2024 Placement Allocation Process

UQ-Ochsner MD Program Year 4, 2024







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Years 3 and 4

Welcome to Years 3 and 4 of the UQ-Ochsner MD Program.

UQ-Ochsner students complete the majority of their clinical training at UQ's Ochsner Clinical School, based within Ochsner Health in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA.

Students in the UQ-Ochsner MD Program can access the UQ-Ochsner MD Blackboard site which provides confidential information, specifically as it relates to UQ-Ochsner students in Years 3 and 4. Students automatically receive email notices to their UQ email when announcements are posted on the community site.

The Ochsner Clinical School Guidelines state that UQ-Ochsner students must have a passing score on USMLE Step 1 to be deemed in *good academic standing during Years 3 and 4*. Therefore, a *passing score on USMLE Step 1* is <u>required</u> for students to participate in extracurricular activities, such as away rotations, leadership positions, volunteer work, research, and conferences.





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In Years 3 and 4 of the UQ-Ochsner MD Program, the core clinical courses for Ochsner Cohort students must be completed at the Ochsner Clinical School. These core clinical courses include *General Practice*, *Medicine*, *Mental Health*, *Obstetrics & Gynaecology*, *Paediatrics*, and *Surgery*.

View the clinical placement blocks that contribute to each of the semesters in Years 3 and 4 of the UQ-Ochsner MD Program.

UO-Ochsner Clinical Placement Blocks

2024

MD Program Academic Calendar 2024

UQ-Ochsner Clinical Placement Dates 2024

Years 3 and 4 Placement Allocation Guidelines - UQ-Ochsner 2024

2023

MD Program Academic Calendar 2023

UQ-Ochsner Clinical Placement Dates 2023

Years 3 and 4 Placement Allocation Guidelines - UQ-Ochsner 2023

Clinical placement order: UQ-Ochsner students will have the opportunity to nominate their preference for allocation of clinical placement order. Students are not disadvantaged by taking their clinical placements in any particular order. The blocks within the semesters do not have to be taken in any specific order, however students must successfully complete all Year 3 courses before commencing Year 4 courses. In Year 4, students should try to align their clinical placement order based on the medical specialty they intend to apply for in the U.S. Residency Match.

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Orientation

USMLE Step 2

Year 3

Year 4





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For all enquiries regarding the allocation process and clinical placements for UQ-Ochsner students, please contact the Ochsner Clinical School Student Administration:

Email: med.ocsStudentAdmin@ug.edu.au

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Allocation Swap Requests for 2024

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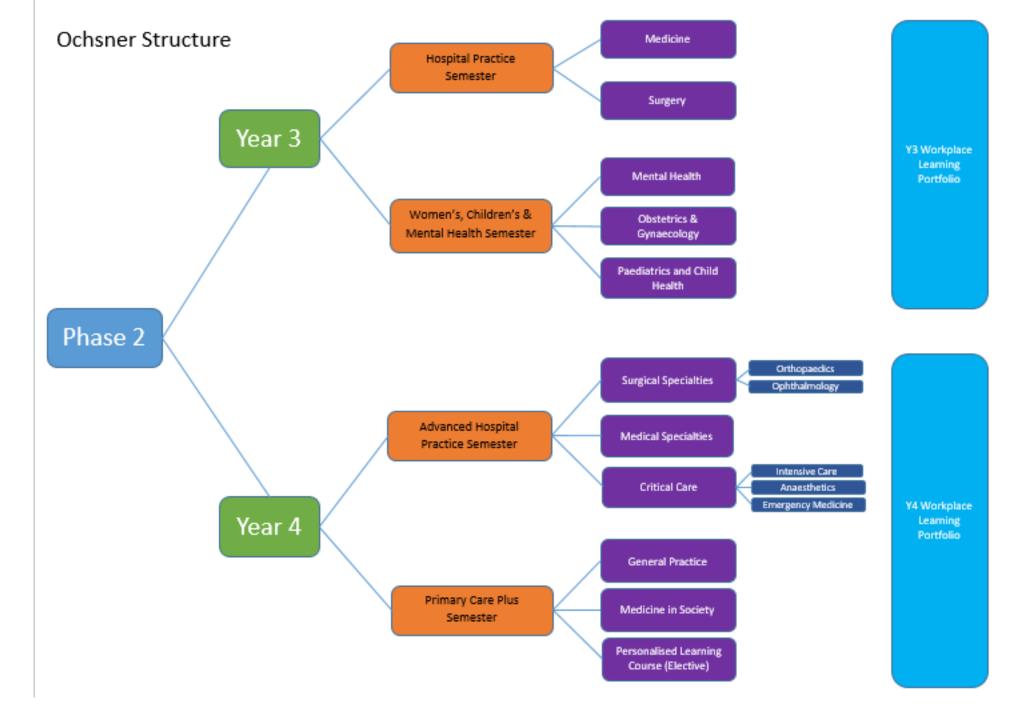
Elective Application & Preferencing for 2024

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Travel & Assigned Locations at OCS

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Allocation Timelines Below are important dates and deadlines associated with the 2024 allocation process specifically as it relates to UQ-Ochsner students in Years 3 and 4: Year 3 UQ-Ochsner Allocation Timeline and Process - Year 3, 2024 UQ-Ochsner - Year 3 Allocation Information Presentation UQ-Ochsner - Year 3 Pathway Preferences 2024 Year 4 UQ-Ochsner Allocation Timeline and Process - Year 4, 2024 UQ-Ochsner - Year 4 Allocation Information Presentation UQ-Ochsner Year 4 Pathway Preferences 2024 Medical Specialties at Ochsner **UQ-Ochsner Placement Deadlines** + Allocation Change Requests for 2023 (+) Allocation Swap Requests for 2024 (+) Elective Application & Preferencing for 2024 Travel & Assigned Locations at OCS







UQ-Ochsner MD – Clinical Placement Blocks

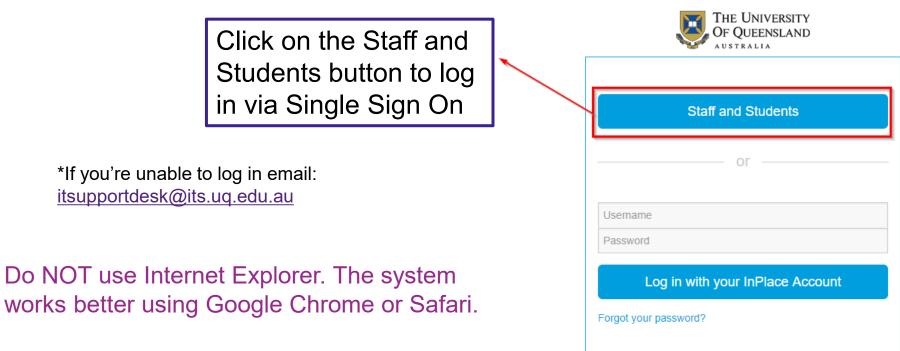
 Blocks <u>within semesters</u> do not have to be taken in any specific order – students must successfully complete all Year 3 courses before commencing Year 4 courses

Year 3		
Hospital Practice	Women's, Children's, & Mental Health	
Medicine (9 weeks)	Mental Health (6 weeks)	
Surgery (9 weeks)	Obstetrics & Gynaecology (6 weeks)	
	Paediatrics (6 weeks)	
Year 4		
Advanced Hospital Practice	Primary Care Plus	
Anaesthetics (2 weeks)	General Practice (6 weeks)	
ICU (2 weeks)	Medicine in Society (6 weeks)	
Ophthalmology (2 weeks)	Elective (6 weeks)	
Emergency Medicine (3 weeks)		
Orthopaedics (3 weeks)		
Medical Specialties (6 weeks)		



Placements Placement Management System

- Allocation preferencing will be conducted through the Uni's placement management system.
- Login to Placements https://placements.uq.edu.au

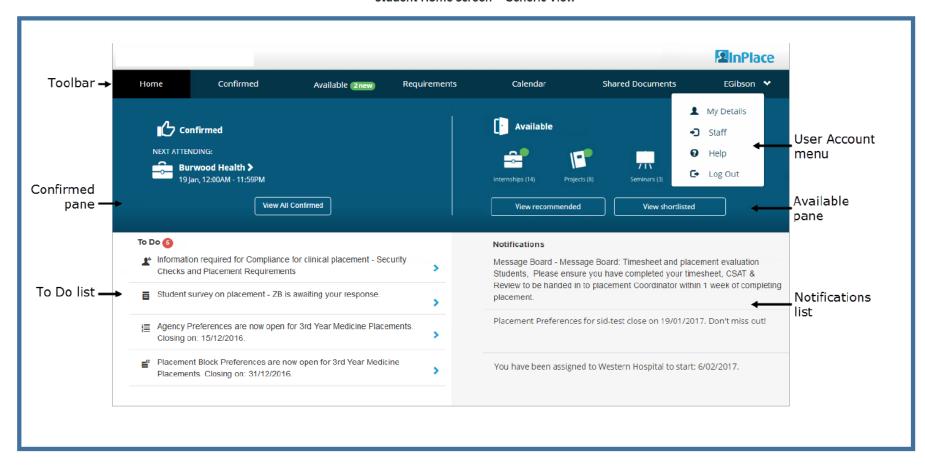




Placements & Preferencing

UQ Placements System

Student Home Screen - Generic View



- On the Student Home Screen, it will appear as a task under the "To Do" list.
- Click the link and complete your preferences.



Year 4 Preferencing

- Ochsner students submit preferences for:
 - Semester Order
 - Clinical Placement Order within Semesters
 - Sub-disciplines for Medical Specialties & Elective (at Ochsner)
 - Australia Return Placement
- Semester order options (1st or 2nd)
 - Advanced Hospital Practice
 - Primary Care Plus



Clinical placement order within semesters

Options

- Advanced Hospital Practice (1st, 2nd, or 3rd)
 - Medical Specialties
 - Emergency & Orthopedics
 - ICU, Ophthalmology & Anesthesia
- Primary Care Plus (1st, 2nd, or 3rd)
 - General Practice
 - Medicine in Society
 - Elective



6-Step Process

Refer to Timeline for Dates

- 1. Submit preferences for semester order
- 2. Submit placement order for Advanced Hospital Practice semester
- 3. Submit placement order for Primary Care Plus semester
- 4. Submit preferences for sub-disciplines for Medical Specialties (at Ochsner)
- 5. Submit Australia Return Placement requests
- 6. Submit preferences for sub-disciplines for Elective (at Ochsner)

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Timeline – UQ-Ochsner Students – Year 4, 2024

Task	Dates Listed in <u>North American Central Time</u>
Students apply for Special Consideration (if applicable, submit to med.ocsStudentAdmin@uq.edu.au) Refer to Allocation Guidelines	July 10 th – 14 th
Ochsner students to preference Semester Order, Clinical Placement Order within Semesters, and Medical Specialties.	July 15 th – 23 rd
Release <u>provisional</u> semester order	July 28 th
Students apply for semester swaps (between Ochsner students only)	July 28 th – August 6 th
Release provisional clinical placement order within Semesters	August 7 th
Students apply for clinical placement order swaps (between Ochsner students only)	August 7 th – 15 th
Students submit Australia Return Placement requests*	August 16 th – 20 th
Students notified of Australia Return Placement	August 24 th (continued swap allowed through September 10 th)
Release finalised clinical placement block order	Week of September 11 th
Release Medical Specialties at Ochsner	Week of September 18 th
Students submit preferences for <i>Electives</i> at Ochsner for <u>Semester 1, 2024.</u>	November 6 th – 10 th
Release Electives placements <u>at Ochsner</u> for <u>Semester 1, 2024</u> .	Week of November 27 th

Refer to updated timeline.



Semester Order Preference

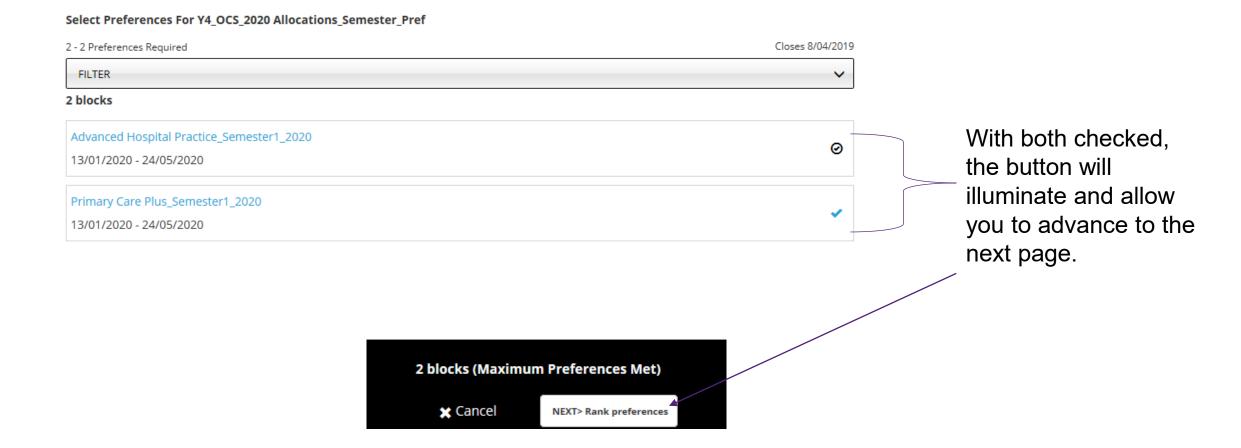
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Semester Order Preference





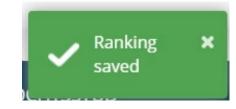
Semester Order Preference

Drag on each to change your preferred order. It will automatically update the ranking.

Select the order of preference Drag to change preference Dismiss 1st Advanced Hospital Practice_Semester1_2020 Primary Care Plus_Semester1_2020



You will briefly see "Ranking saved" after each submission.





Preference clinical placement order within semesters

- Although you will not know your semester order at this time, you will have the opportunity to preference
 your placement order within each semester.
- Preferencing process is slightly different. There are more options to consider. However, the basic process is the same.
- There will be 6 pathways to choose between for each semester, which will determine your block order within each semester.
- You will need to complete the steps for **both** Advanced Hospital Practice & Primary Care Plus Semesters.



Pathway Preferences

Advanced Hospital Practice Semester

Pathways	Block	Block Block	
Pathway 1_2024	Med Spec	ED/Ortho	Anaes/ICU/Ophth
Pathway 2_2024	Med Spec	Anaes/ICU/Ophth	ED/Ortho
Pathway 3_2024	ED/Ortho	Med Spec	Anaes/ICU/Ophth
Pathway 4_2024	ED/Ortho	Anaes/ICU/Ophth	Med Spec
Pathway 5_2024	Anaes/ICU/Ophth	Med Spec	ED/Ortho
Pathway 6_2024	Anaes/ICU/Ophth	ED/Ortho	Med Spec

Primary Care Plus Semester

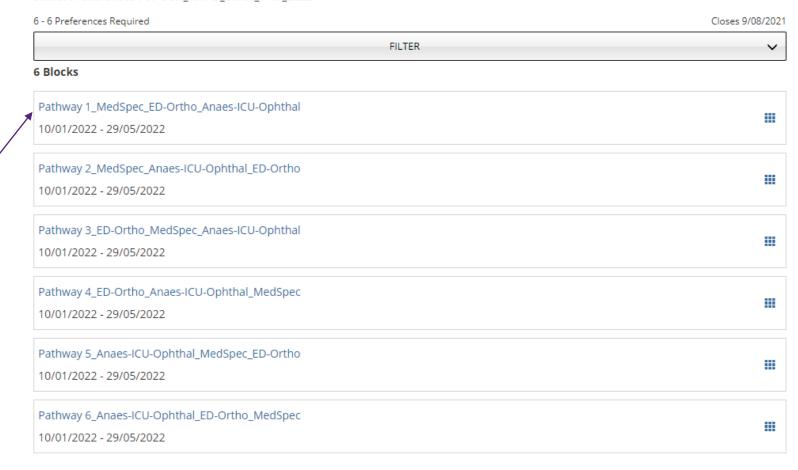
Pathways	Block	Block	Block
Pathway 1_2024	GP	MIS	Elective
Pathway 2_2024	GP	Elective	MIS
Pathway 3_2024	MIS	GP	Elective
Pathway 4_2024	MIS	Elective	GP
Pathway 5_2024	Elective	GP	MIS
Pathway 6_2024	Elective	MIS	GP



Advanced Hospital Practice Semester

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Select Preferences For OCH_AHPO_Block_Pref_2022

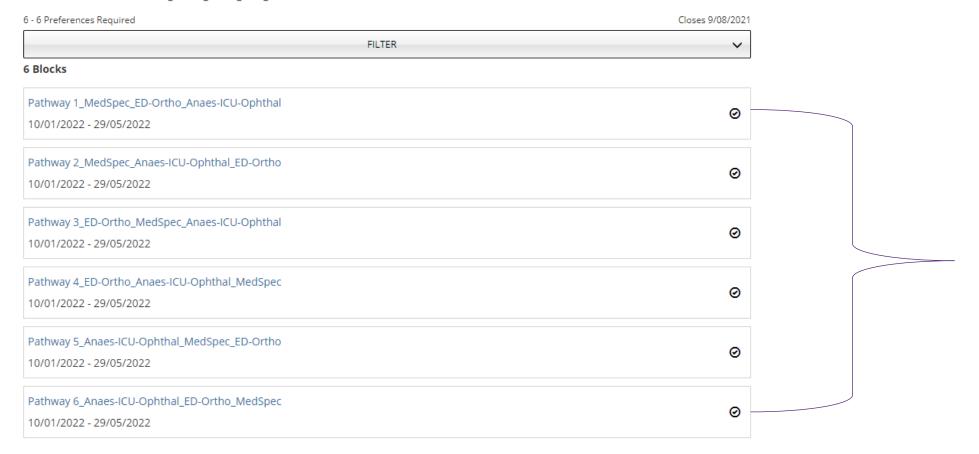


6 pathways to choose between – Refer to the Pathway Preferences Guide.



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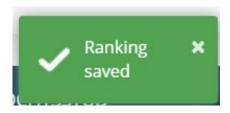


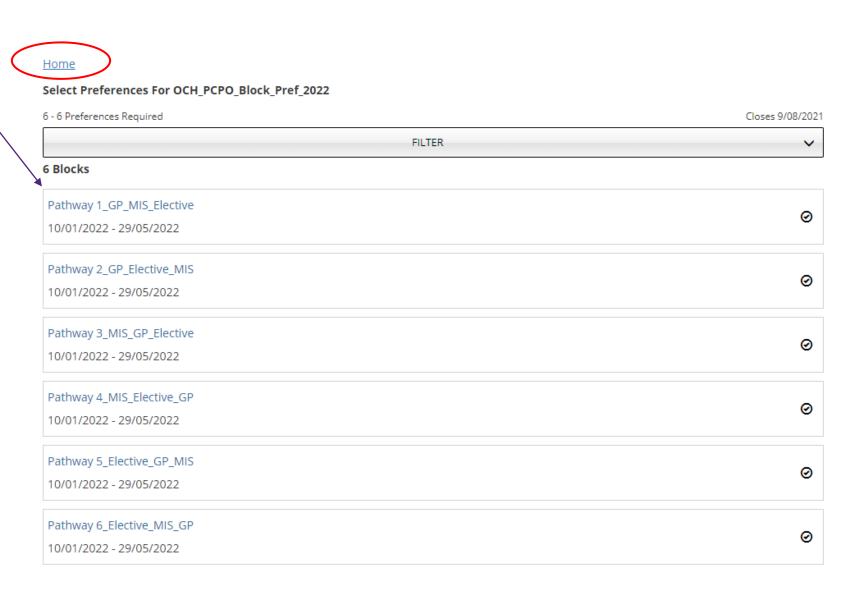
Primary Care Plus Semester

6 pathways to choose between – Refer to the Pathway Preferences Guide.

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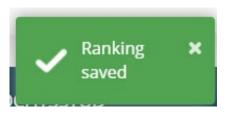


Medical Specialties

12 sub-specialties to choose between – Refer to the Medical Specialties at Ochsner.

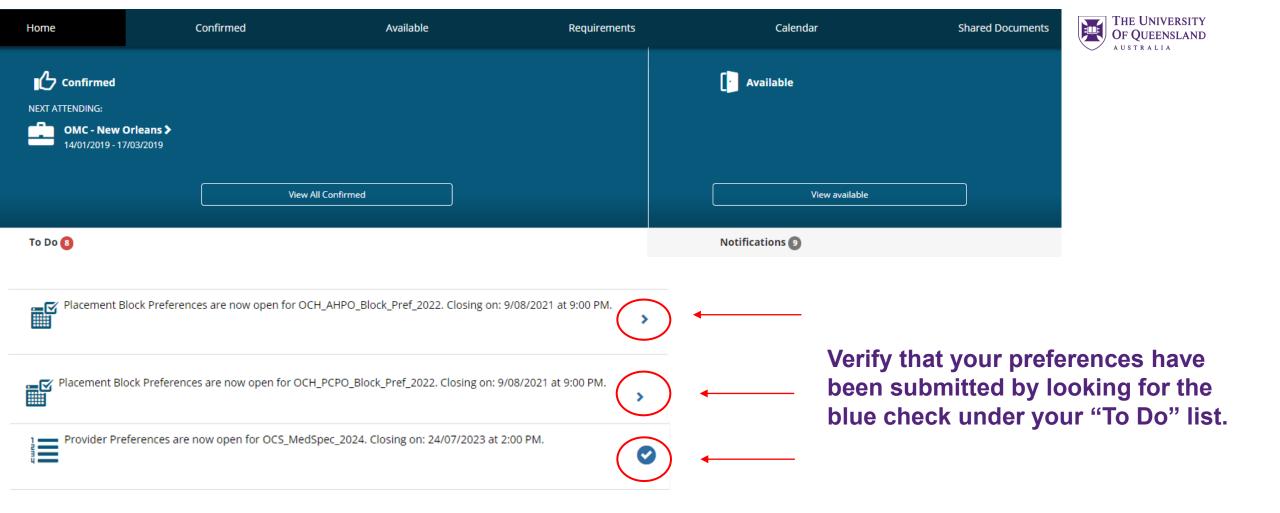
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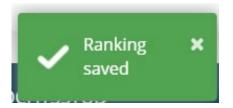


Select the order of preference

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1st	OHC O'Neal - Baton Rouge (Cardiology)	*
2nd	OMC - New Orleans (Allergy/Immunology)	\$
3rd	OMC - New Orleans (Cardiology)	\$
4th	OMC - New Orleans (Endocrinology)	\$
5th	OMC - New Orleans (Gastroenterology/Hepatology)	\$
6th	OMC - New Orleans (Hematology/Oncology)	\$
7th	OMC - New Orleans (Infectious Diseases)	\$
8th	OMC - New Orleans (Neurology)	\$
9th	OMC - New Orleans (Renal Medicine)	\$
10th	OMC - New Orleans (Rheumatology)	\$
11th	OMC - New Orleans (Thoracic Medicine)	\$
12th	OMC The Grove - Baton Rouge (Hem/Onc)	\$



You will briefly see "Ranking saved" after each submission.





Students Off-Cycle

- Only one Year 4 block to complete no preferencing needed, will be automatically allocated
- Only one Year 4 semester to complete submit preferences for that particular semester only
 - For AHP: Submit block order and medical specialties sub-specialties
- One Year 3 semester to complete in Semester 1, 2024
 - Submit **block** order for that particular **semester**
 - Do not submit semester order, will be automatically allocated for Semester 1, 2024
 - Submit Year 4 semester order and block order within semesters
 - What you rank as 1st choice will indicate what you <u>want</u> for Semester 2, 2024

Examp	ole:

Semester 1, 2024	Semester 2, 2024	Semester 1, 2025
Hospital Practice (Med/Surg)	AHP (Med Spec, Surg Spec, Crit Care)	PCP (GP, MIS, Elective)

- Once you find out which semester you will have for Semester 2, 2024 (PCP or AHP), decide if you want to do AUS Return Placement in Semester 2, 2024 or Semester 1, 2025
- Notify me at <u>med.ocsStudentAdmin@uq.edu.au</u> to be added to AUS preference pool



Australia Return Placement

- You will <u>rank</u> the 6-week Clinical Placement you prefer to do for your required AUS Return Placement.
- Preference your **Clinical Placement Order** (and/or use the swap periods) to arrange your order for 2024.
- Keep in mind <u>when</u> you want to go back to Australia and for <u>which</u> clinical placement block.



Australia Return Placement

Conditions for placement at the Rural Clinical School

- 3.1 UQ-Ochsner MD Students are not eligible to undertake Clinical Placements at a Clinical Unit of the Rural Clinical School (RCS), with the exception of the Year 4 return placement which may be undertaken at a Rural and Remote Medicine (RRM) site.
- 3.4 In accordance with AMC requirements and other constraints on Year 3 placements (as per paragraph 3.2 above), UQ-Ochsner MD Students are required to undertake a 6-week clinical placement in Australia during Year 4. This placement may include:
 - Emergency Department and Orthopaedics (ED/O)
 - Medical Specialties (MS)
 - Rural and Remote Medicine (RRM)
 - Intensive Care, Ophthalmology and Anaesthetics (ICU/Op/An)
 - Elective (clinically based placement only)

Year 4 - Rural and Remote Medicine or Medicine in Society

- 3.5 UQ-Ochsner MD Students are required to undertake the MiS course at the Ochsner Clinical School, unless completing RRM as their Year 4 Australia Return Placement.
- 3.6 If a student is allocated to a MiS Clinical Placement, this placement will be undertaken in a vulnerable and/or disadvantaged community.
- 3.7 If a student is allocated to an RRM Clinical Placement, this placement will be undertaken in a rural or remote location.



Australia Return Placement

- Use the table below <u>as a guide</u> for placements that are available in Australia when submitting your rank preferences. These placements have been set aside for Ochsner students' required AUS return.
- Keep in mind that you may not get your 1st preference for Australia and need to plan on this when planning your clinical placement order.

	Block 1	Block 2	Block 3	Block 4	Block 5	Block 6
ED/Ortho	12	12	12	12	12	12
Med Spec	6	6	6	6	6	6
RRM	5	10	5	5	3	3
Total	23	28	23	23	21	21



Australia Return Placement – Rural & Remote Medicine

- In 2024, ALL international students (in AUS) will undertake an RRM placement instead of MIS.
- Financial support will be provided, including accommodation.
- Additional information about financial assistance and housing accommodations is available on the website under the "Placements" tab in the "RRM Placement Subsidy Information" section
 - The subsidy schedule will be updated for 2024 in the coming weeks, although this is not expected to vary significantly.
 - Accommodation and internet access is provided free of charge and travel subsidies are based on distance of travel.
- Please contact the RRM team in Australia at med.rrmstudents@ug.edu.au.



AUS RRM – Further Preferencing

- Ochsner students will receive confirmation that their AUS Return Placement is for RRM and the specific block number on August 24th.
- Further preferencing includes:
 - Submitting preferences for rural placement locations along with the rest of the Onshore cohort (AEST)

Preferencing for RRM Locations in Semester 1, 2024	Preferencing for RRM Locations in Semester 2, 2024
25 Sept – 3 Oct 2023	4 – 11 Mar 2024
Outcome released w/c 23 Oct 2023	Outcome released w/c 2 Apr 2024

 Rural placement locations and details about the placement and logistical arrangements are available on the <u>RRM website</u> – view profiles for possible 2024 placements

Select Preferences For Y4_OCS_2024 AUS Return



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For AUS Return – Similar to the previous process, click on each until it changes and allows you to advance to the next page.

6 Blocks (Maximum Preferences Met)

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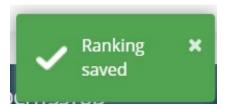
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2nd	Y4_OCS_2024 AUS Return_Block2	*
3rd	Y4_OCS_2024 AUS Return_Block3	\$
4th	Y4_OCS_2024 AUS Return_Block4	\$
5th	Y4_OCS_2024 AUS Return_Block5	\$
6th	Y4_OCS_2024 AUS Return_Block6	\$

Based off your provisional allocation order, *Rank the Block Number* you wish to return to Australia.

You will also see "Ranking saved" after each submission.



Drag on each to arrange your preferred ranking. It will automatically update the ranking.



Placement Block Preferences are now open for Y4_OCS_2024 AUS Return. Closing on: 21/08/2023 at 2:00 PM.







Elective Placement

Allocation Timelines	+
UQ-Ochsner Placement Deadlines	+
Allocation Change Requests for 2023	+
Allocation Swap Requests for 2024	+
Elective Application & Preferencing for 2024	+
Travel & Assigned Locations at OCS	+



Elective Application & Preferencing for 2024

- Elective course is 6 weeks in duration
- Most institutions only allow 4-week blocks
- Ochsner students will <u>initially</u> be allocated for the <u>first 4 weeks at OCS</u> with the remaining two weeks in research or self-directed study
- Students must preference an elective placement at Ochsner regardless if intend to apply for selfarranged external placement
 - To ensure students have a secured elective placement if self-arranged external placement is not approved
- Elective preferencing at Ochsner will occur <u>prior to each semester</u> in which student is allocated for elective

Elective – Semester 1, 2024	Elective – Semester 2, 2024
Preference November 6 – 10, 2023	Preference March 11 – 15, 2024

 Elective placements <u>at Ochsner</u> will be released to students approximately 2 weeks after Elective preferencing closes



Self-Arranged External Elective Placements

- Applications must be received **no later than 12 weeks prior** to the start date of the elective placement
- Applications are submitted via self-placement submission link on home page of <u>Placements</u> under "To Do" list
- If self-arranged external placement is not finalized 6 weeks prior to beginning of elective block, students
 will be allocated to an available placement at Ochsner

Students are advised NOT to make any travel arrangements until the final approval has been granted

by **UQ-Ochsner**

Self-Arranged Electives (Away Placements)	
Placement Block	Application deadline (12 weeks prior):
Block 1	23-Oct-23
Block 2	4-Dec-23
Block 3	22-Jan-24
Block 4	2-Apr-24
Block 5	13-May-24
Block 6	1-Jul-24



Special Consideration

- Special consideration process is outlined in *section 6* of the <u>Years 3 and 4 Placement Allocation</u> Guidelines UQ-Ochsner 2024.
- Students who meet the criteria may submit applications to med.ocsStudentAdmin@uq.edu.au.
- Special consideration will only be considered during the period as detailed on the appropriate timeline.



Swaps

- The Years 3 and 4 Allocation Process includes a mechanism for students to request swaps.
- Ochsner students can only swap with other students within the Ochsner Cohort.
- Swap requests will only be considered during the swap periods as detailed on the appropriate timeline.
- Swap details are posted on the <u>UQ-Ochsner Allocations webpage</u>.



Ochsner Allocations Forum

- A Forum has been set up on the Ochsner Medical Societies Online Group.
- Questions about the allocation process will be answered by OCS Student Affairs.
- You may also use the *Forum* to liaise amongst yourselves in planning your placement orders.



Closing Notes & Information

Questions about anything related to Years 3 and 4 clinical allocations and placements for UQ-Ochsner Students should be posted using the *Forum* on the <u>Ochsner Medical Societies Online Group</u>. Otherwise, direct specifically to the Ochsner Clinical School Student Administration:

med.ocsStudentAdmin@uq.edu.au

UQ-Ochsner Years 3 and 4 Allocations

https://medical-school.uq.edu.au/about/clinical-schools/ochsner-clinical-school/years-3-and-4-ochsner/allocations

Timeline

https://medical-school.uq.edu.au/files/48436/Ochsner%20Cohort%202024%20Allocation%20Timeline%20Year%204 Updated.pdf



Thank you

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