**NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY: SCHOOL OF DENTAL SCIENCES**

**BSc in Biomedical Sciences Application Form and Guidelines**

**Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) Transfer Scheme**

**Competitive Entry for Stage 1 BSc Biomedical Sciences students in the Faculty of Medical Sciences**

Each year the School of Dental Sciences will consider applications to transfer to Stage 1 of the BDS degree programme from students registered on Stage 1 of the undergraduate BSc in Dental Therapy degree programme offered by the Faculty of Medical Sciences. Candidates must fulfil the same criteria as all other applicants to the course, including undertaking an appropriate period of relevant work experience prior to submitting this application. An offer of a place will be subject to applicants achieving the required academic requirements and providing evidence of a current UCAT score by the end of August 2024. We have two places to offer across the Faculty of Medical Sciences including to students on the Therapy and the Biomedical Sciences degree programmes.

Any student currently studying Biomedical Sciences who would like to apply for a place on the BDS degree programme must be in good academic standing and should fulfil the following academic requirements:

* A minimum average Stage 1 mark of 75% across all modules at the point of application
* No less than 65% for any one module
* Valid UCAT score obtained in the previous two years

All applications will be screened to ensure that they meet the academic threshold as described above. Examination results at the point of application will be used when deciding to whom interviews should be offered. Applications meeting the academic threshold will be considered by two admissions selectors and ranked on non-academic factors (including motivation towards and understanding of a career in dentistry). The top ranked applicants will be called to interview in February.

Interview panels will consist of two admissions selectors. On the basis of the interview, candidates will be independently ranked by both selectors. Offers will be made to candidates with the highest interview scores. In the event of two or more candidates being tied on the same score and insufficient places being available to make all candidates an offer, candidates will be ranked on their academic achievements during Stage 1.

Offers will be conditional on the candidate achieving a minimum average examination mark in Stage 1 of 75% across all modules, and no less than 65% in any module. Students must also have an acceptable UCAT score achieved in the prior two years.

A limited shortlist of reserve candidates will also be drawn up after the interviews. Reserve candidates may be offered a place in the event of other candidates withdrawing from the process for any reason.

Please note, applications to this scheme are highly competitive which means that unfortunately an excellent application and interview performance will not be guarantee the offer of a place.

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**STUDENT NAME:**

**STUDENT NUMBER:**

**STUDENT EMAIL:**

**CURRENT DEGREE PROGRAMME:**

**CONTACT ADDRESS:**

**Reasons for applying for Dentistry**

Please state why you wish to apply for dentistry. Selectors will be interested in evidence of your motivation and commitment to a dentistry, as well as how you perceive a dental career (*A maximum of 600 words is permitted for this section)*

**Relevant Experience**

Please include details of any relevant experience you may have. You should include details of dental work experience/shadowing, voluntary work, and anything else that you consider to be relevant to a future career in dentistry (*A maximum of 300 words is permitted for this section).*

**Signature:**

**Date:**

Please return this form via email to [Dental.Admissions@ncl.ac.uk](mailto:Dental.Admissions@ncl.ac.uk) by no later than 4.30 p.m. on Friday 26th January 2024. Late applications will not be considered.