1. Overview

1.1 Students in Phase 2 of the MBBS Program complete ten, sequential, eight week clinical placement rotations.

1.2 During the Phase 2 allocation process, students submit preferences for Clinical School and the clinical rotation on which they start.

1.3 Definitions

1.3.1 Ochsner cohort students are United States citizens enrolled in the MBBS Program who complete Phase 2 of the Program at the Ochsner Clinical School (OCS), New Orleans in the USA.

1.3.2 MBBS (non-OCS) students are students enrolled in the MBBS Program who complete Phase 2 of the Program based at UQ Clinical Schools in Queensland, Australia.

2. Clinical School Allocation for MBBS (non-OCS) students

2.1 Students will be allocated to a Clinical School on the basis of student preference, and the requirements specified in Section 2.

2.2 Allocations will ensure an even distribution of student vacancies across all Clinical Schools.

2.3 It is an Australian Government requirement that a minimum of 25% of domestic medical students attend a UQ Rural Clinical School (RCS) placement for a minimum of one academic year.

2.4 MBBS 3 students allocated to the RCS must complete the entire academic year within that RCS location.

2.5 International students, including students entering MBBS 3 from the International Medical University or elsewhere, are ineligible for allocation to the RCS.

2.6 Allocations will ensure an even distribution of International students across Clinical Schools, excluding the RCS.

2.7 Students wishing to arrange a direct swap of their Clinical School place with another student must contact Student and Academic Support (MBBS3and4@som.uq.edu.au) for approval at least four (4) weeks before the start of the academic year.

3. Special Consideration for MBBS (non-OCS) students

3.1 Special Consideration for Clinical School allocation will be granted for extenuating circumstances, and documentary evidence must be submitted before the due date. Special consideration does not apply to rotation order (see 4.2.4).

3.2 Criteria for Special Consideration include:

Medical reasons e.g. ongoing medical treatment within a geographical area;

Sport at state, national or international level (refer to PPL 3.50.07 Programs and Assessment for Elite Athletes);

Students with dependent children of school age;

Students with medical carer responsibilities;

Students doing an MPhil or PhD between Years 2 and 3 MBBS who wish to be allocated to a Clinical School which is close to their supervisor; and

Other circumstances that can be shown to be highly exceptional.

3.3 Circumstances that will NOT be considered include, but are not restricted to:

Accommodation arrangements;

Financial circumstances;

Location of partner or family;

Access to transportation;
Undertaking a MBBS Honours project; and

Current employment or business arrangements

3.4 Students will be advised of the outcome of their application to their UQ student email account.

3.5 Special Consideration is valid for a calendar year only. Student must reapply for Special Consideration each year.

4. Clinical Rotations

4.1 Not all Clinical Schools offer placements for all clinical rotations, and students at such Clinical Schools will be allocated to another clinical placement location.

4.2 Students are responsible for all financial costs associated with clinical placement requirements.

4.3 Rotation order

4.3.1 All students in Phase 2 follow a fixed rotation order, although the clinical rotation on which they start will differ, and Ochsner cohort students undertake a different, fixed rotation order. The order of rotations for Phase 2 is available in the MBBS Guide.

4.3.2 In the Phase 2 allocation process, students indicate a preference for their starting rotation only.

4.3.3 Students are not able to apply for Special Consideration for their rotation order. Approval of Special Consideration applies only to Clinical School allocations.

4.4 Changes to Rotation order

4.4.1 Students wishing to arrange a direct swap of their rotation order with another student must contact Student and Academic Support (MBBS3and4@som.uq.edu.au) for approval at least four (4) weeks before the start of the academic year or clinical rotation.

4.5 Summer semester enrolment

4.5.1 Clinical rotations are not offered during Summer Semester. With the approval of the Head of Phase 2, students are able to enrol in the Elective rotation (MEDU4016) during Summer Semester, as long as it is the final course required to complete the MBBS Program.

4.6 Repeat rotations for MBBS (non-OCS) students

4.6.1 Students who fail a clinical rotation in Phase 2 and are required to repeat the rotation, will be allocated to available placements at the conclusion of the Phase 2 allocation process, on the advice of the Head of Discipline and Head of Phase 2.

4.6.2 Students are not able to repeat a clinical rotation at an interstate or international placement location, including the Ochsner or Brunei Clinical Schools.

4.6.3 Where required, students will be notified of any changes to their subsequent clinical rotation/s.

4.6.4 Students are typically not allocated to repeat the clinical rotation at the same Clinical School.

4.6.5 Students are not able to repeat a clinical rotation outside of the published rotation schedule or during Summer Semester.

4.7 Repeat rotations for MBBS Ochsner cohort students

4.7.1 Students who fail a clinical rotation in Phase 2 and are required to repeat the rotation, will be allocated to available placements at the conclusion of the Phase 2 allocation process, on the advice of the Head of Ochsner Clinical School and Head of Phase 2.

4.7.2 Students are not able to repeat a clinical rotation outside the Ochsner Clinical School.

4.7.3 Where required, students will be notified of any changes to their subsequent clinical rotation/s.

4.7.4 Students are not able to repeat a clinical rotation outside of the published rotation schedule or during Summer Semester.

4.8 Program completion

4.8.1 Students who are required to repeat a clinical rotation(s), or are approved to take leave for one or more clinical rotations, will be unable to complete the MBBS Program within two academic years.

5. Clinical rotations outside Queensland (MBBS non-OCS students)

5.1 Eligibility: Students undertaking clinical placements in interstate and international locations are ambassadors of the University of Queensland. Therefore, to be eligible for non-elective placements outside Queensland, students must demonstrate high levels of academic achievement and have a record of exemplary professional behaviour:
5.1.1 Students must hold a cumulative GPA of at least 5.0 to be eligible.

5.1.2 Students must have a GPA of at least 5.0 in the most recent semester of study to be eligible.

5.1.3 Students who have ever received a penalty (including a warning) for any level of general or academic misconduct are ineligible.

5.1.4 If after gaining approval for a clinical placement outside Queensland, a student fails a course or receives a penalty for academic or general misconduct, the student's approval will be reviewed by the Head of Phase 2, and approval may be withdrawn.

5.2 Duration and number

5.2.1 The minimum permitted length of a clinical placement at an interstate or international location is 4 weeks.

5.2.2 Students may complete only two clinical rotations in addition to the Elective rotation (MEDI4016) at an international or interstate clinical placement location during Phase 2.

5.3 Applications

5.3.1 First-round applications for clinical rotations at the Brunei Clinical School, International Medical University (Malaysia/IMU) and Ochsner Clinical School will open during the Phase 2 allocation process. Applications submitted during this first round will receive priority. Applications are not expressions of interest, and on approval, will result in allocation.

5.3.2 Applications to undertake Specialties I (MEDI4014) and Specialties II (MEDI4015) at interstate and international locations can be submitted at any time.

6. Clinical rotations outside Ochsner Clinical School (Ochsner cohort students)

6.1 Eligibility: Students undertaking clinical placements outside the Ochsner Clinical School are ambassadors of the University of Queensland. Therefore, to be eligible for placements in non-UQ schools or locations, students must demonstrate high levels of academic achievement and have a record of exemplary professional behaviour.

6.1.1 Any clinical placement outside the Ochsner Clinical School must be approved by the Head, Ochsner Clinical School.

6.1.2 The Head, Ochsner Clinical School will consider a student's academic standing and the quality of the North American location in approving the placement.

6.2 Duration and number

6.2.1 The minimum permitted length of a clinical placement at a North American location is 4 weeks.

6.2.2 Students may complete only two clinical rotations (including the Elective rotation MEDI4016) at a North American location other than the Ochsner Clinical School. Students can complete a clinical rotation in more than one location.

6.2.3 In Phase 2, students must complete the following clinical placement rotations at the Ochsner Clinical School:

- MEDI3003 - Surgery
- MEDI3005 - General Practice
- MEDI3007 - Medicine
- MEDI4010 - Obstetrics and Gynaecology
- MEDI4012 - Paediatrics and Child Health

6.2.4 In Phase 2, students must complete one (1) of the following clinical placement rotations in Australia:

- MEDI3004 - Mental Health
- MEDI3013 - Medicine in Society (hospital-based streams only)
- MEDI4014 - Specialties 1 (medical specialties)
- MEDI4015 - Specialties 2 (surgical specialties)
- MEDI4016 - Elective (2013 only, Critical Care Rotation from 2014)

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