

GRADUATE ENTRY MEDICINE

Medicine at Ulster University

GAMSAT • MMIs • First Year • Salam Scholarship

A practical guide for Palestinian graduates

4-YEAR MBBS

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What is Graduate Entry Medicine?

A four-year route into medicine for graduates.

Graduate first

Complete a recognised undergraduate degree before entering medicine.

Then medicine

Ulster's MBBS is a 4-year, full-time Graduate Entry programme.

Open backgrounds

Open to graduates from a wide range of science and non-science backgrounds*

How do you actually learn medicine?

Case-based learning, clinical skills and patient contact.

PBL

Clinical problem → learning needs → self-directed study → return to the case.

CCS

Clinical & Communication Skills: examination, communication and clinical skills.

Early clinical exposure

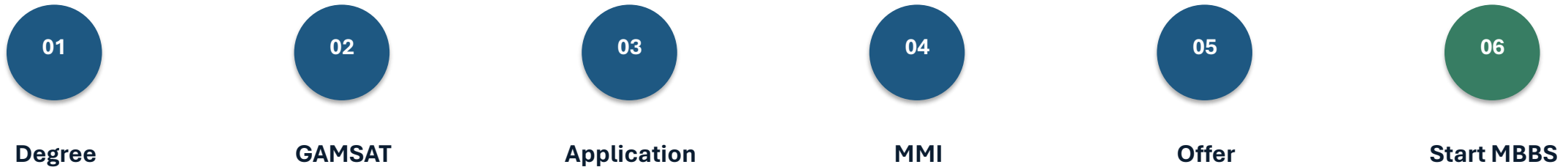
GP placements starts from Week 4 of Year 1.

Ulster GEM vs a traditional medical route

Palestinian structures vary by university; high-level comparison.

Feature	Ulster GEM	Palestinian medical schools
Entry point	After a completed degree	Typically undergraduate entry; varies
Duration	4 years	5-6 years
Learning	PBL + clinical skills + early patient contact	Varies
Admissions	Degree + GAMSAT + MMI	University-specific
Environment	UK/Northern Ireland	Palestinian healthcare system

The route from graduate → medical student



For August 2027 entry, Ulster considers specified GAMSAT sittings through September 2026 and may accept some March 2027 applicants after 15 October 2026.

Academic requirements

2:1 Honours degree

Minimum 2:1 Honours degree in any discipline.
Science is not required.

Master's route

Master's qualification with at least 60% overall
can meet the academic requirement.

Qualifications must be completed by the end of June in the year of entry, with results confirmed by mid-July.

GAMSAT — what is it?

Section 1

Humanities & Social Sciences

62 questions • 100 minutes

Section 2

Written Communication

2 writing tasks • 65 minutes

Section 3

Biological & Physical Sciences

75 questions • 150 minutes

ULSTER: ≥ 50 IN EACH SECTION

Minimum score vs competitive score

50+

minimum in EACH section

Meeting the minimum does not guarantee an interview.

59 **reference average**

Average overall GAMSAT score of candidates invited to interview, based on Ulster data from 2020–2025.

Competitive scores change with the applicant pool.

What should you actually prepare?

Build reasoning skills first; use content knowledge strategically.

Section 1

- Reading speed
- interpretation
- humanities/social science reasoning
- timed practice

Section 2

- Clear argument
- structure
- concise writing
- timed practice

Section 3

- Biology + chemistry + physics
- data interpretation
- problem solving

My rule: practice > memorisation.

IELTS & English language



IELTS

7.5

overall

No component below 7.0

Ulster's current minimum for international applicants is Academic IELTS 7.5 overall with no less than 7.0 in each band, or an accepted alternative / eligible degree route.

Multiple Mini Interviews

MMIs test how you think, communicate and respond.

01

Communication

02

Ethics

03

Teamwork

04

Problem-
solving

05

Motivation

**What to
demonstrate**

Empathy • ethical reasoning • professionalism • insight • resilience • clear
communication

Best preparation: understand principles, practise unfamiliar scenarios and explain your reasoning aloud.

What does a typical week look like?

Personal timetable example — exact schedules vary.

MON	PBL	Clinical case + group learning
TUE	CCS + lectures	Clinical skills + core teaching
WED	Placement*	Primary care / clinical exposure
THU	Teaching + PBL	Case-based learning / consolidation
FRI	Study + teaching	Independent learning / sessions

* Ulster states students can begin GP placements from Week 4 of Year 1

* Placements are not held every week, weeks don't have placement – Wed would be independent learning day

What changes compared with your previous degree?

GEM is fast. The challenge is integrating knowledge.

Speed

Large volume of material in a compressed programme.

Integration

Anatomy, physiology, pathology, pharmacology, clinical skills and patient context connect through cases.

Self-direction

Identify gaps, learn independently and return prepared.



Salam Scholarship

Award numbers and types can change annually.

Tuition

Full annual tuition fees

Accommodation

Full annual accommodation costs

Visa / IHS

UK student visa and health surcharge costs

Living costs

Monthly stipend

Travel

Annual travel grant

Materials

One-off £1,000 materials grant

For 2026/27, Salam Scholarship offers up to two MBBS (Graduate Entry Medicine) scholarships.

Who is it for — and how does it work?

Read the current annual call carefully.

Key points

- Eligible Palestinian women
- Must meet academic and English requirements
- Selection considers academic excellence, financial need, leadership potential and future impact

For MBBS applicants

- Completed undergraduate degree **in any subject except medicine**
- GAMSAT required
- **MBBS and Salam Scholarship are separate applications**
- Scholarship funding is conditional on the required offer / visa

Do not assume the scholarship deadline and MBBS/GAMSAT deadlines are the same.

My route from Palestine to Ulster

One example — your route may look different.

Bachelor's

Anesthesia & Resuscitation
Technology

GAMSAT

Application

Ulster Graduate Entry Medicine

MMI

Reasoning, communication &
professionalism

Salam

Scholarship route for eligible Palestinian
women

Is GEM right for you?

A quick reality check.

You may thrive if...

You enjoy problem-solving, can study independently, communicate well and adapt quickly.

Expect...

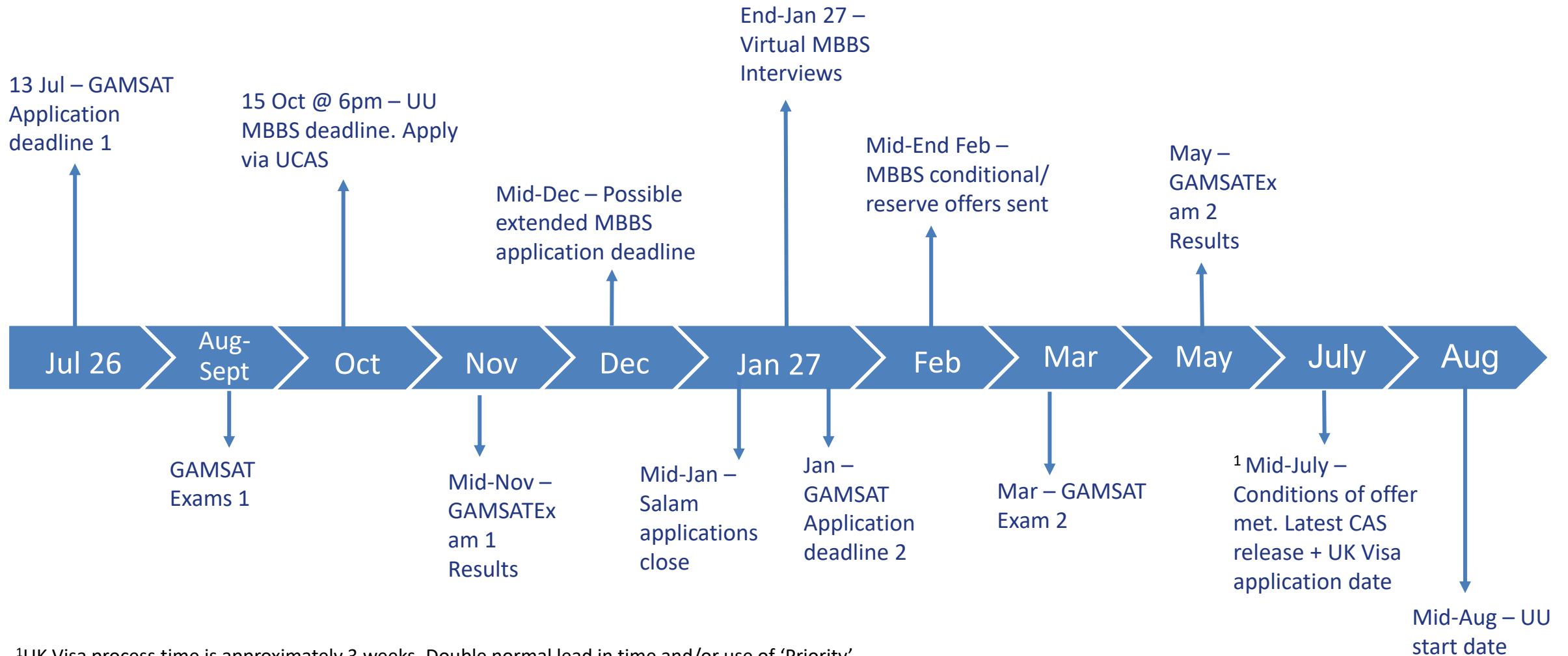
Fast pace, substantial independent learning, early clinical exposure and frequent assessment.

The payoff

A four-year route to an MBBS and a diverse cohort.



GAMSAT 2026-27: MBBS August 2027 Start



¹UK Visa process time is approximately 3 weeks. Double normal lead in time and/or use of 'Priority' services recommended for OPT in 2027.

QUESTIONS?

Happy to help and answer any question about the course,
GAMSAT, MMIs 😊

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Thank you

