in each station. These stations are designed to test your transferable skills and suitability for the course.

Scores will be combined at the end of the interview and are a values-based means of recruitment to assess your attitudes, beliefs and academic ability.

What will happen on the day?

You will receive information ahead of your interview on how to connect with us on MS Teams, and will then be supported through the process by a panel of Physician Associate Studies academics and lecturers.

How long will my interview take?

Your interview will last approximately 40 minutes.

Visit us to find out more

To find out more about the course, and to speak to our academic staff and current students, please join us at a postgraduate event. Visit: dmu.ac.uk/pgevents

Interview Advice

What can I do to prepare for the interview?

- Before your interview you will be emailed a MS Teams interview invitation. Please accept this and make 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
- Think about some basic questions that may be asked at the beginning of an interview and how you might answer them. For example, tutors may ask why you have chosen Physician Associate Studies and why you want to study it at DMU
- Read widely around the subject of working as a Physician Associate in the NHS, including newspaper articles, websites, journals and any other publications that are relevant for your course
- Take a critical view of ideas and arguments around the topics of the NHS and healthcare that you have encountered at work and in the media. Try to think about arguments from different angles and practise giving more than one opinion in a debate
- Review your personal statement; if you have spoken about work experience or further reading, think about how you might expand on this if asked to discuss in more detail
- Organise a practice interview for yourself, this will help you to get experience talking about yourself and your work in an unfamiliar environment.

You need to be able to demonstrate that you understand what the course/career entails, but 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 for a Physician Associate Studies MSc student.

Some of these skills might be:

- The ability to use information from a wide range of sources
- Excellent communication skills
- Problem solving skills.



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. 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 within a week of you attending your interview. We will also be in touch if we are unable to make a decision straight away.

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 non-academic requirements within two weeks of receiving the request. 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 for the interview go to: **dmu.ac.uk/interviews**



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 clarify
- Be enthusiastic – admissions tutors will be looking for applicants who share their enthusiasm for the subject.

Interview checklist

You will need to:

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

It is important you present the above information during your MS Teams interview.

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 Interview Events Team via email: **applicantevents@dmu.ac.uk** or call **+44 (0)116 207 8443**.

For further information about your interview event, please contact the Interview Events Team:

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