

These programme regulations should be read in conjunction with the University's [core regulations for undergraduate programmes](#), and the [marking and classification conventions for undergraduate programmes](#).

## **Diploma in Medical Studies – MBBS Phase 1 (A100)**

**(for students entering from October 2009)**

1. This programme is available at Queen's Campus, in a full-time mode of study.

### **Level 1 (Certificate)**

2. Candidates shall study and be assessed in the following modules:

		<b>Credit value</b>
Medicine 1 #	<a href="#">MEDI1016</a>	120

### **Level 2 (Diploma)**

3. Candidates shall study and be assessed in the following modules:

		<b>Credit value</b>
Medicine 2	<a href="#">MEDI2016</a>	120

### **Assessment, progression and award**

4. Candidates must attend compulsory patient visits. Candidates who do not attend the Family Project visits in Stage 1 or the Patient Study visits in Stage 2, will be unable to meet the learning objectives of the programme and will be required to repeat the relevant Stage with full attendance;
5. Candidates will be assessed in three assessment domains. These are: Clinical and Communication Skills, Knowledge and Critical Thought, and Professional Behaviours;
6. The MBBS Phase I programme has four examination periods during each academic year. These are:
  - a. A formative examination period in Michaelmas Term (Stage 1 only);
  - b. First week of the Epiphany Term;
  - c. End of academic year examination period;
  - d. Resit examination period in August/September;
7. Assessment in each of the areas detailed in 5, above, will include all the material within each Stage covered up to the point of assessment. Consequently, candidates will be assessed in each domain more than once during the academic year;
8. Assessment will be aggregated to give a final score in the Clinical and Communications Skills and in the Knowledge and Critical Thought domains and a final grade of Acceptable or Unacceptable in the Professional Behaviours domain at the end of each Stage;
9. 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 Durham University and therefore be eligible for progression to Phase II of the MBBS at Newcastle University;
10. To be eligible for progression from Stage 1 to Stage 2 within Phase I, candidates must achieve the Pass threshold score in both the written assignments and examinations components in the Clinical and Communication Skills and in the Knowledge and Critical Thought assessment domains and an Acceptable grade in the Professional Behaviours domain in Stage 1;

Similarly, to progress from Stage 2 to Phase II, candidates must achieve the Pass threshold score in both the written assignments and examinations components in the Clinical and Communication Skills and in the Knowledge and Critical Thought assessment domains and an Acceptable grade in the Professional Behaviours assessment domain in Stage 2;

11. A Final Grade of Fail, Pass or Pass with Merit will be determined from the combined and weighted percentages of both the exam and written assignment elements;
12. Candidates achieving a Fail score or Unacceptable grade in in one or more assessment domains will be given one re-sit opportunity (normally during the summer of the same year and without a further course of prescribed study). Students must re-sit any element that they fail. Failure to achieve the required standard (as given in 11 above) at re-sit will result in their being withdrawn from the MBBS programme;
13. When candidates progress to Phase II, they will transfer to Newcastle University and will cease to be students of Durham University.

### **Discipline**

14. Candidates for the MBBS Programme will be subject to the core regulations of Durham University for the period of their registration with the University. Thereafter, upon progression to Phase II at Newcastle University, they will be subject to the regulations for the MBBS degree of Newcastle University;
15. Candidates on the MBBS Phase I will be subject to the Discipline Regulations of Durham University. In addition, candidates on the MBBS Phase I will be subject to the disciplinary procedures of Newcastle University where:
  - a. They engage in conduct which renders them unfit to be admitted to and practice the profession of medicine;
  - b. 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 practice medicine.

### **Health Conduct and Appeals**

16. 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 Newcastle University for consideration;
17. Students, who wish to appeal against any decision of the Faculty of Medicine Student Health and Conduct Committee of Newcastle University, shall do so in accordance with the appeals regulations of Newcastle University;
18. Students who are required to withdraw from the MBBS Phase I programme at Durham University by the Faculty of Medicine Student Health and Conduct Committee Newcastle University may be eligible for transfer to an alternative programme of study at Durham University. Eligibility will be determined via the concession system at Durham University. 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 Durham University 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 Durham University;
19. 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 Newcastle University, may still be considered under the relevant regulations of Durham University if applicable;
20. For all other appeals throughout their period of registration with Durham University, students may appeal (subject to there being grounds for appeal as defined in the core regulations of Durham University) under the regulations of Durham University.

### **Suspension of Registration**

21. 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 Newcastle University shall be considered in accordance with the concessions procedures of Durham University.