



# HPAT-ULSTER

Health Professions Admission Test

Information booklet 2018

Registration deadline – 5.00 pm GMT 3 January 2018

Test date – 27 January 2018

[hpat-ulster.acer.org](http://hpat-ulster.acer.org)

The Health Professions Admission Test (HPAT–Ulster) is used in the selection process by Ulster University. All applicants for 2018 entry to the following courses at Ulster University:

- BSc Hons Dietetics
- BSc Hons Occupational Therapy
- BSc Hons Physiotherapy
- BSc Hons Podiatry
- BSc Hons Diagnostic Radiography and Imaging
- BSc Hons Radiotherapy and Oncology
- BSc Hons Speech & Language Therapy

must, in addition to applying through UCAS in the normal way, register for HPAT–Ulster and take the test on Saturday 27 January 2018.

*Note:* Registering to take HPAT–Ulster does not constitute an application for admission to Ulster University. In addition to registering for HPAT–Ulster you will need to submit an application to UCAS by 15 January 2018 in the usual way. Please refer to the back cover of this *Booklet* for university contact details. You are strongly advised to visit the website and/or obtain a prospectus from Ulster University.

ACER has made every effort to ensure the accuracy of the information provided in this *Booklet*. However, ACER and Ulster University reserves the right to alter or amend test details and/or selection procedures outlined in this *Booklet* if it becomes necessary.

**Candidates should read this entire information booklet carefully, and watch the website for information updates.**

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# Introduction

## Admissions testing for entry to degrees in the Allied Health Professions

Universities are increasingly moving to select students on the basis of a wider set of objective criteria than academic results alone. The use of a purpose-designed admission test assists in the process by providing evidence of skills and abilities that are not directly measured by academic results, but which are also very important to the work and effectiveness of a student and later practitioner in the health professions.

The use of a professionally developed and marked secure test, in combination with academic results, assists universities in selecting the most suitable students from a large pool of well qualified applicants.

Broadening the selection criteria to include performance on a test of reasoning and communication ability provides a means of recognising and valuing qualities and skills that are not specifically demonstrated in academic results. Skills in communication and understanding of people, as well as teamwork and information handling, are seen as essential attributes of a successful health practitioner.

Finally, the community expects that the health professionals of tomorrow will, in addition to having the necessary highly developed levels of skill within their field, be able to communicate effectively and relate to their patients.

## Role of ACER

ACER is a not-for-profit independent organisation and one of the world's leading providers of research-based educational advice, products and services. ACER works with schools and universities to develop and deliver assessment programmes that are valid, reliable, relevant and fair. ACER has developed HPAT-Ulster and will administer the test and provide results to candidates and Ulster University.

## Equity and fairness

HPAT-Ulster has been developed to assist Ulster University in ranking applicants in a way that is valid and fair. ACER tests are developed to rigorous professional and technical standards. Test questions are designed and developed by teams of ACER writers expert in their subject areas and in test construction. All test questions in development must pass detailed critiquing, trial testing, analysis using state-of-the-art measurement tools, and final review. All questions are carefully scrutinised in an ongoing attempt to minimise gender, ethnic or religious bias, and to ensure the test is culturally fair. The content, style, duration and sequencing of the tests are determined to ensure that the testing programme is relevant, fair, valid and reliable. After the test, candidate response data are analysed to ensure individual questions and the test as a whole have performed as expected. Any question considered at this stage to have performed in an unsatisfactory manner is eliminated from the scoring.

The test may contain a small number of trial questions which will not contribute to candidate scores. In addition to the routine analysis of test performance, ACER undertakes ongoing research to monitor the characteristics and quality of its tests. This research includes investigations of equity and validity.

Appropriate and secure test conditions are ensured by ACER's standardised test administration guidelines and procedures, to which all test centres and supervisors must adhere. ACER controls all quality aspects of the test, its administration and reporting. ACER and Ulster University have a commitment to meeting, where possible, the needs of disabled candidates during all stages of the testing process.

## Use of personal information

Information provided by you at the time of registration will be passed on, with your HPAT–Ulster results, via UCAS to Ulster University.

ACER will not disclose the personal information of candidates to any third party other than Ulster University and UCAS.

Candidates indicate their agreement with a statement acknowledging that their test results may be used by relevant authorities for research into the HPAT–Ulster programme. You are assured that any use of your registration and test records will be treated with the utmost confidentiality. Names will be separated from data in any research undertaken.

ACER's policy on the collection, access to and use of personal information can be found at [www.acer.org/privacy](http://www.acer.org/privacy).

Neither Ulster University nor ACER will accept any responsibility or liability to any HPAT–Ulster candidate in respect of the test, or test results, loss or damage arising from participation in HPAT–Ulster.

## Communicating with the HPAT–Ulster Office at ACER

If you have any questions about the registration process, please contact the HPAT–Ulster Office by email. If any of your personal details, such as your email address, change during the year, log in to your online candidate account to edit your details.

### HPAT–Ulster Office at ACER

Email: [hpat-ulster@acer.org](mailto:hpat-ulster@acer.org)

Fax: +61 3 9277 5757

Web: [hpat-ulster.acer.org](http://hpat-ulster.acer.org)

To ensure that your email provider does not flag important communications from the HPAT–Ulster Office as spam, please save the HPAT–Ulster email address (**[hpat-ulster@acer.org](mailto:hpat-ulster@acer.org)**) to your list of safe senders.

All communication from the HPAT–Ulster Office will be via email.

# What is HPAT–Ulster?

## The Health Professions Admission Test (HPAT–Ulster)

HPAT–Ulster is a professionally designed and marked selection test developed to assess aptitude for study in the Allied Health Professions. It has been designed in consultation with Ulster University to assess a range of attributes considered important to the study and later practice of the health professions. It is designed to complement academic achievement by providing assessment of skills in the areas of reasoning, understanding and working with people, and written communication. These skills have been identified as important for a competent health professional. HPAT–Ulster is not based on any curriculum or body of knowledge and presumes no particular field or discipline of prior study.

HPAT–Ulster has a strong focus on general skills and personal abilities. It does not test knowledge of the basic sciences.

### Please note:

If you are applying to one of the medical schools (i.e. National University of Ireland Galway, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, Trinity College Dublin, University College Cork, University College Dublin), you should be applying to sit HPAT – Ireland (which is a different test from HPAT–Ulster) at: [hpat-ireland.acer.org](http://hpat-ireland.acer.org)

## Who is eligible to sit HPAT–Ulster?

HPAT–Ulster is available to any candidate whose educational level at the time of sitting the test is final year of secondary schooling or higher and who is capable of meeting the academic entry requirements (including pre-requisite subjects at ‘A’ level or equivalent) set by Ulster University.

Candidates registering for HPAT–Ulster 2018 should have already completed their final year of schooling, or plan to complete it in 2018. Candidates whose current educational level is lower than final year of secondary schooling are NOT eligible to take HPAT–Ulster.

## Structure and content

HPAT–Ulster consists of three sections, with a total test time of 3 hours. The first two sections are in multiple-choice format. The third section, Written Communication, is in the form of two essay tasks.

**Critical Reasoning** questions are drawn from a variety of general sources. The contexts in which questions are set include general interest, science and social science, with materials presented as text, diagrams, graphs and tables. Some questions may require basic mathematical skills. The emphasis is on the application of skills in reasoning and problem solving. Skills tested include the ability to work with and analyse stimulus material; pose and test hypotheses; interpret and extract information, and identify and evaluate evidence and lines of reasoning; identify a problem; analyse it to clarify key information; transform information into forms that can be applied to enhance problem solution, and identify, generate and evaluate possible solutions.

**Interpersonal Understanding** questions have a focus on working with and understanding people and consist of scenarios, narratives and dialogues with questions designed to assess the understanding of people; their motivations, behaviours and responses.

The two tasks in **Written Communication** consist of an exercise requiring synthesis of graphically presented information relating to social issues and a reflective essay. Each task is graded using a set of specifically designed assessment criteria. Assessment focuses on the way in which ideas are integrated into a purposeful and relevant response to the task. You will not be assessed on the correctness of the ideas or attitudes you display. Each of your pieces of writing will be marked by at least two raters working independently.

## Timing and order of the test

HPAT–Ulster consists of 3 hours of test time. Candidates have two hours to complete Section 1 and Section 2, and one hour to complete Section 3. There are no breaks between the three sections. Sections 1 and 2 are in multiple-choice format and presented in a single test book and questions are answered on the accompanying machine-readable answer sheet (OMR). Section 3, Written Communication, is in the form of two essay tasks and answered in a separate answer booklet.

	Number of questions	Time in minutes
Section 1 <b>Critical Reasoning</b>	45	120
Section 2 <b>Interpersonal Understanding</b>	45	
Section 3 <b>Written Communication</b>	2	60

Note: As pre-testing procedures will take some time to complete, it is not possible to guarantee start and finish times. Care should be taken when making return travel arrangements to allow adequate time at the test centre. **You should allow up to 4 1/2 hours from the time of reporting to the test centre for all testing procedures to be completed.** (This time may be shorter in centres where there are smaller numbers of candidates.)

# Registering for HPAT–Ulster

## Test date and registration deadline

The test will be held on

**Saturday 27 January 2018**

This date will be the only opportunity to sit HPAT–Ulster for 2018 admission to Ulster University Allied Health Professional courses.

Your online registration and test payment must be completed by **5pm GMT** on

**Wednesday 3 January 2018**

## Late Registration

Late registrations will be accepted up until 5pm GMT on 14 January 2018, on payment of an additional fee of £35.

You are strongly advised not to leave your registration until the last few days in case unforeseen problems, for example, your online access to the registration site, prevent your registration from being completed successfully.

ACER reserves the right to refuse or cancel a registration in certain circumstances.

## Creating an online account

You must create an online account before you can register for HPAT–Ulster or purchase the *HPAT–Ulster Practice Test*. To create an account you should follow the links on the HPAT–Ulster website and enter your details. When entering your account details you should ensure that your name and date of birth match EXACTLY the identification document that you will present on the test day. These details will also be printed on your Admission Ticket and Statement of Results. To change the name, date of birth or gender in your account, you need to email the HPAT–Ulster Office.

To create your online account you must provide a valid email address which will be maintained during the registration, test and reporting cycle. Once an account has been activated it can be used for any future registrations.

## Registering for HPAT–Ulster

Registration for HPAT–Ulster opens on

**2 October 2017**

The only way to register for HPAT–Ulster is online via the HPAT–Ulster website: [hpat-ulster.acer.org](http://hpat-ulster.acer.org).

To register you need an online account with a valid email address. This email address will be used for all communication from the HPAT–Ulster Office, including information on how to access your Admission Ticket and Results.

To ensure that your email provider does not flag important communications from the HPAT–Ulster Office as spam, please save the HPAT–Ulster email address ([hpat-ulster@acer.org](mailto:hpat-ulster@acer.org)) to your list of safe senders.

## To register follow these 4 easy steps:

### 1 Create an online candidate account

Instructions to create an account are given at left.

### 2 Enter your details on the online registration form

Follow the instructions on screen. The registration form will ask you to provide information that is essential for the processing of your registration, and information that may be used for research purposes. Candidate confidentiality will be strictly maintained in any research undertaken (see Use of Personal Information). The information collected during the HPAT–Ulster registration relates only to your registration to take HPAT–Ulster, and is not related to any subsequent application you may make for a university place.

You must enter the document details of the identification you will use on the test day. For details about the approved forms of identification see page 7. Note that on the test day expired documents will not be accepted under any circumstances. If you do not have your document now, you can enter the details until 19 January 2018 before Admission Tickets are released. Your document type and expiry date will be printed on your Admission Ticket for verification when you are admitted to the test centre.

You must also enter your UCAS number. If you do not have a UCAS number at the time of registering for HPAT–Ulster, you must add it to your HPAT–Ulster registration later.



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### 3 Select your payment method

Payment is by credit card (MasterCard or VISA). **You will receive a payment confirmation/ tax invoice by email once the payment transaction is completed.** The online payment option operates through ACER's e-commerce facility via the ACER website. Credit card details are not recorded or stored by ACER but are encrypted at point of capture and transmitted directly to the bank, without entering ACER information systems.

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### 4 Receive your registration confirmation email

When you finish your online registration, a registration confirmation will be emailed to your registered email address.

## Test centres

The main test centre for HPAT-Ulster is in Coleraine. There are limited spaces to sit the test in Jordanstown and Magee. Test centres will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis, so you are advised to register early to ensure you get to sit in your preferred test centre.

The exact reporting address will be given on the Admission Ticket which will be accessible via the ACER candidate account approximately one week before the test date.

## Registration fees

The fee to sit HPAT-Ulster is £111 (all taxes and charges included). Payment is by credit card (MasterCard or VISA) and must be made at the time of registration.

If you do not own a credit card and cannot use a family member or friend's card, please contact the HPAT-Ulster Office for further instructions about alternative arrangements.

Please note that your credit card statement may list ACER as the recipient, and a specific reference to HPAT-Ulster may not be mentioned. If you (as the person registered to sit the HPAT-Ulster 2018 test) or any other person wrongfully dispute the amount charged to the credit card provided to complete the registration, your registration may be cancelled, your results may be withheld or you may be blocked from taking further ACER administered tests.

## Refund terms

Registration fees for the 2018 test will be refunded on request up to **5pm GMT on 26 January 2018**.

Requests must be submitted online through your account and a confirmation email will be sent to your registered email address if your request has been successfully submitted.

The administrative charge for this is £35. There is no possibility of a refund after this date.

## Testing conditions for candidates with specific additional needs

If you have a visual, hearing, physical or other impairment that might interfere with your ability to take the test in the standard manner, you should apply for testing conditions for candidates with specific additional needs online via your candidate account as soon as possible after registration.

**All such requests must be submitted no later than 3 January 2018 and must be accompanied by an explanatory letter from a registered health practitioner. This letter must be no more than one year old. The documentation from your practitioner must give clear information on your condition and the kind of support needed.**

Candidates with dyslexia or other specific learning difficulties should submit a copy of an appropriate educational psychologist's report (no more than 3 years old) for consideration. If your report is more than 3 years old, it may still be accepted as long as it is accompanied by a recent letter from a psychologist stating that the information in the report is still valid.

All reasonable efforts will be made to provide appropriate testing conditions for approved candidates. The aim is to ensure no due disadvantage is experienced, while at the same time ensuring that where testing conditions have been modified for a reason relating to a candidate's individual requirements that an unfair advantage has not been created. The HPAT-Ulster Office may not be able to accommodate candidates who do not apply by the stated deadline.

Applications will be processed after the deadline of 3 January 2018 and candidates will be notified of the outcome soon after.

**Note: There is no possibility of special consideration being given to test results. In no circumstances will scores be adjusted to account for any perceived disadvantage.**

# Test centre procedures and regulations

## Admission Ticket

**The Admission Ticket will tell you exactly where and at what time to report on the day of the test.** It will also contain your personal details. This ticket is your permission to attend the test centre and a **printout** must be taken with you on the test day. Admission Tickets on electronic devices will not be accepted. **If you present without an Admission Ticket you will be refused entry.**

Notification will be sent to your registered email address when the Admission Ticket is available through your online account approximately one week before the test date. If your identification document details have not been entered in the registration form you will NOT be able to access your Admission Ticket.

Please check your Admission Ticket carefully and contact the HPAT–Ulster Office immediately if there are any errors. The details on your Admission Ticket must match the details on the identification document that you will use on the test day. Only your first and last names are required to match and it is not necessary for your other names (including middle names) to appear on the Admission Ticket. Your other names, if provided when you created your account, will however be printed on the attendance rolls given to the test centre supervisors so that they can be checked on the day, should there be any issues matching your Admission ticket and identification document.

Before you print the Admission Ticket, check that both sides of the print paper are blank; there should not be any marks on your Admission Ticket. Admission Tickets may be printed in black and white; you do not need to bring a colour printout. Please fill in your identification document number beforehand and have it ready with you on the test day.

**Do not write anything else on your Admission Ticket at any time before or during the test.**

If you have issues accessing your Admission Ticket, you should email the HPAT–Ulster Office by 20 January 2018.

**Please do not leave this to the last minute.** Remember that you will only be able to download the Admission Ticket once you have entered your identification document details in the registration form.

## HPAT–Ulster Candidate Number

You will be allocated a Candidate Number by ACER when your registration is processed. This number will appear on your Admission Ticket and in your online candidate account.

## Reporting to the test centre

You must report to the test centre at the address and time specified on your Admission Ticket. The test itself will start approximately 45 minutes later, depending on the amount of time necessary for pre-testing procedures. If you report to the centre after all candidates have been admitted to the testing room you may not be admitted. **No latecomers will be admitted once the test has started.**

You are advised to have a light meal before reporting to the test centre, as you will be occupied until about 4.30pm. **You may not leave the test centre before the full testing time has elapsed.** Candidates leaving early will not receive their HPAT–Ulster scores. Once a candidate has departed the test centre it is not possible to re-enter and continue the test.

You may use the bathroom during testing time, but this will not be permitted during reading time and in the last 10 minutes of each section (Section 1 and 2 and Section 3).

When you report to the test centre, you must bring with you your:

- printed HPAT–Ulster Admission Ticket (with required details completed)
- current photo-bearing identity document (passport, driver's licence, Electoral Identity Card) or certified letter of identification
- pencils (preferably 2B), and eraser for the machine scorable sections of the test, and a blue or black pen for the Written Communication test.

*Note:* Mobile phones, calculators, dictionaries, audio or recording devices of any kind, food (unless permission is granted by the HPAT–Ulster Office based on medical reasons) and bags will not be permitted in the test room. Test centres will endeavour to provide storage facilities for candidate property during the testing, but you are advised to bring only essential items to the test centre with you. Bottled water is acceptable.

## Identification

On the day of the test you will be required to present an original photo-bearing identification document (in which the photograph is recognisable as a likeness of you as you are on the day).

The only acceptable identification documents are:

- a current passport
- a current driver's licence
- an Electoral Identity Card

If you do not possess one of these documents, you must obtain a certified letter of identification. This letter must be on official institution (school or workplace) letterhead and contain your name, date of birth and a passport photo glued to the letter with institution stamp *overlapping*, signature and title of the official verifying the identification, as well as your signature (see example on the HPAT-Ulster website).

**If you do not present one of the above approved identification documents, in addition to your printed Admission Ticket, you will not be able to sit HPAT-Ulster and will be turned away from the test centre.**

Photocopies of identity documents are not acceptable.

## Misconduct

HPAT-Ulster is a high stakes test; that is, the results have the potential to make a major impact on the future career of the test taker. For this reason standard security procedures will be strictly enforced at all times.

Misconduct (whether occurring prior to, during or after the HPAT-Ulster test) means any unacceptable conduct or any conduct that might result in unfairness or inaccurate results such as, without limitation:

- breach of any of the security arrangements for the HPAT-Ulster test
- impersonation
- attempting to remove a test book or answer sheet or part thereof, or any notes, from the test room
- failure to follow test supervisor's instructions at all times
- giving or receiving assistance during the test
- creating a disturbance
- using prohibited aids (including but not limited to: notes, note paper, dictionary, calculator, mobile phone, electronic devices of any kind, stationery items other than pencil, pen, and eraser, etc.)
- writing or marking your test paper or answer sheet, during reading time or after the instruction is given to stop writing
- writing on the Admission Ticket during the test
- working on Section 3 during the time allocated for Section 1 and 2
- copying another candidate's work

- using the test questions, their content or information about them for purposes other than your sitting of HPAT-Ulster is prohibited. This includes: publishing the test questions or any of their content or information about them on the internet, any digital format or otherwise; and/or passing the test questions, any of their content or information about them to third parties
- the giving of false or misleading information at any stage in connection with your participation in the HPAT-Ulster test
- in any way breaching (as determined by ACER in its absolute discretion) any of the terms and conditions of (a) your registration to participate in the HPAT-Ulster test; or (b) your purchase of the *HPAT-Ulster Practice Test*
- infringement of the "ACER" or "HPAT-Ulster" trade marks. Trade Mark infringement includes performing any act which only a trade mark owner or a person authorised by the trade mark owner may do
- infringement of copyright. Copyright infringement includes: performing those rights or authorising the performance of those rights which are granted at law exclusively to the copyright owner. These rights include the exclusive right to reproduce the copyright work in a material form and to communicate that work to the public.

CONSEQUENCES for misconduct may include cancelling your registration to sit the HPAT-Ulster test without any refund, withholding of your HPAT-Ulster test results or disqualification from sitting any HPAT-Ulster test (whether it is the test for which you have registered or otherwise).

YOU ARE PUT ON NOTICE that except as expressly provided at law, there is no right to challenge, appeal or seek review of any determination by ACER that misconduct has occurred or in relation to any consequences imposed by ACER for any misconduct.

## Infringement of copyright

Candidates are advised that HPAT-Ulster is copyright material that is owned by ACER.

In addition to any penalty imposed for unethical behaviour arising from a candidate using or passing on information about test questions to a third party for the purpose of the candidate's or a third party's personal or commercial gain, a candidate, or a person acting on a candidate's behalf, who infringes or misuses ACER's intellectual property rights in HPAT-Ulster may be subject to legal action.

# Preparing for HPAT–Ulster

The purpose of HPAT–Ulster is to assess your ability in a range of general skills. HPAT–Ulster measures skills acquired over time, including the ability to understand and analyse written and graphically presented material; to reason, make logical deductions and form judgements. The test does not draw on any particular body of knowledge or curriculum. However, some familiarity with the question types typically presented in HPAT–Ulster is an advantage.

ACER produces the only official HPAT–Ulster preparation materials.

Free sample questions for each section of HPAT–Ulster are provided on the website: [hpat-ulster.acer.org](http://hpat-ulster.acer.org)

Alternatively, you may wish to purchase the *HPAT–Ulster Practice Test* which is available in the form of an e-book. Hard copies are not available. The *Practice Test* is equivalent to half a test but contains the same balance of question types found in a full test. The *Practice Test* is designed to give examples of the types of question, skills and knowledge contained in HPAT–Ulster. Answers are given for all questions. The content of the *Practice Test* does not change from year to year unless otherwise specified.

Self analysis of your performance on the *Practice Test* will give you an indication of your strengths and weaknesses and be a guide to further preparation.

The *Practice Test* is £14. The e-book will be accessible in your account as soon as your payment is received successfully. Except as otherwise required by law, no refunds will be given for the purchase of the *HPAT–Ulster Practice Test*.

The purchase of the *HPAT–Ulster Practice Test* e-book entitles you to:

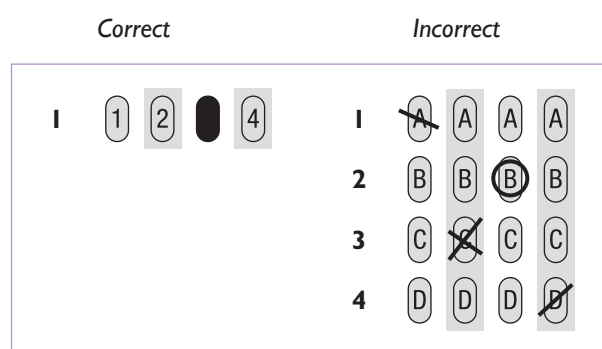
- Make 2 hard copies of the e-book which will be imprinted with your name and identifying details.
- Unlimited access to the e-book for one year from the date of purchase.

As a condition of purchasing the *HPAT–Ulster Practice Test* buyers will be required to complete a declaration expressly confirming their acceptance of the limited licence agreement granted to them to access and use the specific *HPAT–Ulster Practice Test*.

**Please note that neither Ulster University nor ACER recommend or endorse any commercially available preparation courses. Nor do they have any association with commercial courses.**

## Test-taking strategy for multiple-choice sections

Sections 1 and 2 of HPAT–Ulster are in multiple-choice format. You will mark your answers by filling in ovals on a machine-readable answer sheet. It is very important that you record your answers carefully, by completely filling in the oval in pencil. If you decide to change an answer, erase it completely and mark the oval corresponding to your new choice. See example ovals below.



You are advised to work steadily through each of the multiple-choice sections without spending too much time on any one question. Read all the alternative answers to a question, even if you think you have identified the correct one, before marking your choice on the answer sheet. If you think you know the answer to a question, mark it, even if you are not certain. Go on to the next question and come back later if you have time.

- All questions have the same value, therefore by attempting as many questions as possible you have the best chance of maximising your score.
- Marks will not be deducted for incorrect answers.
- All questions are of equal value, but may vary in difficulty.
- If you mark more than one answer to a question it will be considered wrong.
- Answers should be marked directly onto the answer sheet, not in the test book.
- You may do rough work in the margins of your test book. Scrap paper is not allowed.

# HPAT–Ulster results

HPAT–Ulster results will be available in late March 2018.

You will be notified by email when your results are available through your online account. You can only access your Statement of Results online and are advised to save and print a copy of the Statement of Results for your records.

No hard copies of the Statement of Results will be sent to candidates. Results for all candidates will also be provided to UCAS and matched with your application to Ulster University. Under no circumstances will results be released over the telephone. This is to protect candidate confidentiality.

## HPAT–Ulster scores

You will receive four scores; one for each test section (with a separate score for each of the Written Communication tasks), and an Overall Score that is an average of the three section scores. To assist you in evaluating your test performance, you will also be given a percentile ranking for your Overall Score.

**Note: Overall Scores are calculated by ACER to several decimal places and then rounded. It is not possible for candidates to replicate this process.** Scores are reported as scaled rather than raw (number correct) scores. One reason for scaling is to ensure that HPAT–Ulster scores have the same meaning and value from year to year across different test administrations. This is important as HPAT–Ulster scores are valid for 2 years. The scores provide sufficient discrimination between candidates to enable user universities to rank applicants in a meaningful and reliable way. Ulster University will set their own HPAT–Ulster cut-off scores each year. These will be the minimum HPAT–Ulster scores acceptable for consideration by Ulster University.

The university may also choose to use the scores in other ways.

Candidates will not be provided with any additional information on scores or the scoring process. All information remains the property of ACER and no right of inspection will be deemed to be vested in a candidate.

## Validity of results

HPAT–Ulster scores are valid for two years. This means that candidates may apply for admission to Allied Health Professional courses at Ulster University up to two years after the date on which they sit the test. For example, results from the 2018 test will be valid for the purpose of application for admission to Ulster University in 2018 and/or 2019, but not in 2020.

There is no restriction on the number of times you may sit HPAT–Ulster.

## Appeals

ACER will not enter into appeals against HPAT–Ulster results. Candidates are advised that HPAT–Ulster results are released only after careful calculation and extensive checking. Requests for remarking will not be considered.

Should you have any complaint about a particular question on the day of the test, you should alert the supervisor to your concern and submit a written note before you leave the test centre. Your complaint will be reviewed and you will be notified of the outcome. Similarly, any complaints relating to the testing venue or physical discomfort suffered should be reported **immediately** to the supervisor on the day, and by email to the HPAT–Ulster Office **within seven days of the test administration**. It is not possible to give special consideration for impaired performance on the day of the test caused by unexpected or minor illness or misadventure.

# Application for admission to the Allied Health Profession Courses

## Admission to the programmes

Applicants are selected for admission to the programmes on the basis of:

- **Academic results** – refer to

Diagnostic Radiography & Imaging	School of Health Sciences	<a href="https://www.ulster.ac.uk/course/bsc-diagnostic-radiography-and-imaging-ft-jn">https://www.ulster.ac.uk/course/bsc-diagnostic-radiography-and-imaging-ft-jn</a>	Undergraduate
Dietetics	School of Biomedical Sciences	<a href="https://www.ulster.ac.uk/course/bsc-dietetics-ft-ce">https://www.ulster.ac.uk/course/bsc-dietetics-ft-ce</a>	Undergraduate
Occupational Therapy	School of Health Sciences	<a href="https://www.ulster.ac.uk/course/bsc-occupational-therapy-ft-jn">https://www.ulster.ac.uk/course/bsc-occupational-therapy-ft-jn</a>	Undergraduate
Physiotherapy	School of Health Sciences	<a href="https://www.ulster.ac.uk/course/bsc-physiotherapy-ft-jn">https://www.ulster.ac.uk/course/bsc-physiotherapy-ft-jn</a>	Undergraduate
Podiatry	School of Health Sciences	<a href="https://www.ulster.ac.uk/course/bsc-podiatry-ft-jn">https://www.ulster.ac.uk/course/bsc-podiatry-ft-jn</a>	Undergraduate
Radiotherapy and Oncology	School of Health Sciences	<a href="https://www.ulster.ac.uk/course/bsc-radiotherapy-and-oncology-ft-jn">https://www.ulster.ac.uk/course/bsc-radiotherapy-and-oncology-ft-jn</a>	Undergraduate
Speech and Language Therapy	School of Health Sciences	<a href="https://www.ulster.ac.uk/course/bsc-speech-and-language-therapy-ft-jn">https://www.ulster.ac.uk/course/bsc-speech-and-language-therapy-ft-jn</a>	Undergraduate

and

- **HPAT-Ulster scores**

with offers being made on the basis of HPAT-Ulster scores.

## UCAS application

You must apply through UCAS in the usual way, including Ulster University among your choices.

### Course codes

B460 C BSc Hons Dietetics  
 B930 J BSc Hons Occupational Therapy  
 B160 J BSc Hons Physiotherapy  
 B985 J BSc Hons Podiatry  
 B821 J BSc Hons Diagnostic Radiography and Imaging  
 B822 J BSc Hons Radiotherapy and Oncology  
 B632 J BSc Hons Speech & Language Therapy

The closing date for UCAS applications is 15 January 2018.

**Please note:** You must provide your UCAS number when you register for HPAT-Ulster. If you do not have a UCAS number at the time of registering for HPAT-Ulster, you should add it to your HPAT-Ulster registration later. If you do not provide your UCAS number, or if you give an incorrect number, this may affect the delivery of your HPAT-Ulster results to the University.

## Timeline for application to the programmes in 2018

Application to the Allied Health Professional programmes at Ulster University will follow the steps set out in the Timeline below.

### TIMELINE

#### By 3 January 2018

Complete HPAT-Ulster online registration

#### By 15 January 2018

Submit UCAS application

#### 27 January 2018

Sit HPAT-Ulster

#### By late March 2018

Receive HPAT-Ulster results



