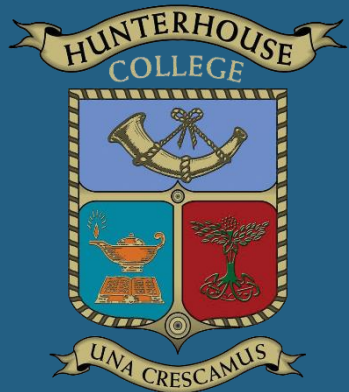


Getting into Allied Health Professions



Post 16 Open Event 2021



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What are the Allied Health Professions?

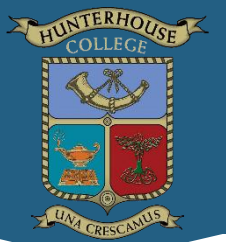


- Any health professionals apart from Doctors and Nurses.

The NHS lists 14 different categories, including:

Paramedics
Chiropodists/podiatrists
Radiographers
Dieticians
Occupational Therapists
Speech and Language Therapists
Physiotherapists
Music/Drama/Arts Therapists

Why Allied Health Professions?



- You enjoy helping and supporting people
- You want to make a difference in the lives of patients and their families
- You are interested in the many aspects of patient care
- You enjoy a challenge, with different problems each day
- You like learning new things as medical science moves forward
- You like the variety of settings and specialisms you can work in

Where can I study?

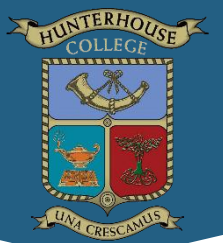


Northern Ireland

- University of Ulster
- GB - variety of universities – see UCAS website
- Republic of Ireland - various universities – see CAO website

Universities have varying entry requirements, including varying grades, points and subjects. All this is subject to yearly review, so it's important to keep a check on current details.

Applying to University of Ulster



Application via UCAS

Courses

- Dietetics **BBB*** HPAT
- Healthcare Science **BBC***
- Occupational Therapy **BBB** HPAT
- Optometry **AAB***
- Physiotherapy **BBB*** HPAT
- Podiatry **BBB***
- Radiography/Radiotherapy **BBB*** HPAT
- Speech and Language **BBB*** HPAT



All these courses also require: GCSE Grade C in Maths

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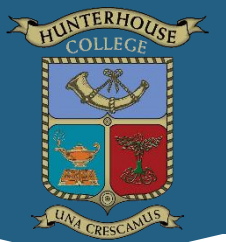
*Some of the courses have specific subject requirements; it is important to check this on the website.

For example Dietetics:

Grades BBB (to include two subjects from Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, Biology, Nutrition & Food Science - of which Chemistry is preferred). Life & Health Sciences Double Award is acceptable.

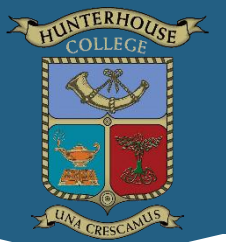
BTEC Award profile of D (to include subject requirements) **plus** A Level Grades BB to include 1 core science subject from above.

What is HPAT?



- HPAT stands for Health Professions Admission Test. It is used to help select students into medicine and some other health science courses at university.
- HPAT consists of questions in three sections:
 - Section 1: Critical Reasoning
 - Section 2: Interpersonal Understanding
 - Section 3: Written Communication
- HPAT was developed with the goal to assess qualities considered desirable in the health professions, including problem solving, empathy and abstract reasoning skills.
- HPAT–Ulster is available at the 3 Ulster University campuses in Coleraine, Jordanstown and Magee. When completing the registration form in **Year 14**, select the test centre which is most convenient to you. Registration opens in October.

How do we support applicants?



- guidance on choosing appropriate post 16 courses
- contact with university advisers through talks, visits, Hunterhouse Exhibition
- opportunities through the extra-curricular programme to develop the necessary inter-personal skills, voluntary experiences and work placement
- individual support through the process of application via UCAS and CAO
 - guidance on courses
 - guidance on completing the Personal Statement
 - preparation through practice for individual and multiple mini interviews