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Delivered in collaboration with East Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Trust, we are very proud of our Paramedic Science programme and look forward to giving you a deeper insight into the course.

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

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

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 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 particular profession.

What will happen on the day?

You will receive information ahead of your interview on how to connect with us on Microsoft Teams (MS Teams), and will then be supported through the process by our academics. The interview will consist of a set of interview questions that will assess your attitudes, beliefs and values, as well as provide you with an opportunity to demonstrate your interest and commitment to the course. The interview will take no longer than 30 minutes to complete.

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.

Who will be involved in the day?

Academic and professional members of staff.

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 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 want to study the course, and why you want to study it at DMU
- Read widely around the subject of paramedicine including newspaper articles, websites, journals, magazines and any other publications that are relevant for your course.

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
- 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 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 UCAS Track within a week of your interview. We will also be in touch within a week 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 before 18th of July 2025. 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



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 a pen and paper with you
- Have one form of photo identification to show during your interview (for example 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 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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