**LM104 BSc in Occupational Therapy**

**Application information for mature student applicants**

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| Apply through CAO by 1st February.  [www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie) | Refer to [Academic Registry](https://www.ul.ie/academic-registry/prospective-students/applying-UL/mature-students) for late applications. |

**Application Process:**

1. **CAO application form** – Applicants must ensure that they tick the ‘mature’ special category on the CAO application form.
2. **Personal Statement for LM104** – Course Directors use personal statements to help them more effectively assess an applicant’s suitability for, and level of interest in, a particular course. **See guidelines overleaf for writing a personal statement for LM104.**
3. **Supporting documentation** – All supporting documentation (e.g. evidence of prior qualifications, essay for LM104 etc.) should be posted directly to the CAO.

**Minimum Entry Requirements:**

* Submission of tailored Personal Statement for LM104 with CAO application

**Application Assessment Criteria:**

* Prior education
* Relevant voluntary or work experience
* Health Fitness/Sports related awards.
* Personal Statement outlining why you want to take the course and how you intend to use it.
* Overall application quality

**Interview Assessment Criteria:**

* Students **may** be required to attend an interview in support of their application.

**Guidelines for writing a Personal Statement for LM104:**

The Personal Statement is your opportunity to 'sell' yourself and to emphasise the experience and/or interests you have which are relevant to the course for which you are applying. A tailored personal statement is important when applying to a competitive programme for which there is high demand. You will need to be specific and proactively demonstrate how your experience and motivations match the course you are interested in doing.

Your personal statement should be no greater than **750 words** and cover the following areas:

* Reasons for wishing to undertake LM104.
* Programme's potential contribution to your future career or life plans
* Highlight relevant experiences or skills gained through employment, voluntary work, or personal interests which have prepared you to undertake LM104.
* Your knowledge and understanding of the career area in which you are interested.
* Any specific preparation you have undertaken in anticipation of commencing LM104
* Please title your document “Personal Statement for LM104” and include your CAO number at the top.