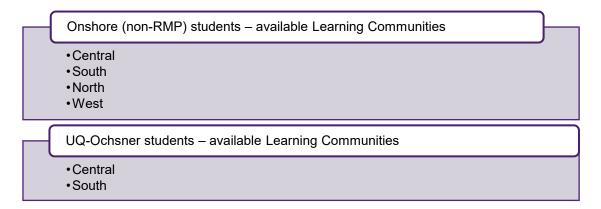


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Greater Brisbane Clinical School Learning Community Allocations – Special Consideration Guidelines

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:



- 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:
 - o 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.