UNDERGRADUATE MEDICINE

Irish Leaving Certificate

For entry to the six year Medical programme CAO applicants must present a minimum of six subjects in the Leaving Certificate to include the following:

- Irish - OD3
- English - OD3
- Maths - OD3
- a foreign language - OD3
- a lab science (Chemistry, Physics or Biology) - OD3

CAO applicants presenting the minimum subjects listed above with Chemistry and another lab science (HB3 in one of the sciences or Maths) enter the five year Medical programme.

Bonus points for mathematics:

- All students presenting HD3 or above in HL mathematics will have 25 points added to their score for mathematics
- The six highest subject points scores will then be counted to achieve a cumulative points score.

The bonus points will only be relevant in cases where the subject HL mathematics (including bonus points) is scored as one of the candidate’s six best subjects for points purposes. Consequently, if HL mathematics (cumulative points score) is not among these six subjects, the bonus points will not be included in the total points score.

As a guide, the combined HPAT and Leaving Certificate score required for admission to RC001 was

- 2014 – 724* points (random selection)
- 2013 – 742 points
- 2012 – 741 points
- 2011 – 732 points
- 2010 – 721 points

GCE A Level

Places are allocated through the CAO on the basis of points. The total points obtained by a candidate are a combination of GCE grade scores and HPAT-Ireland score.

Candidates presenting GCE A Level subjects will have their grades converted into points using the following conversion table:

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GCE bonus points for mathematics:

25 additional points will be awarded for a grade E (passing grade) or higher in A2 Mathematics. This will apply to only ONE mathematics subject of the following: Mathematics, Further Mathematics and Pure Mathematics, and only where that subject is used as one of the subjects for scoring purposes. NB Mathematics and Pure Mathematics cannot be combined for point’s purposes.

Other European Examinations

All European Examinations are processed by the Admissions Office via CAO. Final examination results are converted into a points score with a maximum of 565 points achievable. These points are combined with the candidate’s HPAT-Ireland score. For specific information about points conversion of European Examinations other than those listed above, please contact the RCSI Undergraduate Admissions Office at admissions@rcsi.ie

GRADUATE MEDICINE

Candidates must hold, or expect to hold, by July prior to entry, a minimum second class honours grade one (2H1) result in their first honours bachelor degree (NFQ level 8). This degree can be in any discipline.

Candidates must also provide a competitive GAMSAT score.

Candidates are deemed eligible on the basis of their degree as outlined above and places are issued through the CAO on the basis of the GAMSAT score. There are no interviews for EU Graduate Medicine.

As a reference, the GAMSAT scores for Graduate Entry at RCSI were:
2014 – 56* points (random selection)
2013 – 57* points (random selection)
2012 - 59 points
2011 - 59 points
2010 - 59 points

MATURE ENTRY MEDICINE

The Mature Entry Pathway attempts to select students in a holistic manner and focuses on life experiences such as volunteer work or relevant work experience in addition to the candidate’s academic background.
Mature applicants must be 23 years old on or before 1st January prior to admission and meet matriculation requirements (Irish Leaving Certificate or equivalent Access to Science Programme). Mature applicants often present a third level qualification but this is not an essential requirement for consideration. Mature applicants must present HPAT.

HPAT scores are provided earlier to the Medical Schools with Mature Entry Programmes to assist in the selection of a large number of applicants. RCSI reviews the applicants’ HPAT scores and invites 60+ Mature applicants to submit their CV, a personal statement and references supporting their application. There is no minimum HPAT “cut-off” score, the minimum HPAT score is determined by the group of Mature RC001 applicants.

Once an applicant has been invited to submit their CV, a personal statement and references supporting their application, the second round of shortlisting commences. Competitive candidates are then called for a structured interview which takes place in May each year. The interview comprises two panels; one Academic and the other Clinical.

HPAT scores are valid for one year only and must be presented in the same year of admission.