

## Doctor of Medicine (Ochsner)

### 1 Definitions

*clinical school* means an organisational unit within the School of Medicine, including teaching hospitals and other medical teaching sites within a geographical region;

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

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

*phase 2* means the third and fourth years of the MD program;

*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*.

### 2 Program requirements

#### 2.1 Program requirements

- (1) To complete the program, a student must complete 64 units and all courses set out on the MD 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.

### 3 Maximum credit for other study

Unless a student is entering the program under clause 5 *Alternative Entry* paragraph (a) listed in Table 2 of Schedule 1 of the *Admission Rules*, no credit will be granted for previous study.

*Note* See [PPL 3.50.03 Credit for Previous Studies and Recognised Prior Learning](#)

### 4 Special rules

#### 4.1 Work Integrated Learning Requirements

##### 4.1.1 Before program commencement

Before commencing the program, students must meet all requirements specified for the program's work-integrated learning experiences and hold for the duration of the program. Refer to [PPL 3.10.04 Work Integrated Learning and Work Experience](#) for more information:

- Blue Card (see [PPL 1.60.07 Working with Children](#))
- Immunisations (see [PPL 2.60.08 Vaccinations and Immunisation](#))
- First Aid Certificate
- CPR Certificate
- Commitment to Professionalism
- Queensland Health Deed Poll
- Queensland Health Checklist
- Criminal History Check

##### 4.1.2 Before undertaking WIL activity

Before commencement of any work-integrated learning for the program students must meet all requirements specified for the activity. Refer to [PPL 3.10.04 Work Integrated Learning and Work Experience](#) for more information:

- Disability Worker Screening Clearance

## **4.2 Continuous enrolment**

- (1) Unless approved by the executive dean, a student must enrol as a full-time student and undertake the program without interruption.

## **4.3 Progression through program**

- (1) 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.
- (2) Students must provide evidence of:
  - a) attempting Step 1 of the United States Medical Licensing Examination prior to the census date in Semester 1 of Year 3; and
  - b) passing Step 1 of the United States Medical Licensing Examination prior to the commencement of Year 4.

## **4.4 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) 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.
- (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 is required to show cause is 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).

## **4.5 Supplementary assessment**

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.

## **4.6 Award of the master of medical studies**

A student who withdraws from the program after successfully completing 32 units in phase 1 of the program at this university may be awarded the master of medical studies.

## **4.7 Clinical school placements**

The executive dean or delegate will decide at which clinical school a student will be based.

## **5 Intercalated MD/PhD programs**

### **5.1 Enrolment requirements**

To enrol in the intercalated MD/PhD programs, a student must—

- (a) be admitted to the MD 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 MD 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.

### **5.2 Program requirements**

- (1) Enrolment in both the MD 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 MD program and then, after up to two full-time years of PhD research, enter phase 2 of the MD program full-time and continue their PhD enrolment part-time.

## **6 Intercalated MD/MPhil programs**

### **6.1 Enrolment requirements**

To enrol in the intercalated MD/MPhil programs, a student must—

- (a) be admitted to the MD 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 MD 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 MD 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 MD program and then, after up to one full-time year of MPhil research, enter phase 2 of the MD program full-time and continue their MPhil enrolment part-time.

## **7 Concurrent MD/MPhil programs**

### **7.1 Enrolment requirements**

To enrol in the concurrent MD/MPhil programs, a student must—

- (a) be admitted to the MD 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 MD 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 MD 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 MD/MPhil must fulfil all the requirements of the full-time MD degree while concurrently enrolled in the MPhil part-time.