

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.