Students vying for a place at the new Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine will have to sit for an aptitude test and undergo a series of eight mini interviews.

The school, a partnership between Nanyang Technological University and Imperial College London, announced the admissions requirements today.

The new medical school says it is looking for students who have the skills to be an outstanding doctor, as well as hold first class qualifications.

The Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine will enrol its first 50 students in August next year.

Apart from possessing exceptional results in their pre-university qualifications which may include 'A' Levels, the International Baccalaureate Diploma, the NUS High School Diploma, the Polytechnic Diploma or other equivalent international qualifications, prospective students will have to sit for the BioMedical Admissions Test or BMAT.

The BMAT is an aptitude test taken by students all over the world who apply to top medical universities in the United Kingdom, such as Imperial, Cambridge University, Oxford University and University College London.

The two-hour written test assesses skills in problem solving, communications and applying scientific knowledge. It is said to be a good predictor of a student's performance in medical school.

Those who wish to apply for a place at the Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine in 2013 will need to sit for the BMAT on 7 November 2012.

Shortlisted students will then take part in a series of eight mini interviews, each lasting five minutes, all in a single day.

Conducted by professionals from various healthcare disciplines, these interviews are designed to assess whether students have the skills required to successfully complete the joint degree programme.