Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery

1. Definitions

In these rules –

clinical placement, and clinical placement course – see definition in PPL 3.10.04 Placement Courses;
clinical School means an organisational unit within the School of Medicine, comprising of a number of teaching hospitals and other relevant medical teaching sites within a geographical region;
concurrent enrolment in an approved MPhil program means that eligible students may enrol in an MPhil program after year 1 and complete the MPhil part-time, concurrently with their full-time MBBS;
first aid certificate means an Apply First Aid (formerly a Senior First Aid) certificate, including a CPR component, granted by the St John Ambulance Association or a comparable body;
first degree means the undergraduate program selected by a school leaver applicant who is made a provisional offer or the non-MBBS component of the MBBS dual degree with Arts, Health Sciences or Science offered to a school leaver applicant;
GAMSAT means –
(a) for international students, either the graduate Australian medical school admission test or the North American medical college admission test (MCAT); and
(b) for other students, a result from the graduate Australian medical school admission test from the two years preceding the year of commencement. Students must nominate the GAMSAT result to be used for the assessment of their application for admission;
GPA in rules 2A.1, 2A.3 and 2A.4 (except 2A.4(2)(d)(ii)) means the GPA calculated in the manner set out in the latest graduate Australian medical school admissions guide. In all other circumstances, GPA means the “grade point average” as defined in the General Award Rules;
intercalated means that students can enrol in a research higher degree (RHD), and take time out from the MBBS program. Students enrolled in an intercalated MPhil will be permitted to take up to 1 year out between years 2 and 3 of the MBBS. Students enrolled in an intercalated PhD will be permitted to take up to 2 years out between years 2 and 3 of the MBBS program;
key degree means the most recently completed bachelors degree awarded by an accredited Australian institution or overseas equivalent. Where an applicant has completed an approved postgraduate honours, postgraduate diploma, masters or doctoral degree after completion of a bachelors degree, the most recent of these will be used as the key degree. If an applicant’s key degree was completed more than 10 years prior to the proposed commencement date, it will not be accepted for admission unless the applicant has completed other approved postgraduate study (such as a graduate certificate) in the 10 years preceding the proposed commencement date;
phase 1 means the first two years of the MBBS program;
phase 2 means the second two years of the MBBS program;
pre-2012 student means a student who first enrolled in the program before 1 January 2012;
pre-2013 domestic student means a domestic student who commenced an MBBS dual degree or the non-dual degree provisional entry pathway before 1 January 2013.
pre-2013 international student means an international student who commenced an MBBS dual degree before 1 January 2013.
rural Australia is determined by the ASGC-RA (Australian Standard Geographical Classification – Remoteness Area) system. Rural is considered ASGC-RA 2 to 5 and excludes ASGC-RA 1;
UMAT means the undergraduate medicine and health sciences admission test produced by the Australian Council for Educational research.
unencumbered government-funded place means a government funded place in the program which is not subject to practising conditions to be met by the student after graduation;

ISAT means the international student admissions test produced by the Australian Council for Educational Research.

2. Enrolment requirements

2A Graduate entry selection requirements

2A.1 Graduate entry eligibility requirements
To be eligible for consideration, an applicant must –
(a) have a score in GAMSAT gained in the two years preceding the year of commencement; and
(b) meet the threshold score in each section of GAMSAT; and
(c) by the time of enrolment, hold a key degree with a minimum GPA as set by the executive dean in accordance with Rule 2A.4(1).

2A.2 Graduate entry rural subquota
(1) The university will set the subquota annually for applicants from rural backgrounds.
(2) To qualify for the graduate entry rural subquota, an applicant must provide with the enrolment application a statutory declaration and supporting documentation that the applicant has lived in rural Australia for 5 years while studying at primary, secondary or tertiary level or working there.
(3) If there are more applicants than the set subquota, applicants are selected in the same way as those in the main quota.

2A.3 Graduate entry selection
(1) An applicant’s selection into the program is based on the GAMSAT result.
(2) An applicant’s GPA calculated under rule 2A.4 will be used as a tie-breaker if required.

2A.4 GPA
(1) An applicant must have a GPA in the applicant’s key degree above the annual threshold (on a scale of 0–7) set by the executive dean. The annual threshold must not be less than 4.00.
(2) In calculating an applicant’s GPA –
(a) all courses studied by the applicant while enrolled in the key degree will be included in the calculation of the GPA, whether or not the courses counted towards the award of the key degree; and
(b) where the key degree was completed as part of a dual program, all courses studied towards both degrees will be included in the calculation of the GPA; and
(c) a course –
(i) completed before enrolling in the key degree; and
(ii) credited towards the key degree,
must be included in the calculation of the GPA; and
(d) to satisfy paragraph (c) –
(i) the applicant’s grade for the course; or, if ungraded,
(ii) the applicant’s GPA for the program in which the applicant was enrolled when undertaking the course,
must be included.
(3) Despite subrule 2A.4(2), if an applicant’s key degree is –
(a) an honours degree and was awarded with class I, IIA, IIB or III, the applicant will be deemed to have a GPA of 7.00, 6.00, 5.00 and 4.00 respectively; or
(b) a research masters or doctoral degree, the applicant will be deemed to have a GPA of 7.00
(4) If the applicant’s GPA for the key degree cannot be calculated, the executive dean may determine an equivalent score.
2A.5 Deferment of offer
(1) An offer of a place is only available for that year’s intake.
(2) An applicant who does not –
   (a) accept an offer; or
   (b) have a valid enrolment as at the semester 1 census date in the year of commencement, must reapply to undertake the program in a subsequent year.
(3) Despite subrules 2A.5(1) and (2), an applicant in the final year of a bachelor’s degree may defer an offer for one year in order to –
   (a) undertake a recognised one year research or postgraduate program (i.e. Honours or Masters degree), in which case the offer will lapse if the applicant does not successfully complete the requirements for award of the Honours or Masters degree; or
   (b) complete non-degree requirements for the purpose of obtaining professional registration related to the applicant’s current bachelor degree in which case the offer will lapse if the applicant does not successfully obtain professional registration.

2A.6 Alternative entry
(1) The executive dean may permit direct entry to the program for –
   (a) international students who hold a Bachelor of Medical Science from the International Medical University (Malaysia); or
   (b) students who have completed the first two years of a graduate entry medical program elsewhere in Australia; or
   (c) a domestic student to an unencumbered government funded place after the student has completed a minimum of two years as a fee paying student at this university.
   (d) Students from target equity groups through an approved alternative entry scheme.
(2) A quota of 2 places, in each of years 3 and 4, is available for students entering the program under rule 2A.6(1)(c).
(3) To be eligible for one of these quota places, a student must have achieved a minimum GPA of 5 in the program prior to application.
(4) Selection will be based on the program GPA.

2B Provisional entry for school leavers
2B.1 Provisional entry admission requirements
(1) The university will set the quota annually for applicants who –
   (a) are completing Grade 12 in the year of application; and
   (b) gain an OP1 or equivalent; and
   (c) for overseas students, meet the threshold score in each section of the UMAT or the ISAT.
(2) Domestic applicants and international applicants completing Grade 12 in Australia must apply through QTAC and all other international applicants must apply through UQ International.
(3) Selection will be on the basis of the UMAT aggregate for domestic students.
(4) An offer is conditional upon the applicant –
   (a) gaining admission to a bachelor degree program at this university (“the first degree”) in the year following completion of grade 12; and
   (b) completing the first degree in the minimum time permitted; and
   (c) obtaining a GPA of 5 in the first degree.
(5) For applicants admitted to an MBBS dual degree, the offer is conditional on the applicant –
   (a) completing the non-MBBS component of the dual degree in the minimum time permitted; and
   (b) obtaining an annual GPA of 4 in each year of the non-MBBS component of the dual degree.
2B.2 Deferment
(1) Despite subrule 2B.1(4)(a), an applicant may defer admission to the first degree or the MBBS dual degree in accordance with the provisions of the Admission Rules.
(2) The university may withdraw an offer if the applicant fails to enrol in the program in the year following completion of the first degree.
(3) Despite subrule 2B.2(2), an applicant may defer the offer for one year under rule 2A. 5(3) to complete honours in the first degree, or complete non-degree requirements for the purpose of obtaining professional registration related to the applicant’s first degree.

2B.3 Provisional entry rural subquota
(1) The executive dean, or delegate, will set the subquota annually for applicants from rural backgrounds.
(2) To qualify for the provisional entry rural subquota, an applicant must provide with the enrolment application a statutory declaration and supporting documentation that the applicant has lived in rural Australia for 5 years while studying at primary or secondary level.
(3) If there are more applicants than the set subquota, applicants are selected in the same way as those in the main quota.

2B.4 Savings
Nothing in these rules will –
(a) exempt a person from complying with any other provisions of these rules or any other rule of the university which specifies conditions for enrolment in the program; or
(b) limit the right of the university to refuse a person’s admission or enrolment.

3. Program requirements
(1) To complete the program, a student must complete 64 units from the MBBS course list.
(2) A student must complete additional requirements set by the head of school or associate dean to meet registration and/or legislative requirements.
(3) Students must complete requirements as specified in their letter of offer.
(4) Elective Placements:
   (a) A student must complete a minimum of 4 weeks, and a maximum of 12 weeks, of approved elective placement(s), of which at least 4 weeks must be completed by the end of the first year of the program.
   (b) For the purposes of meeting the requirements of subrule (4)(a), a student must provide evidence of satisfactory completion to the head of the school in a format prescribed by the head of the school, by a date specified by the head of the school.

4. Maximum credit for other study
Unless a student is entering the program under rule 2A.6, no credit will be granted for previous study.

5. Special rules
5.1 Immunisation schedule
(1) Before commencing the program the student must complete a schedule of immunisations, as approved by the executive dean.
(2) The requirement under subrule (1) may be waived only if –
   (a) the student provides evidence of his or her status with respect to immunity against blood-borne viruses or other diseases prescribed in the schedule; or
   (b) approved by the executive dean.

5.2 Blood-borne viruses
(1) Before commencing the program the student must provide evidence of his or her status with respect to blood-borne viruses.
(2) A carrier of blood-borne viruses must not undertake invasive procedures.

5.3 **Apply first aid certificate**
Before commencing the program, a student must gain a current Apply First Aid certificate. Students must maintain the Apply First Aid certificate for the duration of the program.

5.4 **Blue card**
(1) Before commencing the program, a student must apply for a blue card issued under the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act (Qld). Students will be required to provide the number and expiry date of the blue card to the school administrators.
(2) Students must maintain currency of their blue card registration throughout their enrolment in the program.

5.5 **Continuous enrolment**
(1) Unless approved by the head of school, a student must enrol as a full-time student and undertake the program without interruption.
(2) Subject to rule 2A.6(1), a student must complete the entire program as an enrolled student of this university.

5.6 **Progression through program**
Unless approved by the executive dean, a student must not enrol for the subsequent years of the program until gaining credit for all courses in the preceding year.

5.7 **Refusal of enrolment**
(1) A student who fails to pass all courses set for a semester will be cautioned that their academic progress falls below an acceptable standard.
(2) Despite subrule (1), a student who fails to pass all courses set for a semester will be required to show cause, to the associate dean (academic), why their enrolment should not be cancelled, if –
   (a) the student has been cautioned in any earlier semester within the program; or
   (b) the student has failed two clinical placement courses.
(2A) For the purpose of subrule (2)(a), a student who failed a course in 2012 or earlier will be treated as if they had been cautioned in an earlier semester within the program.
(3) Despite subrules (1) and (2), a student will be refused further enrolment in the program if –
   (a) the student fails to pass all courses set for a semester and has been required to show cause in any earlier semester within the program under these rules; or
   (b) the student has failed three or more clinical placement courses; or
   (c) the student has failed the same clinical placement course more than once; or
   (d) the student fails a course in 2013 or later and was previously refused enrolment from the program under the program rules for 2012 or earlier.
(4) A student who is required to show cause under subrule (2) must do so no later than 20 business days after being required to show cause.
(5) A student who has been cautioned or required to show cause may be required to attend a meeting with the associate dean (academic).
(6) Show cause applications will be determined in accordance with criteria set by the associate dean (academic).
(7) A student who has been required to show cause may have conditions set on their re-enrolment by the associate dean (academic).
(8) A student will be refused further enrolment in the program if –
   (a) the student fails to show cause by the due date; or
   (b) the student’s show cause application is refused; or
   (c) the student fails to meet the conditions set on their enrolment by the associate dean (academic).
(9) Withdrawal without academic penalty does not count as failure to pass a course.
5.8 Supplementary examination
   (1) A student may be eligible for supplementary assessment for a maximum of 4 units of course(s) in a semester.
   (2) Supplementary assessment is awarded by the executive dean, upon consideration of advice from the School’s Board of Examiners.

5.9 Award of the Bachelor of Medical Studies
   A student who withdraws from the program after successfully completing 32 units in the first 2 years of the program at this university may be awarded the Bachelor of Medical Studies.

5.10 Clinical school placements
   The executive dean and head of school will decide at which clinical school a student will be based.

6. Honours
   6.1 Entry
      To enrol in honours, a student must –
      (a) gain a GPA of 5.5 in years 1 and 2 of the program with a minimum grade of 4 on the first attempt in all courses; and
      (b) be currently enrolled in the pass degree program; and
      (c) satisfy the executive dean and head of school that the student is qualified to undertake honours.

   6.2 Quotas
      (1) The executive dean, in consultation with the school of medicine, may set a quota for the honours program.
      (2) Offers for places in the quota will be based on the GPA for years 1 and 2 of the program and performance in clinical skills and practical courses, as determined by the head of school.

   6.3 Program requirements
      An honours student must complete the work set by the executive dean and head of school.

   6.4 Award of pass degree
      An honours student who completed the pass degree program requirements and does not complete honours may be awarded the pass degree.

7. Intercalated MBBS/PhD programs
   7.1 The PhD is generally completed over 6 years with a mixture of part- and full-time research work intercalated into the 4 year MBBS.

   7.2 Enrolment requirements
      To enrol, a student must –
      (a) be admitted to the MBBS program at this university; and
      (b) be qualified for admission to the PhD program of this university; and
      (c) have complete years 1 and 2 of the MBBS program with a minimum grade of 4 on the first attempt in all courses; and
      (d) satisfy the dean of the graduate school and the head of the school of medicine that the student is qualified to undertake the program.

   7.3 Program requirements
      (1) Enrolment in both the MBBS and PhD programs in a single academic year must be approved by both dean of the graduate school and the head of the school of medicine.
      (2) Confirmation of PhD candidature is subject to the requirements of the university.
      (3) Students intercalate following completion of Year 2 of the MBBS Program and then, after up to two full-time years of PhD research, enter Year 3 of the MBBS program full time and continue their PhD enrolment part time.
8. Intercalated MBBS/MPhil programs

8.1 Enrolment requirements
To enrol a student must –
(a) be admitted to the MBBS program at this university; and
(b) be qualified for admission to the MPhil program of this university; and
(c) have completed years 1 and 2 of the MBBS program with a minimum grade of 4 on the first attempt in all courses; and
(d) satisfy the Dean of the Graduate School and the head of the school of medicine that the student is qualified to undertake the program.

8.2 Program requirements
(1) Enrolment in both the MBBS and MPhil programs must be approved by the dean of the graduate school and the head of the school of medicine.
(2) Confirmation of MPhil candidature is subject to the requirements of the university.
(3) Students intercalate following completion of year 2 of the MBBS program and then, after up to one full-time year of MPhil research, enter year 3 of the MBBS program full time and continue their MPhil enrolment part time.

9. Concurrent MBBS/MPhil programs

9.1 Enrolment requirements
To enrol a student must –
(a) be admitted to the MBBS program at this university; and
(b) be qualified for admission to the MPhil program of this university; and
(c) gain a GPA of 5.5 in year 1 of the MBBS program with a minimum grade of 4 on the first attempt in all courses; and
(d) satisfy the Dean of the Graduate School and the head of the school of medicine that the student is qualified to undertake the program.

9.2 Program requirements
(1) Enrolment in both the MBBS and MPhil programs in a single academic year must be approved by the Dean of the Graduate School and the head of the school of medicine.
(2) Confirmation of MPhil candidature is subject to the requirements of the university.
(3) Students who are admitted into the Concurrent MBBS/MPhil must fulfil all the requirements of the full time MBBS degree while concurrently enrolled in the MPhil part time.

10. Transitional
(1) A pre-2012 student who does not successfully complete MEDI1001 Elective (Year 1), but who has completed all other Year 1 requirements, will be permitted to complete the elective as required by the Head of School.
(2) A pre-2012 student who has not successfully completed either Year 1 or Year 2 in 2011, and is permitted to re-enrol by the Head of School, will complete the program under the 2012 rules.
(3) For a pre-2013 international student, the offer is conditional upon the applicant obtaining an annual GPA of 4 in each year of the first degree.
(4) For a pre-2013 domestic student, the offer is conditional upon the applicant obtaining an annual GPA of 4 in each year of the first degree.