

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.