

## Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery

### 1 Definitions

In these rules—

**placement** means an activity that gives students practical experience in an authentic work environment in accordance with [PPL 3.10.04 Placement in Coursework Programs](#);

**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;

**fail to pass all courses** means a student has failed to pass any course within the specified teaching period;

**final clinical assessment** means—

- (a) a practical clinical examination held during the final year of the program; and
- (b) may also include a written clinical science examination;

**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;

**intercalated** means that students can enrol in a research higher degree (RHD), and take time out from the MBBS program;

**phase 1** means the first and second years of the MBBS program;

**phase 2** means the third and fourth 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 associate dean (academic) 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 (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 during year 4 by the head of school and associate dean (academic).

- (2) For the purpose of subrule 2.3(1), 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 clause 5 *Alternative Entry* paragraph (a) listed in Table 2, Schedule 1, of the *Admission Rules*, no credit will be granted for previous study.

*Note* see *General Award Rules 1.6 Credit for Other 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 student who has a blood-borne transmissible virus must not undertake invasive procedures.

*Note* see *PPL 3.50.08b Alternative Academic Arrangements for Students with a Disability—Procedures*

### **4.3 Apply first aid certificate**

Before commencing the program, a student must hold a first aid and CPR certificate and maintain currency for the duration of the program.

### **4.4 Blue card**

Before commencing the program, a student must obtain and provide evidence of a valid blue card and thereafter hold a current blue card for the duration of the program.

### **4.5 Continuous enrolment**

- (1) Unless approved by the executive dean, a student must enrol as a full-time student and undertake the program without interruption.
- (2) Subject to clause 5 *Alternative Entry* paragraph (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 clinical placement courses; or
  - (c) the student has failed the same course in phase 1 twice; or
  - (d) the student has failed the same clinical placement course in phase 2 twice; or
  - (e) the student fails a course in 2014 or later and was previously refused enrolment from the program under the program rules for 2013 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 is required to show cause will 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 is 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**

The associate dean (academic), upon consideration of advice from the school board of examiners, may grant supplementary assessment for a maximum of 4 units of study in a single semester in which the student gains a grade of 3 or a non-graded fail of N.

#### **4.9 Award of the bachelor of medical studies**

A student who withdraws from the program after successfully completing 32 units in phase 1 of the program at the 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 phase 1 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 phase 1 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 Enrolment requirements**

To enrol in the intercalated MBBS/PhD programs, 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 phase 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.

#### **6.2 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 phase 1 of the MBBS program and then, after up to two full-time years of PhD research, enter phase 2 of the MBBS program full-time and continue their PhD enrolment part-time.

### **7 Intercalated MBBS/MPhil programs**

#### **7.1 Enrolment requirements**

To enrol in the intercalated MBBS/MPhil programs, 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 phase 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.

## **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 phase 1 of the MBBS program and then, after up to one full-time year of MPhil research, enter phase 2 of the MBBS program full-time and continue their MPhil enrolment part-time.

## **8 Concurrent MBBS/MPhil programs**

### **8.1 Enrolment requirements**

To enrol in the concurrent MBBS/MPhil programs, 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.