



THE BIOMEDICAL ADMISSIONS TEST IN SINGAPORE

The Admissions Testing Service's BioMedical Admissions Test (BMAT) has been in use since 2003 for entry to undergraduate medicine, veterinary medicine and biomedical sciences at a number of UK universities, including Imperial College London.

In 2011, the Admissions Testing Service (ATS) was approached by Imperial College to use the BMAT for applicants to its new joint medical school in Singapore. Imperial College has been working in partnership with Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, to launch the new medical school, the Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine (LKCMedicine).

Students will be competing for one of the initial fifty places at LKCMedicine, which opens in August 2013. They will need to demonstrate that they have the skills and qualities required to become a doctor, as well as possessing outstanding qualifications.

One of the ways in which LKCMedicine will identify the most suitable students for the course is by using the BMAT, as well as a series of multiple mini interviews. The BMAT assesses skills in



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problem-solving, understanding argument, data analysis and inference, and the application of scientific knowledge, all of which are fundamental when embarking on a medical degree, as well as in a medical career.

Professor Martyn Partridge, Senior Vice Dean of LKCMedicine and Deputy Director of Education in Imperial's Faculty of Medicine, said: “We've had a wonderful relationship

at Imperial College London with the Admissions Testing Service over several years now, and it was highly logical for us to use the same system for our selection processes in Singapore. And we want to couple that rigorous admissions system with a sophisticated interviewing system. We want to develop the best students into the best doctors, to serve the people of Singapore in the future.”

Whilst the content of the BMAT will be the same at LKCMedicine as for its UK counterparts, the Admissions Testing Service is working alongside LKCMedicine on a separate registration procedure for Singapore nationals.

Director of the Admissions Testing Service, Simon Beeston, commented: “The BMAT is a well-established test, supported by rigorous validation research. It is this evidence base and our commitment to ongoing validation research that makes BMAT so useful to medical school admissions tutors.

“We already have a strong relationship with Imperial College London, and using the BMAT to differentiate between applicants to LKCMedicine was a natural extension of this relationship.”

For more information about the BMAT, visit www.bmat.org.uk

About the Admissions Testing Service

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- assessments in thinking skills
- admissions tests for medicine and healthcare
- behavioural styles assessment
- subject-specific aptitude tests.

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