

## Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS-Ochsner)

### 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, they will have 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) have complete 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) have completed 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.