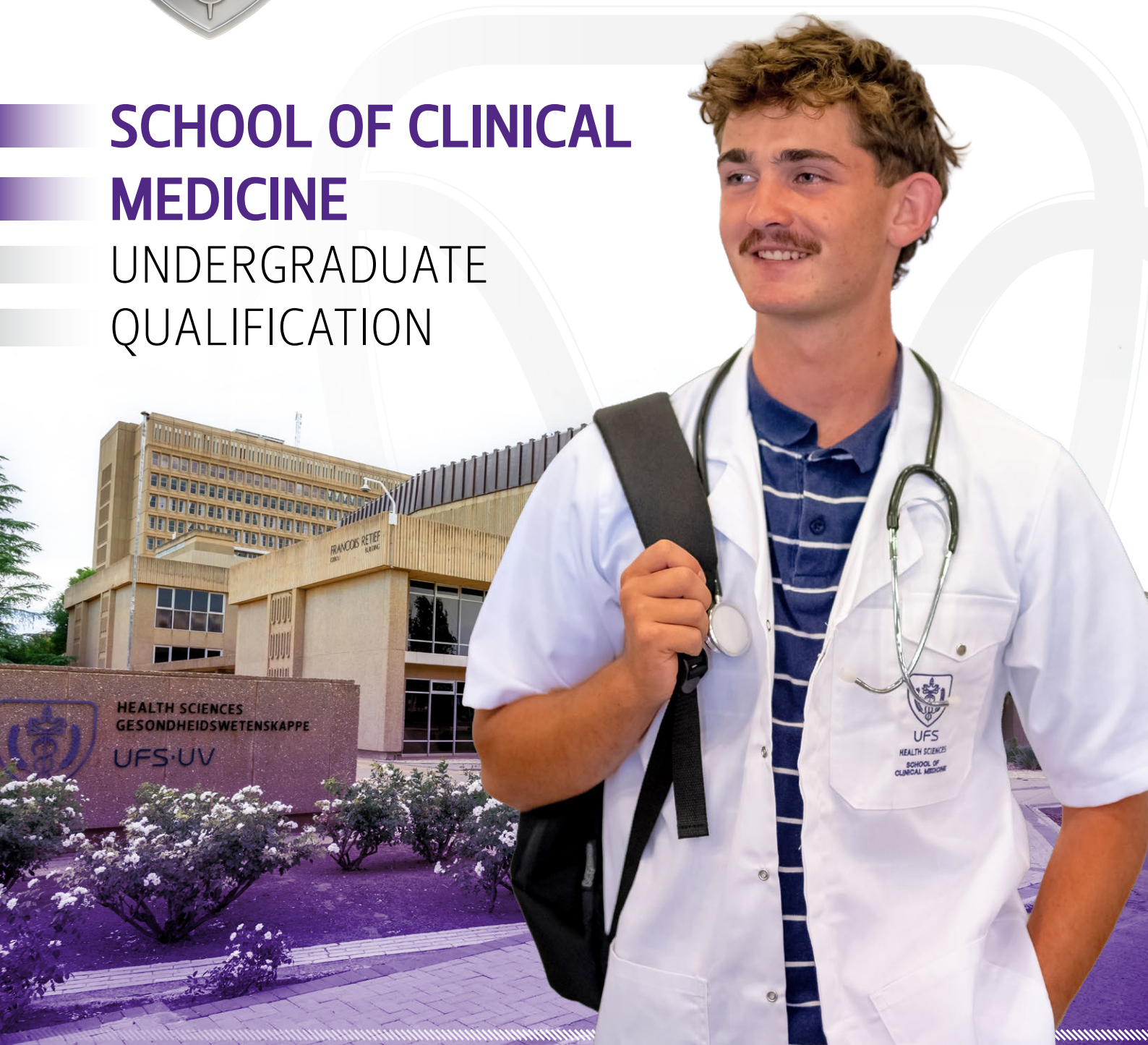




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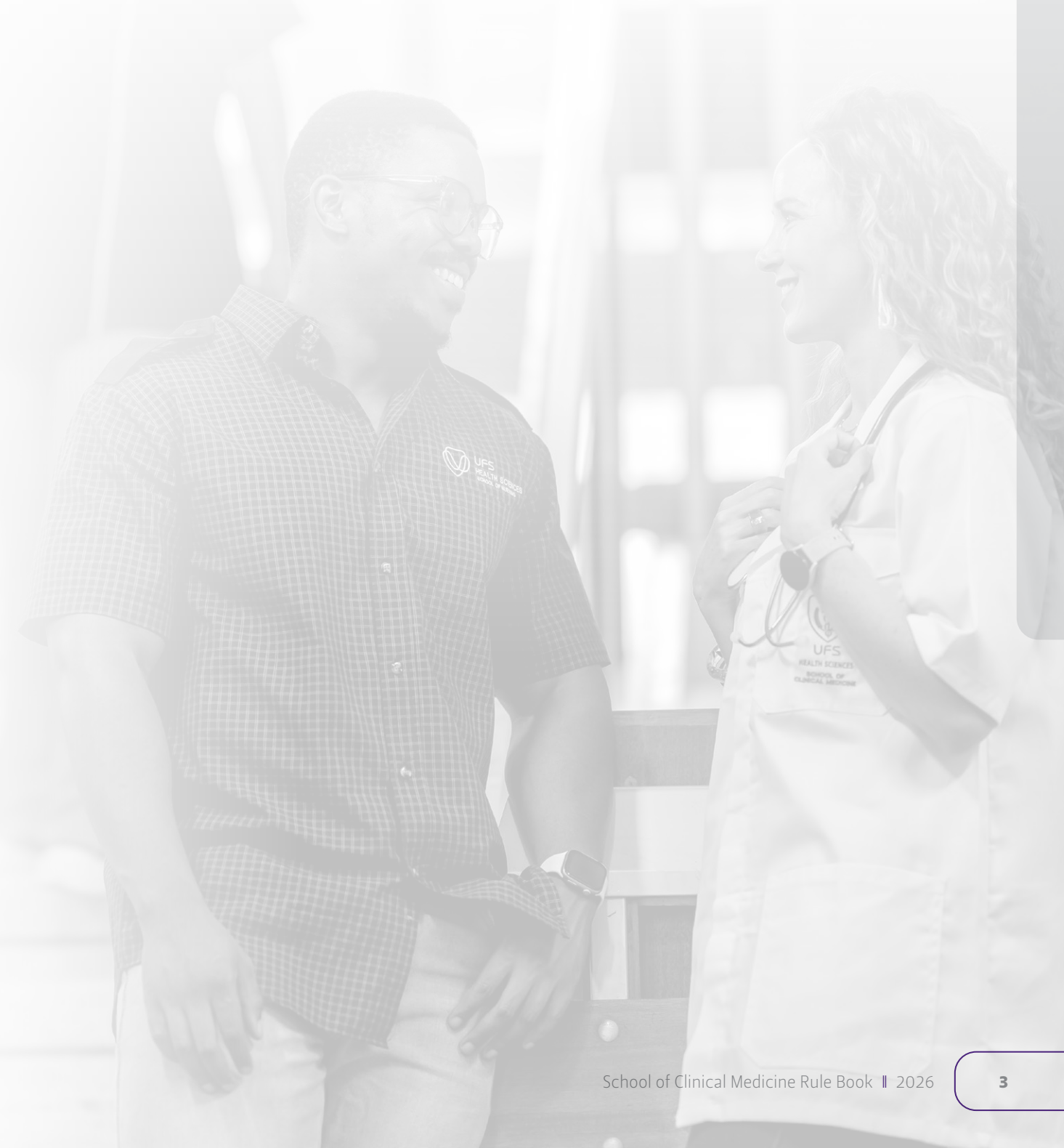
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# DEFINITIONS

Refer to the University of the Free State (UFS) General Rules 2026 for the definitions of terms to ensure clarity and uniform interpretation.

# QUALIFICATION PROGRAMMES

Besides qualifications and diplomas, the University may introduce in the future, the following qualification programmes in the Faculty of Health Sciences, School of Clinical Medicine are:

QUALIFICATION	ABBREVIATION OF QUALIFICATION	MINIMUM DURATION	CODE
Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (Programme for Professional Medicine)	MBChB	5 yrs	BC834100
Bachelor of Medical Science with specialisation in Radiation Sciences	BMedSc with specialisation in Radiation Sciences	3 yrs	BC831000
Learning Development Programme	LDP	6 months	BC81Z000

# GENERAL ORIENTATION

Although the information in Rule Book 2026 has been compiled as accurately as possible, the UFS accepts no responsibility for any inaccuracies that may occur.

The UFS General Rules 2026, as amended from time to time, apply to the Faculty of Health Sciences and the School of Clinical Medicine.

It is the student's sole responsibility to familiarise himself/herself with the General Faculty rules. A number of rules apply to the various qualifications and options.

Three sets of rules are applicable:

- a. General Rules for Undergraduate Qualifications, Postgraduate Diplomas, Bachelor Honours Degrees, Master's Degrees, Doctoral Degrees, Higher Doctorates, Honorary Degrees, and the Convocation of the UFS (defined as General Rules of the UFS from here on) apply to all faculties and consequently to the qualifications and programmes of this School as well. Unless otherwise specified, the General Rules regarding bachelor's degree qualifications apply to the qualifications set forth above.  
  
The assessment and other rules applicable to the student are summarised in the rules.
- b. Faculty Rules, specifically applicable to programmes offered in this School, are outlined in this Rule Book.
- c. Regulations regarding the profession are included in the text that follows, as applicable.

# RULES

Here follows a further explanation of the rules with regard to the undergraduate qualifications and study programmes in the School of Clinical Medicine. Students must also refer to the relevant phase guides and code of conduct in the School of Clinical Medicine.

The pass requirements pertaining to modules, clinical residencies, integrated assessments, special study module dissertations, elective reports, and community work reports are outlined in Phase I, Phase II and Phase III module guides.

## PROGRAMME FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICINE: BACHELOR OF MEDICINE AND BACHELOR OF SURGERY

ACADEMIC PLAN CODE: BC834100	MBChB (PROGRAMME FOR WPROFESSIONAL MEDICINE)	CREDITS: 860
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- RULE M3 RULES FOR THE PROGRAMME FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICINE: BACHELOR OF MEDICINE AND BACHELOR OF SURGERY
- RULE M3.1 ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Only a student in possession of a National Senior Certificate issued by UMALUSI (or an equivalent qualification approved by the University of Free State (UFS) can be admitted to the programme. Refer to the Selection Policy available on the UFS website.

### ELUCIDATION:

- a. Only a limited number of students are admitted annually to the first year of the programme. Admission is subject to selection.
- b. Admission is granted only to the first year of the programme.
- c. A minimum average mark at achievement level 5 (60%) is required for each of the following compulsory subjects: English or Afrikaans, Mathematics, Physical Sciences and Life Sciences. An Admission Point (AP score) of at least 36 is required.
- d. Senior students' admission requirements are determined by the selection requirements as set per category and contained in the selection policy.
- e. Prior to admission, a student selected for the programme has to pay a deposit that is deductible from class fees.
- f. Students receive training at the approved training complexes and render community service in the Bloemfontein vicinity and other training institutions.
- g. Transport will be provided to training sites of the UFS in Bloemfontein and surrounding areas, including Community-Based Education and interprofessional training rotations after students sign the required indemnity documents. An annual fee will be charged on student accounts (FHS Academic Training Transport Levy). This annual fee makes provision for all transport costs over the years of training.

- RULE M3.2 ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS: STUDENTS FROM OTHER UNIVERSITIES

A student who has failed the Medicine programme at another university and has been refused further study in Medicine at that university, will not be admitted to the MBChB programme of the UFS.

Transfer from another MBChB programme at a South African university is only possible upon approval of the Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences, UFS and the respective Dean of the Faculty from which the student requests to transfer.

**RULE M3.3      REGISTRATION AS STUDENT**

The registration programme will be announced in writing to students. Students must register annually. The student is expected to make all the prescribed payments before reporting for registration.

A student who fails semester 1 of the first study year and qualifies to be admitted into the Learning Development Programme will automatically be deregistered from the MBChB programme and registered for the Learning Development Programme. The latter excludes all senior students who have already obtained a degree and students who have already completed a bridging programme or who have been registered in an extended degree programme. If a student passes the Learning Development Programme at the end of semester 2, he/she must apply to be readmitted (according to Rule M.6.7) and registered for the MBChB programme. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that the reregistration does occur.

**ELUCIDATION:**

Payment may occur at any post office or branch of ABSA bank in the country.

ABSA bank branch code: 630734

The University account number: 1570 151 688 Reference number: 100 + your student number.

**RULE M3.4      DURATION OF THE PROGRAMME**

The minimum period required to obtain the MBChB qualification is five years of full-time study.

**Rule M3.5      REGISTRATION AS A STUDENT IN MEDICINE WITH THE HEALTH PROFESSIONS COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICA**

Every student in Medicine is required to register with the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) as a student in Medicine. The University will advise students when such registration should occur. It remains the student's responsibility to confirm and finalise the HPCSA registration. The UFS will inform the HPCSA of student misconduct.

**ELUCIDATION:**

The complete set of rules and regulations concerning registration with the Health Professions Council of South Africa as a student in Medicine is available for perusal at the office of the Deputy Director: Faculty Administration and on the HPCSA website ([www.hpcsa.co.za](http://www.hpcsa.co.za)).

**RULE M3.6      THE PROGRAMME**

The programme is divided into three phases. Phase I is offered in semester 1, Phase II in semester 2 to 5 and Phase III in semesters 6 to 10. In Phases I and II, the contents are arranged in thematic or system-based modules. Phase III is devoted to Clinical Medicine.

The FLTH 1512 and FLTH 1522 (previously UFSS1504) modules are compulsory for all first-time entering students in B-degree learning programmes (refer to the General Rules of the A12.7 (i)). The 16 credits for FLTH1512 and FLTH1522 are non-credit-bearing towards the qualification.

If the module is not passed in the first academic year, it must be repeated in the second year. A qualification cannot be obtained from the UFS if the FLTH1512 and FLTH1522 modules have not been completed successfully. Exemptions include the following:

- Transfer students who have already completed a qualification (diploma or degree) from an accredited institution or are over 30 years old are exempted from FLTH1512 and only need to register for FLTH1522.





Diagrammatic Representation of the Structure of the MBChB Programme BC834100																									
Phase I		Phase II					Phase III																		
Year 1			Year 2			Year 3			Year 4 (196C)			Year 5 (200C)													
Semester 1 (84C)		Semester 2		Semester 3 (152C)		Semester 4 (80C)		Semester 5 (112 C)		Semesters 6 (36C)	Semester 7	Semester 8		Semester 9	Semester 10										
MPSY1513 (12C) Health Psychology	MIMA1513 (12C) Integrated Medical Science Assessment	MMEM1620 (0C) **		MMEM2618 (32C)		MIMA2613(12C) Integrated Medical Science Assessment	MURI2724 (16C) Urinary System		MRES3714 (16C) Respiratory System		MHEL3823 (12C) Health Policy and Service Provision	MINT4810 (52C) Internal Medicine		MINT4820 (52C) Internal Medicine		Compulsory residency with an approved general practitioner – 2 weeks electives Semester examinations	MIAM5810 (48C) Internal Medicine and Anaesthesiology	MIAM5820 (48C) Internal Medicine and Anaesthesiology		Final exit examinations at the end of 10					
Membranes, Receptors and Principles of Pharmacotherapy																									
MDOC1513 (12C) The Doctor and the Environment		MANA1620 (0C) **		MANA2618 (32C)			MHAE2724 (16C) Haematology and Immunopathology		MHEA3714 (16C) Health and Disease in Populations			MSUR4810 (48C) Surgery (Otorhinolaryngology / Ophthalmology / Orthopaedics)		MSUR4820 (48C) Surgery (Otorhinolaryngology / Ophthalmology / Orthopaedics)				MSUR5810 (56C) Surgery (Orthopaedics, Urology and Trauma)			MSUR5820 (56C) Surgery (Orthopaedics, Urology and Trauma)				
MCHD1513 (12C) Concepts of Health and Disease		MMOL1620 (0C)**		MMOL2618 (32C)			MCAR2724 (16C) Cardiovascular System		MNER3714 (16C) Nervous System			MPAE4818 (32C) Paediatrics and Child health		MPAE4828 (32C) Paediatrics and Child health				MPAE5816 (24C) Paediatrics and Child health			MPAE5826 (24C) Paediatrics and Child health				
MHIS1513 (12C) Tissues of the Body				MDIS2614(16C) Mechanisms of Disease			MGEN2724 (16C) Genital System		MEND3714 (16C) Endocrine System			MINT3820 (0C)** Internal Medicine (Psychiatry)		MOBG4818 (32C) Obstetrics and Gynaecology				MOBG4828 (32C) Obstetrics and Gynaecology			MOBG5816 (24C) Obstetrics and Gynaecology		MOBG5826 (24C) Obstetrics and Gynaecology		
MANA1513 (12C) Structure and Development of the Body				MINF2614(16C) Infections and Antimicrobial Drugs			MGAS2724 (16C) Gastrointestinal System		METH3714 (16C) Human Diversity, Human Rights and Legal Ethics			MSUR3820 (0C)** Surgery (Anaesthesiology)		MPSY4818 (32C) Psychiatry (Oncology)				MPSY4828 (32C) Psychiatry (Oncology)			MFAM5818 (32C) Family Medicine		MFAM5828 (32C) Family Medicine		
MGEN1513(12C) General Skills		MSSM1620 (0C) **		MSSM2613 (12C)			MSSM2720 (0C) Epidemiology, Biostatistics and Special Study Module		MSSM3712 (8C) Epidemiology, Biostatistics. and Special Study Module			MPAE3823 (12C)** Paediatrics and Child health									MPSY5814 (16C) Psychiatry		MPSY5824 (16C) Psychiatry		
Epidemiology, Biostatistics and Special Study Module (SSM)							MCLI2720 (0C) **		MCLI3713 (12C)			MOBG3823 (12C)** Obstetrics and Gynaecology													
Level 8 Total Credits: 860 Notional Hours: 8600		Learning Development Programme (LDP) of 6 months for students that failed					Clinical Skills					MPSY3820 (0C) ** Psychiatry		Community-based education											
**Continuation		MIMA1620 Integrated Medical Assessment Module Mark					MIMA2720 Integrated Medical Assessment Module Mark																		



**RULE M3.7 ATTENDANCE OF CLASSES / CONTACT PERIODS**

Attendance of all contact periods and clinical rotations/practical sessions in all three phases is compulsory. Students are expected to have 100% class attendance as stipulated in the first sentence of this Rule M3.7. A minimum of 80% attendance during the contact periods is required to allow for unforeseen circumstances, e.g., illness or other urgent obligations. Students who have attended less than 80% of the contact periods of a module, skills development sessions (dissection and clinical skills sessions) or clinical residency will not be allowed to do the assessment at the end of the module or residency and will be regarded as having failed the module or residency. Students will also not be eligible for reassessment. In exceptional cases, the Programme Director: Undergraduate Programme Management, with the Head of the School of Clinical Medicine, may grant permission for absence on condition that the student makes prior arrangements for absence with the Programme Director: Undergraduate Programme Management and the Head of the School and lecturers.

Students must complete the necessary absence request forms to obtain permission for absence from the programme. For details, please refer to the semester planners and learning management system (Blackboard).

**ASSESSMENT RULES**

See Rule M4

**RULE M3.8 PASS REQUIREMENTS**

To pass a module, compliance with subminimum requirements (where applicable) and a final mark of at least 50% must be obtained.

**RULE M3.8.1 SEMESTER 1**

A student must pass both question papers individually of the final assessment in MIMA1513 in the first semester, with a final combined assessment mark of 50% (module mark and examination mark) in MIMA1513, to progress to the second semester.

**ELUCIDATION:**

Refer to Rule M.4.4.2 (b), which must be read together with Rule M3.8.1.

**RULE M3.8.2 SEMESTER 2 AND 3**

A student must pass each individual component (theory and practical) of the MIMA2613 assessments to progress to semester 4, as elucidated in the Phase II guide.

**RULE M3.8.3 SEMESTER 4 AND 5**

In order to progress to semester 6, a student must:

- a. Pass each individual component (theory and clinical) of the MIMA3713 assessments as elucidated in the Phase II guide.
- b. Pass the Special Study Module (MSSM3712) before the end of semester 5.

**RULE M3.8.4 SEMESTER 6, 7 AND 8**

- a. Assessment of the modules MOBG3823, MPAE3823, MSUR3820, and MINT3820 will occur during the course of semester 6. Marks awarded in all these modules are transferred to semester 7 and/or semester 8 as described in the relevant manuals or Phase III guide.
- b. Continuous assessment of the MHEL3823 module will take place during semester 6. If a student fails the module, an approved special assessment will be offered during the last weeks of semester 6. Failure of this assessment will prevent the student from proceeding to semester 7 and semester 6 must be repeated in total. No exemption from modules in semester 6 will be granted during the repeat year.

- c. At the end of semester 8, a main examination opportunity per module is offered. Admission to this examination opportunity is subject to a student achieving an average mark of 45% or more in each of the semester 7 and 8 modules AND meeting the attendance requirements.
- d. The student must pass both the theoretical and clinical components of the assessment (where offered) independently in all the disciplines and/or modules.
- e. At the end of semester 8, before the commencement of semester 9, a two-week elective residency period with a medical practitioner must be completed.

**RULE M3.8.5 SEMESTER 9 AND 10 (FIFTH YEAR OF STUDY)**

The following apply to pass the fifth and final year of study:

- a. The student must pass all the modules and clinical residency components with a minimum average mark of 45% in each module and must attend all the clinical rotations and contact sessions (Rule M3.7) in all the modules to obtain exam admission.
- b. The student must pass both the theoretical and clinical components of the assessments (where offered) independently.
- c. A student must meet all subminimum requirements (as stipulated in the module guides).

**RULE M3.8.6 PASS REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBSECTIONS OF THE PROGRAMME**

The pass requirements pertaining to modules, clinical residencies, integrated assessments, special study module dissertations, elective reports, and community work reports are outlined in Phase I, Phase II and Phase III module and phase guides.

**RULE M3.9 REPEATING**

- a. A student may not interrupt his/her studies for whatever reason for a period longer than two calendar years.
- b. A student must apply for readmission to the year/semester that was interrupted in writing and provide supporting documentation for this request. The request for readmission must be made at least one month prior to the commencement of academic activities in the relevant year/semester.
- c. A student who has interrupted his/her studies for a period longer than two years must reapply for possible selection and admission to the first year of the MBChB programme.
- d. A student must direct a request to the Programme Director: Undergraduate Programme Management in writing for permission to interrupt his/her studies for whatever reason prior to interrupting their studies. Marks obtained in all modules up to the date of receipt of written documentation regarding interruption will be considered. The Head of the School of Clinical Medicine must approve the request.
- e. Students repeating a year must adhere to attendance requirements as set out in Rule M3.7.

**RULE M3.9.1 REPEATING OF PHASE I (SEMESTER 1), PHASE II (SEMESTERS 2, 3, 4 AND 5) AND PHASE III (SEMESTERS 6, 7 AND 8)**

- a. No student may repeat semester 1 (Phase I) more than once.
- b. Students who have admission to and fail the MIMA1513 examination in the first semester of the first year of study must undergo the Learning Development Programme (LDP) (see rule M6.1 for conditions). Students who do not qualify for LDP but are not academically excluded (i.e. passed more than 50% of their modules) may apply for readmission in Semester 1 in the following year.
- c. Students who fail semesters 3 or 5 must repeat the preceding semester in totality. Refer to Rule M4.2. B and C.

- d. Students must complete the first four academic years of study (until the end of semester 8) within a maximum of six calendar years. A student may not fail more than twice in Phases I and II.
- e. A student who passes less than 50% of the total registered modules of any specific year will be excluded from the programme.

#### **RULE M3.9.2 REPEATING OF SEMESTERS 9 AND 10 (FIFTH YEAR OF STUDY)**

- a. The main examination opportunity for all relevant modules and/or disciplines will take place at the end of semester 10. An additional examination opportunity will be offered to qualifying students in the week after the main examination.
- b. Please see Rule M3.9.4 for the entry requirements for the additional opportunity examination. The main examination opportunity and, if applicable, the additional opportunity examination will be deemed a student's first attempt at passing the modules and disciplines of the final year.
- c. A student who fails the first attempt at the end of semester 10 will be allowed to repeat the relevant modules and/or disciplines in the following academic year, after a period of further attachment and learning in terms of Rule M3.9.3 stated herein. This will be deemed the second attempt at passing the relevant modules and/or disciplines. If still unsuccessful, a third and final opportunity to repeat the relevant modules and/or disciplines will be granted after an extended period of further attachment and learning in the relevant modules and/or disciplines (see Rule M3.9.3).
- d. The modules in the clinical phase of the curriculum (Phase III) comprise one or more subject disciplines. Each individual discipline within a specific module must be passed independently to enable a student to pass the module as a whole.

#### **EXAMPLE: MODULE MIAM 5810/5820**

This module consists of two subject disciplines, namely Internal Medicine and Anaesthesiology. To pass MIAM5810/5820, the two subject disciplines must be passed independently.

In the final year of the MBChB curriculum, the modules and subject disciplines are:

- MIAM5810/5820 – Internal Medicine, Anaesthesiology
- MSUR5810/5820 – Surgery, Orthopaedics, Urology, Trauma
- MPAE5816/5826 – Paediatrics and Child Health (incl. Neonatology)
- MOBG5816/5826 – Obstetrics and Gynaecology
- MFAM5818/5828 – Family medicine
- MPSY5814/5824 – Psychiatry

#### **RULE M3.9.3 THE MAXIMUM REPEAT TIME FRAMES PER DISCIPLINE**

A student who fails the first attempt in any discipline must re-register for the relevant discipline(s) at the standard repeat time in the next academic year.

- Internal Medicine = 10 weeks
- General Surgery (incl. Trauma) = 10 weeks
- Paediatrics and Child Health (incl. Neonatology) = 6 weeks
- Obstetrics and Gynaecology = 6 weeks
- Family medicine = 6 weeks
- Orthopaedics = 2 weeks
- Urology = 2 weeks
- Anaesthesiology = 2 weeks
- Psychiatry = 2 weeks

A new residency mark per discipline will be generated. If the student qualifies, admission to the second examination opportunity will be granted at an examination admission committee meeting following the completion of the rotation.

If the student fails the supplementary main examination opportunity, further extended residency time must be undertaken before the third (and final) main examination opportunity. The extended residency length is double the standard residency length.

A new residency mark will be generated. Admission to the third (final) main examination opportunity will be granted at an examination admission committee meeting.

THESE RULES ARE TO BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH 4.4.2 (a) AND (b)

#### **RULE M3.10 READMISSION OF STUDENTS TO THE MBCHB PROGRAMME**

(FIRST TO FOURTH YEAR OF STUDY: SEMESTERS 1-8)

See Rule M4.7.

#### **RULE M3.11 PROMOTION TO NEXT SEMESTER/YEAR OF STUDY**

In order to progress to the next semester/year of study, a student has to satisfy all the pass requirements for the preceding semester/year of study.

#### **RULE M3.12 MODULE / SEMESTER MARK**

In addition to the stipulations of the UFS General Rule A9.2 (Module Mark), all the rules apply as outlined in Phase I, Phase II and Phase III module or phase guides of the MBChB programme.

#### **RULE M3.13 EXEMPTION FROM MODULES THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN PASSED**

THIS RULE MUST BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH RULE M4.5 UNDER ASSESSMENT RULES

A fourth-year student who is repeating semesters 7 and 8 and has already passed a module(s) in the preceding year has obtained a module mark of at least 60% in the relevant module(s) in the current year and has attended more than 80% of the contact sessions and clinical residencies in the current semester/year, may apply for exemption from assessment in the relevant module(s) at the main examination opportunity at the end of the year that they are repeating.

#### **ELUCIDATION:**

Application for exemption from assessment is made on the prescribed application form available at the office of the Deputy Director: Faculty Administration. Applications must be submitted to the Programme Director: Undergraduate Programme Management and then the Head of the School of Clinical Medicine via the Head of Department before the commencement of the main examination opportunity. The recommendation for the exemption will be discussed at the examination admission committee meeting. The Dean must grant approval for exemption from the exam.



# GENERAL ASSESSMENT RULES

## ASSESSMENT RULES REGARDING THE MBChB PROGRAMME BC834100

### RULE M4 RULES REGARDING ASSESSMENT

The assessment rules<sup>1</sup> of the University, revised where necessary, apply to the School of Clinical Medicine. The UFS Assessment Policy is applicable as follows:

- a. A minimum of two assessments per module. Based on the assessment strategy per module, additional assessments (including continuous and formative assessments) will be included in the assessment strategy. Details regarding the assessment strategy per module are available in the Phase guide for Phases I, II and III, which is made available to all students.
- b. Inquiries regarding assessments and marks must be addressed through the relevant module leader according to the guidelines in the relevant module and phase guides.
- c. No markers are used in the MBChB programme in the School of Clinical Medicine.
- d. Internal moderation is done for all summative assessments and final assessments and indicated on moderator's report forms. External moderation is done for all final assessments in the final assessments in Phase II (Semester 5) and Phase III (Semester 10) of the MBChB programme. Documentation of the moderator's form is retained in the relevant department.
- e. Approval must be obtained from the Faculty Education Committee prior to using the same internal and/or external moderators for more than three consecutive years.
- f. Feedback is given as per the assessment strategy of each module and is communicated in the Phase guides.
- g. An examination committee meeting is held after each final assessment opportunity in Phases I, II and III in the MBChB programme. The final summative assessment results are discussed here. Monitoring of the results and trends in assessment results is done by the MBChB programme and quality assurance committee, and feedback is given to the Phase working groups to make adjustments as appropriate.
- h. Hard copies of assessment answer sheets in all formative and continuous module assessments are returned to students after the results have been finalised and submitted to the official UFS database system. Hard copies of examination assessment answer sheets in all final summative assessments are kept in a secure space in the relevant departments/administrative office of the phase chairs for a minimum period of five years. All hard copies are destroyed by means of a secure document destruction system approved by the UFS. All assessment results are submitted on the official UFS database system, following procedures to ensure the security of data. The relevant module leaders/administrative officers/teaching and learning coordinators in each phase of the MBChB programme securely store all continuous, formative, and summative assessment results in all modules electronically.

### RULE M4.1 ADMISSION TO ASSESSMENT OPPORTUNITY

- a. Attendance of all the contact sessions in all the modules in the Schools of Biomedical Sciences, Pathology and Clinical Medicine is compulsory.
- b. Students with less than 80% attendance in any component of training will be excluded from the main examination opportunity for the relevant module and/ or discipline. The student will also not be considered for the supplementary assessment opportunity.
- c. Students with less than 80% attendance, due to exceptional circumstances, must obtain written permission from the Head of School of Clinical Medicine to continue with the module.
- d. To gain admission to the main examination in Phase III, a minimum module mark of at least 45% is required in each module.

- e. Before each examination, an Examination Admission meeting will be conducted to grant qualifying students admission to the examination opportunity.

### ELUCIDATION:

Excluding Phase I [Refer Rule M4.2 (A)] and Phase II [Refer Rule 4.2. (B) and (C)].

Students who wish to appeal against non-admission to an examination opportunity must submit a written appeal within 48 hours after the module marks are made known to the Head of the School of Clinical Medicine and the Programme Director: Undergraduate Programme Management.

1. Assessment Rules must be read in conjunction with Phase Guides.

### RULE M4.2 COMPOSITION OF MODULE MARKS

#### A. PHASE I – SEMESTER 1

The modules in semester 1 are MGEN1513, MPSY1513, MDOC1513, MCHD1513, MHIS1513, MANA1513, and an Integrated Medical Science Assessment module (MIMA1513).

For the six module-specific modules (MGEN1513, MPSY1513, MDOC1513, MCHD1513, MHIS1513, and MANA1513), at least two assessments will be offered per module (see Phase guide and module workbooks for more detail). The module marks of these modules will determine whether the student will be admitted to the main examination opportunity. The module marks of these modules will then also be the final module marks reflected on the University's database.

For the MIMA1513 module in semester 1, the following modules will be assessed together:

- MPSY1513, MDOC1513, MCHD1513 and MGEN1513
- MHIS1513, MANA1513 and MGEN1513

For the two groups of modules assessed together in MIMA1513, there are at least two assessment opportunities in each group during semester 1. The marks contribute to the module mark for MIMA1513, constituting 50% of the final mark of MIMA1513.

A main examination opportunity is offered at the end of semester 1, which is comprised of an integrated medical science assessment (MIMA1513). The assessment format is similar to the assessments of MIMA1513 during the semester and comprises two question papers that both must be passed independently.

If a student does not gain admission to the main examination opportunity, he/she will be admitted to the Learning Development Programme, provided he/she comply with the admission requirements in rule M6.1. This excludes all senior students who have already obtained a qualification, or students who have already completed a bridging programme or who have been registered in an extended degree programme. Senior students who have already completed a bridging programme or have been registered in an extended degree programme must apply to repeat semester 1 and may apply immediately for readmission to semester 1 in the following year and apply with the process and procedures of readmission.

The admission requirements for the main examination opportunity MIMA1513 (semester 1), are as follows:

At least five of the six module-specific modules (MGEN1513, MPSY1513, MDOC1513, MCHD1513, MHIS1513 and MANA1513) must be passed with a mark of at least 50%, and a module mark of at least 45% must be obtained for the remaining module.

A student who fails the main examination, i.e. the integrated medical science assessment (MIMA1513), may qualify for an additional examination opportunity in terms of the related rules (Rule M4.4.2.). Students must write both question papers during the additional examination opportunity. If a student fails the additional examination opportunity as well, the student is admitted to the Learning Development Programme in the second semester, provided he/she comply with the admission requirements in Rule M6.1.

If a student passes the main examination opportunity in MIMA1513 (i.e. both papers of MIMA1513), he/she is admitted to semester 2 (Rule M3.8.1). A student must obtain 50% or more in each paper in the MIMA 1513 assessment and a final combined mark of 50% or more.

## B. PHASE II – SEMESTERS 2 AND 3

The modules in semesters 2 and 3 are MMEM1620/2618, MMOL1620/2618, MDIS2614, MINF2614, MSSM 1620/2613 and MANA1620/2618.

During the semesters, two integrated medical science assessments are offered, the marks of which contribute to the semester mark for MIMA2613, constituting 50% of the final mark in the written component of MIMA2613.

At the end of semester 3, an integrated medical science assessment (MIMA2613) is offered, comprising a written and OSPE (Objective Structured Practical Examination) component. Both components must be passed independently.

To obtain admission to the main examination opportunity of MIMA2613, a student must pass at least five of the six modules and obtain a minimum of 45% in the failed module. If a student does not gain admission to the main examination opportunity of MIMA2613, the student must repeat semesters 2 and 3. If the student fails the main examination opportunity of MIMA2613, the student may qualify for an additional examination opportunity in terms of the related rules. Both the written and OSPE components will be assessed.

If a student is repeating semesters 2 and 3 and has already passed MSSM 2613, the student continues with the MSSM project and does not repeat MSSM1620 and MSSM2613.

If a student passes the final assessment in MIMA2613, he/she is admitted to semester 4.

## C. PHASE II – SEMESTERS 4 AND 5

The modules in semesters 4 and 5 are MURI2724, MHA2724, MCAR2724, MGEN2724, MGAS2724, MRES3714, MHEA3714, MNER3714, MEND3714, METH3714, MSSM2720/3712 and MCLI2720/3713. MSSM2720 is a continuation module and includes a research project for which a final assessment mark is awarded at the end of semester 5.

During the semesters, two integrated medical science assessments are offered, the marks of which contribute to the semester mark for MIMA3713, constituting 50% of the final mark of the written component of MIMA3713.

At the end of semester 5, an integrated medical science assessment (MIMA3713) is offered. The main examination opportunity (MIMA3713) at the end of semester 5 comprises one written integrated medical science assessment and an OSCE (Objective Structured Clinical Examination) component, which includes an oral assessment. Both components of the module must be passed independently. See Phase II Guide for elucidation.

To gain admission to the main examination opportunity of MIMA3713, a student must pass at least 11 of the 12 modules and obtain a minimum of 45% in the failed module. If a student does not gain admission to the main examination opportunity of MIMA3713, the student must repeat semesters 4 and 5. If the student fails the main examination opportunity of MIMA3713, the student may qualify for an additional examination opportunity in terms of the related rules. Both the written and OSCE component will be assessed.

If the student is repeating semesters 4 and 5 and has already passed MSSM3712, the student has successfully completed MSSM3712.

If a student passes the main examination opportunity in MIMA3713 (in accordance with the conditions of Rule M3.8.3), he/she is admitted to semester 6.

## D. PHASE III – SEMESTER 6

The modules in semester 6 are MHEL3823 and MINT3820, MSUR3820, MPAE3823, MOBG3823 and MPSY3820, continuing in semesters 7 and 8.

Marks obtained MINT3820, MSUR3820, MPAE3823, MOBG3823 and MPSY3820 during semester 6 are carried forward to semesters 7 and 8. See Rule M3.8.4 and module guides for the relevant assessment rules.

There is no semester main examination opportunity in modules MINT3820, MSUR3820, MPAE3823, MOBG3823 and MPSY3820 in semester 6, as the modules are continued in semesters 7 and 8 and assessed in those semesters.

## E. PHASE III – SEMESTERS 7 AND 8

At the end of semester 8, a main examination opportunity per module in semesters 7 and 8 is offered. If a student fails the main examination opportunity at the end of semester 8, he/she may qualify for admission to the additional examination assessment opportunity in terms of the related rules.

In semesters 7 and 8, completion of four (4) weeks of Community-Based Education (CBE) and Inter-Professional Education (IPE) at the UFS training platforms is compulsory for progression to semester 9.

If a student is repeating semesters 7 and 8, the transferred semester 6 marks will be calculated according to the formula specified for repeat students in the relevant module guides.

## F. PHASE III – SEMESTERS 9 AND 10

The main examination opportunities in all the relevant modules of both semesters 9 and 10 will be at the end of semester 10. This is considered a professional qualifying examination, and external examiners are involved in the assessment.

An additional written and clinical examination opportunity for modules in semester 9 and/or 10 exists in semester 10, which will take place during the week immediately following the main examination opportunity in semester 10. Students will be allowed to sit for this opportunity according to the rules set under Rule M3.9.2.

A final clinical integrated assessment is offered in Family Medicine (MFAM5818/5828) at the end of semester 10.

Students who fail any of the six modules in the final examination at the end of semester 10, and who do not qualify for additional opportunity examinations, will have to repeat the relevant residencies and assessments as contained in Rule M3.9.2, M3.9.3 and M3.9.4: Repeating of semesters 9 and 10 (fifth year of study).

### RULE M4.3 PROMOTION SYSTEM

No promotion system exists at the undergraduate level for modules offered in the School of Clinical Medicine. In some modules and/or disciplines in Phase III, students may be exempted from the clinical assessment component at the end of the year if they were assessed as clinically competent during continuous and module assessment.

### RULE M4.4 ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

#### RULE M4.4.1 GENERAL RULES WITH REGARD TO PROGRAMMES

All students in the School of Clinical Medicine are required to participate in the main examination opportunity.

All students are expected to comply with the UFS Policy on Preventing and Dealing with Academic Writing Misconduct, which can be found on the UFS website.

#### RULE M4.4.2 STUDENTS WHO QUALIFY FOR THE ADDITIONAL EXAMINATION OPPORTUNITY (SEMESTERS 1 TO 8)

A student who fails the main examination opportunity qualifies for an additional examination opportunity (excluding the final year) on condition that:

- b. A student has obtained a final combined mark of at least 45% with a subminimum of at least 40% in each of the examination components during the main examination opportunity.  
**ELUCIDATION:** Please refer to Rule M4.2 regarding the examination components in Phases I, II and III.
- c. A student has obtained a final combined mark of 50% or more during the main examination opportunity but did not reach the subminimum of 40% in the individual components or sections of the main examination opportunity.

- d. A student submits a valid medical certificate completed by a registered medical practitioner, certifying that the student could not participate in the main examination opportunity.

**ELUCIDATION:** This medical certificate must be handed in to the Programme Director: Undergraduate Programme Management, Room 20, Muller Potgieter building, within 48 hours of the main examination opportunity. No further opportunity exists for students who participate in the additional examination opportunity in this manner, except in the case of a special assessment opportunity as set forth below (only MBChB students).

- e. A student obtains a combined mark of 50% but does not pass both the theoretical and clinical components of the module and/ or discipline independently.
- f. In the case of Phase I and II, if for any reason a student qualifies for an additional examination opportunity after one or more of the relevant MIMA papers have been written, all the papers must be written again during the additional examination opportunity.

No additional examination opportunity exists within the School of Clinical Medicine MBChB programme for improvement of the final module mark.

The additional examination opportunity of semesters 1, 3 and 5 are offered during June/July, and the additional examination opportunity of semesters 8 and 10 is offered in November/December of the relevant year.

#### **RULE M4.4.3 STUDENTS WHO QUALIFY FOR THE ADDITIONAL EXAMINATION OPPORTUNITY (SEMESTERS 9 AND 10)**

An additional assessment opportunity for failed disciplines will take place during the week following the end of the semester 10 main examination opportunity. Admission to this additional assessment opportunity will only be allowed under the following circumstances and criteria:

- a. \*Bona fide illness of the student during the regular main examination opportunity at the end of semester 10. If a student requires more than five additional assessment opportunities, the Programme Director will draft a specific plan and timeline for additional assessment opportunities: Undergraduate Programme Management in collaboration with the relevant disciplines.
- b. A student who fails a maximum of two disciplines, with a minimum combined mark of 45%, will be automatically allowed admission to an additional assessment opportunity. A student who fails more than two disciplines will be allowed to repeat the failed disciplines in the next academic year and participate in the second main examination opportunity after extended residency time (See Rule M3.9.3 for the standard repeat time frames per discipline.)
- c. A student who achieves less than 45% in a discipline or module will fail the discipline or module without the possibility of an additional assessment opportunity. The student will then be required to repeat the failed discipline/module in the next academic year and participate in the second main examination opportunity after completion of the prescribed residency time (See Rule M3.9.3 for the standard repeat timeframes per discipline.)

\*Bona fide: An illness that can be diagnosed by a relevant medical professional and student can provide a medical report

#### **RULE M4.4.4 DISHONESTY DURING ASSESSMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

A student who disregards the General Rules with respect to exams and exam venues will be dealt with according to the student disciplinary rules, which could lead to expulsion. Refer to UFS GENERAL RULE A9(e)(ii).

#### **RULE M4.4.5 EXAMINATION RESULTS**

A student may apply in writing to have a specific examination paper remarked and reviewed for errors within five (5) working days after the announcement of the preliminary examination results on a specified UFS electronic system.

**ELUCIDATION:**

- a. This request must be submitted in writing on the specified form to the office of the Deputy Director: Faculty Administration, room D211, Francois Retief Building. Copies are made of the written request of the student, the date affixed, and it is sent to the relevant head of department and the Programme Director: Undergraduate Programme Management. The Faculty Administration retains copies for record purposes [Email: studentadminFHS@ufs.ac.za].
- b. The Head of Department will be notified telephonically by the Faculty Administration.
- c. The lecturer/module leader responsible for the module or/the Head of Department will ensure that remarking and review of the examination script takes place and provide written feedback to the Faculty Student Administration. Faculty Student Administration will inform the student and the Programme Director: Undergraduate Programme Management regarding the outcome. No searching for marks will be allowed. Students will not have access to the examination scripts or memoranda but may view the scripts in the presence of the relevant module leader/head of department/ phase chair. Students may make one appointment for a specified reasonable period to discuss their paper with the relevant module leader/ head of department/phase chair. This appointment must take place within five (5) working days after the announcement of the marks.
- d. Any amendment of the mark, should it be to the benefit of the student, will be effected in cooperation with the relevant Phase chair and the Programme Director: Undergraduate Programme Management, the Head of the School of Clinical Medicine, Student Administration and with the Dean's approval.
- e. Should the student be dissatisfied with the results of the review of the examination script or with the examination committee's outcome, the student has the right to appeal to the Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences within two (2) days for the outcome of the remark/review request. This written request must be submitted to the Deputy Director: Faculty Administration as convener of the Faculty Readmission Appeals Committee.
- f. The decision of the Faculty Readmission and Appeals Committee is final, and the student will be informed in writing of the result of the Appeals Committee. No additional motivations will be considered after the final decision of the Appeals Committee.
- g. No disclosure of marks or student information, or discussion of students' performance, will be held with parents or other third parties without the student's prior written permission to protect personal information.

#### **RULE M4.4.6 CALCULATION OF MARKS**

- a. The module mark and the examination/final assessment mark contribute to the final combined mark. The exact weight of each component and how the marks are calculated, calibrated, and handled is explained in the relevant module or phase guides of individual modules/phases.
- b. Calculation of marks of students who have participated in the additional examination opportunity:
  - i. If a student has participated in the additional examination opportunity on account of illness, the final combined mark is calculated for the main assessment opportunity. See point (a).
  - ii. If a student has qualified for an additional examination opportunity after unsuccessfully completing the first examination opportunity as per Rule M4.4.2, the MIMA module mark (Phases I and II) or the mark per discipline (Phase III) and the marks of only the additional examination opportunity will be taken into account see point (a), provided that the final combined assessment mark of only 50% will be awarded to students who pass.

#### **RULE M4.5 EXEMPTION FROM MODULES THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN PASSED**

- a. MGEN1513  
MBChB students who have satisfied the expected outcomes in MGEN (General Skills Module) but who are repeating semester 1 (Phase I) may be exempted from components of the portfolio assessment in MGEN, but must still satisfy the attendance requirements. Application for exemption from the portfolio assessment must be made on the prescribed form available at the office of the Deputy Director: Faculty Administration and submitted to the Programme Director, Undergraduate Programme Management, and Head of the School of Clinical Medicine via the module leader.
- b. Fourth-year of study only



A MBChB student who has already passed a module(s) in semesters 7 and 8 may be granted exemption from the exam for those modules in the repeat year. See Rule M3.13.

**RULE M4.6 FIRST QUALIFICATION WITH DISTINCTION (CUM LAUDE)**

(Does not apply to BMedSc students)

- a. A qualification with distinction (cum laude) will be awarded if a weighted average mark of at least 75% is obtained over all the modules during the main examination opportunity at the end of semester 10 and a weighted average of 70% over the rest of the MBChB programme.
- b. The qualification has to be obtained within the minimum prescribed period.
- c. The student did not fail any module or repeat any module during an additional examination (refer to the UFS General Rules A30 (a) (iv)).

**RULE M4.7 READMISSION OF STUDENTS TO THE MBCHB PROGRAMME**

(first to fourth year of study: Semesters 1 to 8)

The following apply, irrespective of the stipulations of the General Rules:

- a. A student is permitted to repeat semester 1 only after having completed the Learning Development Programme and being readmitted to semester 1. The student must apply in writing for readmission to semester 1 as soon as the final results of the LDP are known. Readmission is subject to compliance with Rule M 6.7.
- b. To gain admission to repeat semesters 2 and 3, semesters 4 and 5, as well as semesters 7 and 8, a student must apply for readmission in writing as soon as the final results of the relevant assessment are known.
- c. Semester 1 to 8 may each be repeated only once.
- d. A student who has failed must apply in writing to the Deputy Director: Faculty Administration for readmission to the relevant semester within seven days after the final results are known.
- e. A student may not interrupt his/her studies for whatever reason for a period exceeding two calendar years. A student who interrupts his/her studies for a longer period must reapply for possible selection and admission to the first study year.
- f. In years one to four (semesters 1 to 8), students are required to pass 50% or more of the modules in each year. If a student fails more than 50% of the relevant year's modules, the student is not allowed to continue his/her studies in the MBChB programme and will be excluded from the programme.

**PROGRAMME FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICINE:  
BACHELOR OF MEDICAL SCIENCE WITH SPECIALISATION IN RADIATION SCIENCE**

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**RULE M5 RULES FOR THE QUALIFICATION BACHELOR OF MEDICAL SCIENCE  
WITH SPECIALISATION IN RADIATION SCIENCES**

Attendance requirements same as MBChB to be added

**RULE M5.1 ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

Only applicants in possession of a National Senior Certificate issued by UMALUSI (or an equivalent qualification that would have to be approved by the University) will be admitted to the programme.

A minimum average mark at achievement level 5 (60%) is required for each of the following compulsory subjects: English or Afrikaans, Mathematics, Physical Sciences and Life Sciences.

All students, including senior students from other faculties and universities, will be subject to selection. An Admission Point (AP-score) of at least 30 is required.

**RULE M5.1.1 RECOGNITION OF MODULES BEFORE OBTAINING A QUALIFICATION FROM THIS UNIVERSITY**

General Rules for undergraduate bachelor's degrees apply.

**RULE M5.1.2 RECOGNITION OF MODULES AFTER OBTAINING A QUALIFICATION FROM THIS UNIVERSITY**

General Rules for undergraduate bachelor's degrees apply.

**RULE M5.1.3 RECOGNITION OF MODULES PASSED AT ANOTHER HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION**

General Rules for undergraduate Bachelor's Degrees apply.

Students will be admitted to the programme only once the complete syllabi and credits of each module that the student has passed have been submitted for assessment to the department offering the programme. The Faculty of Health Sciences reserves the right to subject such a student to an admission examination.

**RULE M5.2 COMPOSITION OF THE CURRICULUM**

General Rules for undergraduate Bachelor's Degrees apply.

The curriculum comprises compulsory and elective (chosen) modules. Modules must be selected in such a way as to satisfy the prerequisites of such modules and the requirements of the qualification programme. Students must take note that three elective major module fields exist for the third study year, one of which must be selected. During the second study year, students must therefore ensure that elective modules are selected in such a way as to satisfy the prerequisites of the selected field. Radiation Science (RSC) is the compulsory major module.

**RULE M5.3 CURRICULUM (TOTAL CREDITS 424)**

A student enrolled for the BMedSc with specialisation in Radiation Sciences programme has to compile the curriculum according to the following information, with due allowance for the Faculty and General Rules.

YEAR	SUBJECT	SEMESTER 1	SEMESTER 2
1	Physics	PHYS1514 (16C)	PHYS1624 (16C)
	Mathematics	MATM1534 (16C)	MATM1644 (16C)
	Biology	BLGY1513 (12C)	
	Anatomy		ANBG1524 (16C)
	Chemistry	CHEM1513(12C)	CHEM1643(12C)
		CHEM1511(4C)	CHEM1661(4C)
	Basic skills*	MACC1512 (8C)	
		FLTH1512 and FLTH1522 (previously UFSS1504)	

2	Radiation physics	MPRS2613 (12C)	
	Radiobiology	MPRS2633 (12C)	
	Radiation detectors		MPRS2623 (12C) and MPRS2643 (12C)
	Tumour biology		
	Physics	PHYS2614 (16C) and PHYS2632 (8C)	PHYS2624 (16C) and PHYS2642 (8C)
	Applied mathematics	MATA2654 (16C)	MATA2664 (16C)
3	Physiology	PHBP2608 (32C)	
	Radiation dosimetry	MPRS3714 (16C)	MPRS3714 (16C)
	Oncology	MPRS3734 (16C)	
	Radiation protection		MPRS3724 (16C)
	Treatment modalities		MPRS3744 (16C)
	Physics	PHYS3714 (16C) and PHYS3732 (8C) and PHYS3752 (8C)	PHYS3724 (16C) and PHYS3742 (8C) and PHYS3762 (8C)

\*Basic Skills MACC1512 – the module in Basic Skills is compulsory and must be passed before a qualification will be awarded.

**RULE M5.4 PREREQUISITES**

General Rules for undergraduate degrees apply.  
In addition to the General Rules, the following prerequisites apply with regard to Radiation Sciences.

MPRS2613	Min (PHYS1514) and (PHYS1624)
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**RULE M5.5 DURATION OF THE PROGRAMME**

General Rules for undergraduate Bachelor’s Degrees apply.  
The minimum time required to complete the BMedSc with specialisation in Radiation Sciences is three years of full-time study.

**ELUCIDATION:**

After completion of the third year, postgraduate studies in Medical Physics may be pursued up to the PhD level. A student who wishes to register with the Health Professions Council of South Africa as a Medical Physicist must be in possession of a BMedScHons (Medical Physics) and have completed two years’ internship.

**RULE M5.6 RULES REGARDING ASSESSMENT**

The assessment rules of the University, revised where necessary, apply to the BMedSc with specialisation in the Radiation Sciences programme.

**RULE M5.6.1 ADMISSION TO ASSESSMENT OPPORTUNITY**

- a. Attendance of all the contact sessions in all the School of Clinical Medicine modules is compulsory.
- b. Students are expected to have 100% class attendance. Students who have attended less than 80% of the contact sessions of a module will not be permitted to take part in the assessment at the end of the module and will not be considered for an additional examination opportunity.
- c. To gain admission to the assessment, a minimum module mark of 40% is required, and this applies to all modules (General Rules of the UFS A9.2).

**RULE M5.7 ASSESSMENT SYSTEM**

**RULE M5.7.1 GENERAL RULES WITH REGARD TO PROGRAMMES**

All students in the School of Clinical Medicine are required to participate in the main examination.

**RULE M5.7.2 A QUALIFYING STUDENT FOR THE ADDITIONAL EXAMINATION**

A student who fails the main examination opportunity qualifies for an additional examination under the following conditions:

- a. A student has obtained a final combined mark of at least 45% with a subminimum of at least 30% during the main examination opportunity.
- b. A student has obtained a final combined mark of 50% or more during the main examination opportunity, but not the subminimum of 40% in the components of the specific assessment.
- c. A student has submitted a valid medical certificate certifying that the student had been unable to participate in the main examination opportunity (special form to be completed by a medical practitioner).

**ELUCIDATION:**

This medical certificate must be handed in to the Head of the School of Clinical Medicine, Room D204, within 48 hours after the absence.

- a. Rule A 53.4.1.c (i) and (ii) in the General Rules for obtaining the qualification apply, provided that the student:
  - i. Had admission to the main examination opportunity (i.e. had a module mark of at least 40%).
  - ii. Had obtained at least 30% in the outstanding module during the assessment opportunity
- b. All modules registered for in the phase/semester must be passed in order to progress to the next phase/ semester.

**RULE M5.8 PASS WITH DISTINCTION**

See General Rules of the UFS.

LEARNING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME IN THE FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

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**RULE M6 RULES FOR THE LEARNING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**

**RULE M6.1 ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

Students who fail their first semester in the MBChB programme may enter the Learning Development Programme (LDP), provided they qualify.

ELUCIDATION:

The following students will not be allowed into the Learning Development Programme:

- a. A student who has already undergone the University’s career development programme or who has participated in an extended degree or bridging programme prior to selection.
- b. Senior students, in other words, a student who has already obtained a qualification before being selected for the MBChB programme.
- c. A student who has failed more than 50% of the semester 1 modules.

Students in (a) or (b) may apply again in writing at the end of the year for possible readmission for the following year.

RULE M6.2 DURATION OF PROGRAMME

The duration of the Learning Development Programme is six (6) months and is presented in the second semester.

RULE M6.3 THE PROGRAMME

The Learning Development Programme runs through the entire second semester (six (6) months), and all the modules and class attendance are compulsory.

BIOPHYSICS	MPDI1524	16C
INTEGRATED ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY	BMMT1524 BMMP1523	16C 12C
LIFELONG LEARNING SKILLS	LLLS1524	16C
BASIC HUMAN ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY	BMBL1524	16C
LANGUAGE SKILLS	EALM1524	16C
MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY	MMTL1524	16C

C = Credits

RULE M6.4 CLASS ATTENDANCE

Attendance of all the contact periods in the Learning Development Programme is compulsory. Students who have attended less than 80% of the contact periods of a module will not be allowed to participate in the examinations, and it will be regarded that they have failed the module and will not be considered for reassessment. In exceptional cases, the Head of the School of Clinical Medicine may grant permission for absence to a maximum of 20%, on condition that students make arrangements for absence with the Head of the School and the Programme Director: Undergraduate Programme Management beforehand.

RULE M6.5 MODULE MARK

In addition to the terms in 2026 UFS General Rule A9.2, the rules of the School of Clinical Medicine is applicable.

- a. A module mark of 40% or more is required for examination admission in each module in the Learning Development Programme.
- b. Marks obtained for written, oral and/or practical work taken during a module may contribute to the module mark. (Details of the composition of the module mark are contained in the separate module guides.)

RULE M6.6 ASSESSMENT RULES

Refer to the assessment rules for the School of Clinical Medicine (Rule M4).

RULE M6.7 PASS REQUIREMENTS

- a. Students must pass all modules in the LDP.
- b. To pass a module, a final combined mark of at least 50% must be obtained.

ELUCIDATION: A student must pass the modules LLLS1524 and EALM1524 with an average mark of 65% or higher.

- a. A subminimum of 40% is applicable for the examination mark.
- b. A student must pass the modules BMBL1524, BMMT1524, BMMP1524, MMTL1524 and MPDI1524 with an average mark of 70% or higher to be considered for possible readmission to the first year of the MBChB programme. An average mark of lower than 70% will serve as an immediate disqualification for readmission to the MBChB programme.

RULE M6.8 PROMOTION SYSTEM

No promotion system exists at the undergraduate level in the School of Clinical Medicine for this programme.

RULE M6.9 REPEATING

No student may repeat the Learning Development Programme. Should a student fail the Learning Development Programme, the student will not be allowed to continue with the MBChB programme.

RULE M6.10 READMISSION

RULE M6.10.1 READMISSION TO THE MBCHB PROGRAMME, SEMESTER 1

- a. Refer Rule M6.7.
- b. Students do not need to undergo selection for the MBChB programme. Students must apply in writing to the Deputy Director: Faculty Administration, for readmission to the MBChB programme, within seven (7) days of the publication of the final results.
- c. Students who pass the Learning Development Programme and are readmitted to the MBChB programme must repeat all the modules of the first semester of the first year (MPSY1513, MDOC1513, MCHD1513, MHIS1513, MANA1513, MGEN1513 and MIMA1513).
- d. Students who initially passed MGEN1513 must again attend the contact sessions and group activities. However, the student does not need to resubmit a portfolio. (See Rule M. 4.5 (a).)

SEMESTER	ORIGINAL CODE	CREDITS	REPEATER CODE	CREDITS	NMFCM CODE	NMFCM REPEATERS CODE	REPEAT LESS THAN 6 MONTHS
1	MPSY1513	12	MPSY1090	0			
1	MDOC1513	12	MDOC1090	0			
1	MCHD1513	12	MCHD1090	0			
1	MHIS1513	12	MHIS1090	0			
1	MANA1513	12	MANA1090	0			
1	MGEN1513	12	MGEN1090	0			
1	MIMA1513	12					



2	MMEM1620	0 (continuation)	MMEM1090	0 (continuation)			
2	MANA1620	0 (continuation)	MANN1090	0 (continuation)			
2	MMOL1620	0 (continuation)	MMOL1090	0 (continuation)			
2	MSSM1620	0 (continuation)	MSSM1090	0 (continuation)			
2	MIMA1620	0					
3	MMEM2618	32	MMEM2090	0			
3	MANA2618	32	MANA2090	0			
3	MMOL2618	32	MMOL2090	0			
3	MDIS2614	16	MDIS2090	0			
3	MINF2614	16	MINF2090	0			
3	MSSM2613	12	MSSM2090	0			
3	MIMA2613	12					
4	MURI2724	16	MURI2090	0			
4	MHAE2724	16	MHAE2090	0			
4	MCAR2724	16	MCAR2090	0			
4	MGEN2724	16	MGEN2090	0			
4	MGAS2724	16	MGAS2090	0			
4	MSSM2720	0 (continuation)	MSSN2090	0			
4	MCLI2720	0 (continuation)	MCLI2090	0			
4	MIMA2720	0					
5	MRES3714	16	MRES3090	0			
5	MHEA3714	16	MHEA3090	0			
5	MNER3714	16	MNER3090	0			
5	MEND3714	16	MEND3090	0			
5	METH3714	16	METH3090	0			
SEMESTER	ORIGINAL CODE	CREDITS	REPEATER CODE	CREDITS	NMFCM CODE	NMFCM REPEATERS CODE	REPEAT LESS THAN 6 MONTHS
5	MCLI3713	12	MCLI3090	0			
5	MIMA3713	12					
6	MHEL3823	12	MHEL3090	0			
6	MINT3820	0 (continuation)	MINT3090	0			
6	MSUR3820	0 (continuation)	MSUR3090	0			
6	MPAE3823	12	MPAE3090	0			

6	MOBG3823	12	MOBG3090	0			
6	MPSY3820	0 (continuation)	MPSY3090	0			
7	MINT4810	52	MINT4090	0			
7	MSUR4810	48	MSUR4090	0			
7	MPAE4818	32	MPAE4090	0			
7	MOBG4818	32	MOBG4090	0			
7	MPSY4818	32	MPSY4090	0			
8	MINT4820	52	MINT4090	0	CINT4820		
8	MSUR4820	48	MSUR4090	0	CSUR4820		
8	MPAE4828	32	MPAE4090	0	CPAE4828		
8	MOBG4828	32	MOBG4090	0	COBG4828		
8	MPSY4828	32	MPSY4090	0	CPSY4820		
8					CIMA4820		
9 / 10	MIAM5810/ MIAM5820	48	MIAM509	0	CIAM5810/ CIAM5820	CIAM5090	
9 / 10	MSUR5810/ MSUR5820	56	MSUR5090	0	CSUR5810/ CSUR5820	CSUR5090	
9 / 10	MPAE5816/ MPAE5826	24	MPAE5090	0	CPAE5816/ CPAE5826	CPAE5090	CRAE5090
9 / 10	MOBG5816/ MOBG5826	24	MOBG5090	0	COBG5816/ COBG5826	COBG5090	
9 / 10	MFAM5818/ MFAM5828	32	MFAM5090	0	CFAM5818/ CFAM5828	CFAM5090	
9 / 10	MPSY5814/ MPSY5824	16	MPSY5090	0	CPSY5814/ CPSY5824	CPSY5090	
9 / 10					CIMA5810/ CIMA5820		