

## AWARD OF THE DIPLOMA IN MEDICAL STUDIES

Programme offered at: Queen's Campus, Stockton.

Mode of study: this programme is available full-time.

1. Candidates for the Diploma in Medical Studies will be admitted to the MBBS Phase I at the University of Durham (see below).
2. In order to be eligible for the award of the Diploma in Medical Studies, candidates must have satisfied the Examiners that they have successfully completed Stage 1 and Stage 2 of the MBBS Phase I at the University of Durham and therefore be eligible for progression to Phase II of the MBBS at the University of Newcastle Upon Tyne.

### MBBS PHASE I (A106)

3. Candidates for the MBBS Phase I programme will be subject to the core regulations of the University of Durham for the period of their registration with the University. Thereafter, upon progression to Phase II at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne Medical School, they will be subject to the regulations for the MBBS degree of the University of Newcastle upon Tyne.

4. Candidates are required to complete the following course of study:

#### STAGE 1 (Certificate)

1-3	Medicine 1	MEDI1013	60
4-6	Medicine 2	MEDI1023	60

#### STAGE 2 (Diploma)

1-3	Medicine 3	MEDI2013	60
4-6	Medicine 4	MEDI2023	60

5. In addition to the core regulations of the University, candidates for the MBBS Phase I will be subject to the special regulations as defined in 6-16 below.

### DISCIPLINE

6. Candidates on the MBBS Phase I will be subject to the Discipline Regulations of the University of Durham. In addition, candidates on the MBBS Phase I will be subject to disciplinary procedures of the University of Newcastle upon Tyne where:
  - i They engage in conduct which renders them unfit to be admitted to and practise the profession of medicine;
  - ii Their conduct constitutes a criminal offence (including conviction for an offence) where that conduct or the offence is such as to render them unfit to practise medicine.

### ASSESSMENT

7. Candidates will be assessed across modules in three assessment elements. These are: what the doctor is able to do, how the doctor approaches practice and the doctor as a professional.
8. The MBBS Phase I programme has four examination periods during each academic year. These are:
  - i A formative examination period in Michaelmas Term (Stage 1 only).
  - ii First week of the Epiphany Term
  - iii End of academic year examination period
  - iv Resit examination period in August/September
9. Assessment in each of the three elements of assessment referred to in 7, above, will include all the material within the Stage covered up to the point of assessment. Consequently, candidates will be assessed in each element more than once during the academic year. A single cumulative grade, weighted towards the assessments taken towards the end of the academic year, shall be determined for each element. The method of calculation will be shown in the MBBS Phase I programme handbook.

10. The performance of all candidates in all elements of assessment will be graded according to attainment within the following ranges:-

M MERIT  
S SATISFACTORY  
B BORDERLINE  
U UNSATISFACTORY

#### **PROGRESSION FROM STAGE 1 TO STAGE 2 WITHIN PHASE I AND FROM STAGE 2 TO PHASE II**

11. To be eligible for progression from Stage 1 to Stage 2 within Phase I, candidates must achieve at least an S - Satisfactory grade in each assessment element in Stage 1; similarly, to progress from Stage 2 to Phase II, candidates must achieve at least an S - Satisfactory grade in each assessment element in Stage 2.
12. Candidates who achieve M - Merit grades in all three assessment elements at the first attempt will be deemed to have passed with merit and will be invited to attend a viva-voce examination for moderation as a candidate for the grade of distinction.
13. Candidates who attain a B - Borderline grade in one or more elements, provided that they do not have any U – Unsatisfactory grades in any element, will be required to attend a viva-voce examination. Candidates who satisfy the examiners at the viva examination will be deemed to be eligible for progression.
14. Candidates who attain a B - Borderline grade in one or more elements and who fail to satisfy the examiners at the viva examination, will be deemed to have failed the Stage and be ineligible for progression. Candidates will be allowed one resit opportunity (normally taken during the summer vacation in the same academic year and without a further course of prescribed study). Failure to achieve the required standard (as given in 11 above) at resit will result in their being required to withdraw from the MBBS programme. Candidates required to withdraw from the MBBS may be eligible for transfer to an alternative programme at the University of Durham, should a suitable programme be available. Eligibility will be determined via the concession system at the University of Durham.
15. Candidates achieving a U - Unsatisfactory grade in one or more assessment elements will be given one resit opportunity (normally during the summer of the same year and without a further course of prescribed study). Failure to achieve the required standard (as given in 11 above) at resit will result in their being required to withdraw from the MBBS programme and the University. Candidates who obtain a B – Borderline grade in one or more elements at resit will be required to attend a viva-voce examination, and if they satisfy the examiners at the viva examination they will be deemed eligible for progression.
16. When candidates progress to Phase II, they will transfer to the University of Newcastle Medical School and will cease to be students of the University of Durham.

#### **HEALTH AND CONDUCT AND APPEALS**

17. Students who experience problems concerning health or conduct which may affect their ability to register to practise medicine will have their cases referred to the Faculty of Medicine Student Health and Conduct Committee of the University of Newcastle upon Tyne for consideration.
18. Students, who wish to appeal against any decision of the Faculty of Medicine Student Health and Conduct Committee of the University of Newcastle upon Tyne, shall do so in accordance with the appeals regulations of the University of Newcastle upon Tyne.
19. Students who are required to withdraw from the MBBS Phase I programme at the University of Durham by the Faculty of Medicine Student Health and Conduct Committee of the University of Newcastle upon Tyne may be eligible for transfer to an alternative programme of study at the University of Durham. Eligibility will be determined via the concession system at the University of Durham. Students who do not wish to apply for such a concession or who are deemed ineligible for transfer to an alternative programme of study within the University of Durham will be required to withdraw from the University. Students who wish to appeal against the decision that they withdraw from the University shall do so in accordance with the appeals procedures of the University of Durham.

20. Students who experience problems relating to health and conduct which are not deemed to affect their ability to register to practise medicine, with or without consideration by the Faculty of Medicine Student Health and Conduct Committee of the University of Newcastle upon Tyne, may still be considered under the relevant regulations of the University of Durham if applicable.
21. For all other appeals throughout their period of registration with the University of Durham, students may appeal (subject to there being grounds for appeal as defined in the core regulations of the University of Durham) under the regulations of the University of Durham.

#### **SUSPENSION OF REGISTRATION**

22. Requests for suspension of registration for reasons other than those which require the consideration of the Faculty of Medicine Student Health and Conduct Committee of the University of Newcastle upon Tyne, shall be considered in accordance with the concessions procedures of the University of Durham.
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