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;
final clinical assessment means
(a) a practical clinical examination held at the end of the program; and
(b) may also include a written clinical science examination;
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;
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;
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 overseas student means an international student who commenced an MBBS dual degree
before 1 January 2013.

2. Program requirements
2.1 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.

2.2 Elective Placements
(1) 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.
(2) For the purposes of meeting the requirements of subrule 2.2(1), 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.

2.3 Final summative clinical assessment
(1) A student must satisfactorily complete the final clinical assessment set at the end of Year 4 by the head of school and associate dean (academic).
(2) For the purpose of subrule 2.3(2), a student may be granted approval to demonstrate clinical competency through an alternative form of assessment approved by the head of school and associate dean (academic).
(3) A student who fails to satisfactorily complete the final clinical assessment on the first attempt may be granted approval by the head of school and associate dean (academic) to re-sit the clinical assessment.
(4) A student who fails to satisfactorily complete the final clinical assessment on the second attempt may be granted approval by the head of school and associate dean (academic) to re-sit the clinical assessment for a third and final time.
(5) For the purpose of subrule (4), prior to attempting the final clinical assessment a student may be required to –
(a) undertake further clinical placement courses and other requirements; and
(b) undertake other academic remediation activities set by the associate dean (academic).

3. Maximum credit for other study
Unless a student is entering the program under entry requirement 5(a) listed in Table 1, Schedule 1, of the Admission Rules, no credit will be granted for previous study.

4. Special rules
4.1 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.

4.2 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.

4.3 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.
4.4 **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.

4.5 **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 entry requirement 5(a) listed in Table 2 of Schedule 1 of the Admission Rules, a student must complete the entire program as an enrolled student of this university.

4.6 **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.

4.7 **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.

(3) 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.

(4) 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.

(5) 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.

(6) A student who has been cautioned or required to show cause may be required to attend a meeting with the associate dean (academic).

(7) Show cause applications will be determined in accordance with criteria set by the associate dean (academic).

(8) A student who has been required to show cause may have conditions set on their re-enrolment by the associate dean (academic).

(9) 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).

(10) Withdrawal without academic penalty does not count as failure to pass a course.
4.8 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.

4.9 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.

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

5 Honours
5.1 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.

5.2 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.

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

5.4 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.

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

6.2 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) gain an overall GPA of 5.5 in 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.

6.3 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.

7 Intercalated MBBS/MPhil programs
7.1 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 an overall GPA of 5.5 in 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.

7.2 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.

8 Concurrent 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) 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.

8.2 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.

9 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 overseas 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.