

School of Health and Social Care

Interview and selection day criteria

Occupational Therapy (PgDip/MSc)

The interview is an opportunity to explain face-to-face why you are the right student for the course. The format of the interview is a group discussion and written task followed by a multiple mini interview.

Group discussion & written task

Applicants observe a short video clip and are then required to discuss this addressing a task we set them. Applicants are observed and scored by two staff/service users/clinicians. Applicants are then required to write a reflection about this experience which is again marked and scored by a member of staff.

The Multiple Mini Interview (MMI)

The MMI comprises of no more than six applicants moving around six individual stations to be interviewed by separate interviewers in a one-to-one interview. The starting point for each applicant is different but each interviewer will ask the same question of all six applicants in turn. Four minutes is allowed for each answer and one minute for moving between stations. There will be interviewers at each station; they will ask you a question based on one of the NHS constitution values NHS core values:

- Working together for patients
- Respect and dignity
- Commitment to quality of care
- Compassion
- Improving lives
- Everyone counts

The first interviewer will ask a starter question so your time with them will be eight minutes.

Interview checklist

- ✓ Be clear, confident and convincing about your reasons for choosing this career.
- ✓ Be sensitive and compassionate.
- ✓ Reflect on your personal qualities, skills and what you have learnt through any placement's or work experience when presenting your answers.
- ✓ Stay calm and collected; take your time to consider your answers.



Documents to bring

• Your identity will be checked against your passport or driving licence. You must bring one of these documents with you to your interview. If you forget we will not be able to interview you.