

Doctor of Medicine (Ochsner)

1 Definitions

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

intercalated means that students can enrol in a higher degree by research (HDR), 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.

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.

2.2 Observership

- (1) A student must complete a minimum of 8 weeks, of approved placements(s), prior to the commencement of the second 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 medical dean in a format as specified.

2.3 Phase 2 Summative Clinical Assessment

- (1) A student must pass the Phase 2 clinical assessment approved by the medical dean 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 medical dean and associate dean (academic).
- (3) Students will be provided up to three opportunities to pass the Phase 2 clinical assessment.
- (4) For the purpose of subrule 2.3 (3), prior to attempting their third and final attempt of the Phase 2 clinical assessment a student may be required to—
 - (a) undertake further clinical placement courses and other requirements; and
 - (b) undertake other academic remediation activities approved by the executive dean.

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 Immunisation schedule

- (1) Before commencing the program, the student must complete a schedule of immunisations as 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 First aid and CPR 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 Criminal history check

Before commencing the program, a student must provide a satisfactory official criminal history certificate as required by the executive dean.

4.6 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) An interruption of study should not exceed 12 months in duration.
- (3) The executive dean may require a student who has taken a period of interruption, to demonstrate clinical competencies required prior to further study in the program.
- (4) For the purpose of subrule 4.6(3), a student who fails to demonstrate clinical competence may be required to—
 - (a) undertake further clinical placement courses and other requirements; and/or
 - (b) undertake other academic remediation activities set by the executive dean.

4.7 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 attempt the United States Medical Licensing Examination Step 1 examination before commencing Phase 2 of the program.
- (3) A student who fails the Workplace Learning Portfolio course in Year 3 and Year 4 must undertake the relevant Portfolio Remediation course in lieu of the Workplace Learning Portfolio course.

4.8 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 4.8(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 4.8(1) and 4.8(2), a student will be refused further enrolment in the program if—
 - (a) the student has failed 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 has failed a Portfolio Remediation course.

- (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), or nominee.
- (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).

4.9 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.

4.10 Clinical school placements

The medical dean will decide at which clinical unit 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 medical dean 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 medical dean.
- (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 medical dean 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 medical dean.
- (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 medical dean 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 medical dean.
- (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.