1. Overview

A mandatory objective for the students enrolled in the Ochsner Clinical School is that on graduation they are fit to practise as an intern in both Australia and the USA, and that their education in The University of Queensland’s School of Medicine (SoM) will enable them to pursue any field of medicine in their postgraduate training.

Definition:
Ochsner Cohort Students: US citizens who enroll at The University of Queensland in the Bachelor of Medicine Bachelor of Surgery program are required to complete Year 1 and 2 of the program in Brisbane and then to return to the Ochsner Clinical School at the beginning of Year 3, where they will follow the same curriculum, clinical rotations (number, structure and type), and assessment as their counterparts in Queensland. Ochsner Cohort Students will graduate with the current UQ MBBS degree, which is recognized in the US as equivalent to the US MD degree. Students will be eligible for ECFMG certification, to take the USMLEs, for the NRMP match, and to practice medicine in the US. Upon graduation from the MBBS Program, they are eligible for provisional registration as an intern in Australia, should they apply for, and be offered, a position in an Australian teaching hospital.

\[1\] Course code and title not yet determined
1.1 Purpose
1.1.1 Ochsner Cohort Students will complete a core clinical rotation in Australia in Year 4 in order to demonstrate to a Clinical Preceptor that they have achieved an equivalent standard to MBBS students who complete most of their clinical rotations in SoM Clinical Schools in Queensland.
1.1.2 In Years 1 and 2, students in the Ochsner cohort, enrolled in the MBBS Program, will observe healthcare delivery in the context of general practice and medicine in society in Australia, and then be able to compare and contrast healthcare delivery, in Australia and the USA.
1.1.3 Year 1 Ochsner Cohort students will complete an 8 week elective in Australia.
1.1.4 For students commencing in 2009 and 2010 there will be transitional arrangements to fulfill the requirements of the Australian Medical Council.

2. The Guidelines
Students enrolled in the Ochsner cohort will be exposed to the Australian healthcare system in both Years 1 and 2, as well as a core clinical rotation in their final year.

2.1 Ochsner Students will demonstrate that they are fit to practice in Australia in several ways:
They will complete all of the requirements of the UQ MBBS degree:
2.1.1 Years 1 and 2 will be completed in Brisbane. This component of the program includes comprehensive clinical skills that make up 25% of the Year 1 and 2 Program, and includes time in Queensland Health teaching hospitals.
2.1.2 Completion of a range of clinical placements in Australia to meet the requirements of the Medical Board of Australia for accreditation. These are MEDI1000, MEDIxxx, and MEDI4016
2.1.3 Year 3 will be completed at Ochsner Clinical School. The rotations for MEDI4010 Obstetrics & Gynaecology and MEDI4012 Paediatrics & Child Health will be undertaken at Ochsner Clinical School in year 3. The students will then be prepared for sitting the Step 2 USMLE assessments in the first half of Year 4 at Ochsner.
2.1.4 In Year 4, four of the five clinical rotations will be completed at Ochsner Clinical School.
Students will return for a core clinical rotation in Queensland.
They will be enrolled in EITHER MEDI4014 – Specialties 1 (medical specialties) OR MEDI4015 – Specialties 2 (surgical specialties);
The course not undertaken in Queensland will be taken in Ochsner.
2.1.5 From 2012 the Year 4 Ochsner Cohort students will sit MEDI4018 – Clinical Skills in New Orleans.

2.2 Ochsner Students will be prepared for practice in the USA.
They will complete all the requirements for the UQ MBBS degree, and in addition complete the required examinations for registration in the USA.
2.2.1 Students are required to pass the USMLE Steps 1, 2CK and 2CS, in order to ‘match’ for a residency program.
2.2.2 During Year 4 (January to June) students are expected to sit the two components of the Step 2 USMLE assessment:
   - Knowledge examination;
   - Clinical Skills Examination.