

Medical School

Greater Brisbane Clinical School Learning Community Allocations – Special Consideration Guidelines

The Medical School recognises that students may have circumstances requiring them to be located within a specific region of the Greater Brisbane Clinical School (GBCS). Such students may seek to be assigned to a particular Learning Community through the MD Learning Community Allocation Special Consideration process prior to the commencement of Year 1.

1. There are four Learning Communities within the Greater Brisbane Clinical School:
 - a) Central
 - b) South
 - c) North
 - d) West
2. These guidelines are applicable to UQ-Ochsner and UQ-Onshore (non-RMP) medical students who will be provided the opportunity to preference the Learning Communities as follows:

Onshore (non-RMP) students – available Learning Communities

- Central
- South
- North
- West

UQ-Ochsner students – available Learning Communities

- Central
- South

3. These guidelines are not applicable to Regional Medical Pathway (RMP) students undertaking Year 1 in Greater Brisbane during the 2023 or 2024 academic years. RMP students will be allocated to their Year 1 GBCS Learning Community as follows:
 - Central Queensland students will be allocated to the Central Learning Community
 - Wide Bay students will be allocated to the South Learning Community.
4. Students who meet one or more of the categories outlined below may, upon application, be afforded special consideration during the MD Learning Community Allocation process:
 - a) Have a physical or mental health condition which:
 - Requires specialised treatment that is only available at a specific location.
 - Amounts to temporary disability, which cannot be supported at a specific Learning Community.
 - b) Have primary carer responsibilities.

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5. The following are not considered grounds for special consideration:
 - a) Private accommodation and/or transportation arrangements
 - b) Financial considerations (including current employment and/or business arrangements)
 - c) Location of partner or family (excluding primary carer responsibilities)
 - d) Religious grounds
 - e) Primary carer responsibilities for animals (including pets)
 - f) Recognised as an elite athlete under [PPL 3.50.07 Programs and Assessment for Elite Athletes](#).
6. Students must provide supporting documentation. Applications will be assessed on an individual basis and approval is subject to operational requirements.
7. Special consideration outcomes will be made at the discretion of the Dean, Medical School (or delegate).

Late applications for special consideration

8. In exceptional circumstances, students may apply for late special consideration after the application closing date. Late applications sent to med.placements@uq.edu.au must meet one or more of the categories outlined in paragraph 4 and demonstrate, with supporting documentation, that:
 - a) exceptional circumstances existed that made it not possible to submit their application for special consideration during the designated application period; or
 - b) there has been a significant and unexpected change to their personal circumstances that would warrant special consideration, subsequent to the closing date of the designated application period.
9. Late applications will be considered in accordance with the Student Grievance Resolution procedure ([PPL 3.60.02b](#)), Section 2.3.2 Formal administrative grievances/appeals.
10. A lack of knowledge or awareness of the procedure to seek special consideration and the associated timelines is not considered a circumstance beyond a student's control and does not meet the criteria for a late application to be considered.