Master of Speech Pathology Studies

1. Definitions
In these rules –

*core course* means any course other than an elective course or directed studies as specified in the program course list.

*MSpPathSt list* means the course list for the program.

*pre-2014 student* means a student who first enrolled in the program before 1 January 2014.

2. Enrolment requirements

2.1 Eligibility
(1) To be considered for enrolment, an applicant must hold—
(a) an approved degree; and
(b) have completed the following prerequisite studies at bachelor level or at a level approved by the head of school with a minimum grade of 4 –
(i) 2 units or equivalent in statistics; and
(ii) 2 units or equivalent in courses in one of the areas of linguistics, psychology and human physiology.
(2) For the purpose of subrule 2.1(a), an applicant whose most recently completed approved degree was awarded more than 10 years prior to program commencement will not be considered unless the applicant within the last 10 years has completed –
(a) a postgraduate program; or
(b) at least one semester of other approved tertiary study.
(3) For the purpose of subrule 2.1(1)(b), an applicant must have completed the prerequisite courses within the period 10 years prior to the proposed commencement date.

2.2 Selection
(1) Once eligibility is established, entry is via a competitive selection process based on GPA.
(2) If an applicant has results pending in the semester of application, the results will not be included in the selection process.

3. Program requirements
To complete the program, a student must complete 40 units from the MSpPathSt list.

4. Special rules

4.1 Medical fitness
Subject to the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1992 (Qld)* —
(a) before starting the program a student must complete a medical questionnaire set by the executive dean; and
(b) if required, a student must attend a consultation with a medical practitioner acceptable to the executive dean; and
(c) if, after considering the answers to the questionnaire and the report of the medical consultation (if any), the executive dean decides that the student is unable to fulfil the genuine educational requirements of the program, the executive dean may cancel enrolment.
4.2 **Continuous enrolment**
A student must undertake the program without interruption, unless the head of school gives the student approval to do otherwise.

4.3 **Progression through program**
(1) A student must not enrol in a core course for a subsequent semester of the program until gaining credit for all core courses in the preceding semester of the program.
(2) If—
   (a) an elective course is set for a particular semester of the program; and
   (b) a student wishes to undertake the elective in an earlier semester, the executive dean may give the student approval to enrol in the elective in the earlier semester.

4.4 **Mode of study**
A student must enrol in the program full-time, unless—
   (a) the student is required to enrol part-time in order to meet the requirements of rule 4.3; or
   (b) the executive dean gives the student approval to enrol part-time because of special circumstances.

4.5 **Supplementary examinations**
(1) The executive dean, after considering advice from the school board of examiners, may award a supplementary examination only to a student who gains a grade of 2 or 3.
(2) The executive dean may award supplementary examinations to a student for up to 10 units in an academic year.
(3) Despite subrule (2), the maximum number of units in each semester is 4.

4.6 **Exclusion**
If during the last 3 years of enrolment a student has twice failed to pass all courses set in a year of the program, the student will be excluded from that program.

4.7 **First aid and CPR certificate**
From the start of the program, a student must hold and keep current a first aid and CPR certificate.

4.8 **Immunisation schedule**
(1) Before commencing a course in which, in the opinion of the executive dean, the student may be at risk of contracting or passing on a blood-borne virus or other disease, the student must complete a schedule of immunisations 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.

4.9 **Blue card**
At the start of the program, a student must obtain a blue card and thereafter hold a current blue card for the duration of the program.
5. **Research stream**

5.1 **Entry**
To enrol for the research stream, a student must satisfy the head of school that the student is qualified to undertake the research stream. Selection will be based on GPA.

5.2 **Quota**
The executive dean may set a quota on the number of places available for the program.

6. **Transitional**
A pre-2014 student must complete the program under the rules in force on 31 December 2013.