



Allocation of places to the five-year and six-year University of Galway Medicine Programmes (GY501)

Quota: The EU quota of places in GY501 (Medicine) is 157 for the 2026 intake. These will be divided into:

- 75 places for first year (five-year programme)
- 82 places for Foundation Year (six-year programme)

Allocation Process: The process of allocating students into the 5 and 6-year Medicine programmes takes place subsequent to an applicant accepting an offer for GY501 through the CAO and when the Admissions Officer has reviewed the entire cohort of GY501 entrants. On acceptance of the offer for GY501 all students are initially put into a “holding bay” (OMB99) until the close of CAO Offer Round One. Students are then notified by e-mail of the stream to which they have been allocated and are sent instructions for registering online.

Changing Streams: Students who are dissatisfied with their stream allocation may apply to the Admissions Office to switch streams. There is no guarantee that applicants wishing to switch streams will be accommodated, but they may be, provided that there is a place available in their desired stream and that they meet the minimum requirements for their desired stream (i.e. sufficient level of Chemistry for the 5-year programme).

The 5-year Medicine programme has a strictly limited number of places and applicants are allocated places to this programme on the basis of the number of Laboratory Science subjects presented and the grades achieved in these subjects in their final school exam.

Applicants who have successfully completed a year of an undergraduate degree in a cognate area will be given priority in terms of being allocated places in the 5-year programme.

Selection Criteria: Students will be assigned a place on the 5-year programme in the order of priority below:

1. Candidates who have completed the first year of an undergraduate degree programme in a **cognate** area (e.g. Science and Health Sciences)*. Chemistry must be presented in school leaving examination results (H4 minimum) or have been taken and successfully completed as part of the first year of an undergraduate degree course.
2. Candidates presenting a minimum of H4 in Chemistry, Biology **and** in one of Physics, Physics/Chemistry or Agricultural Science.
3. Candidates presenting a minimum H4 in Chemistry and a minimum H4 in Biology.
4. Candidates presenting a minimum H4 in Chemistry and a minimum H4 in Physics.

Where the quota of available places requires differentiation between students within a particular category the results achieved in **Chemistry** will be used in the first instance. Because of the strict limitation on places in the 5-year programme, students in categories 3 and 4 above **cannot** be guaranteed places on this stream.

*Successful applicants to Medicine who have completed a year or more of studies in a relevant third level course should forward a transcript of results (scanned copy will suffice) to undergradadmissions@universityofgalway.ie if they intend to accept the offer. Please enter **Medicine GY501** in the subject line of your email. This will assist us in making the allocation.