

Frequently asked questions – Year 3 2025

Darling Downs South West (DD-SW)

- **Who can apply to go to DDSW in Years 3 and 4 of the MD program?**

Domestic Students from the Greater Brisbane Clinical School (GBCS) can apply for the 2-year transfer. Transfers for 1 year are not able to be considered.

Where will the clinical immersion locations be for DDSW?

Students will undertake clinical immersions at the Toowoomba Hospital with some also being offered at smaller sites in rural and remote locations in the DD-SW region e.g. Roma, Goondiwindi.

Clinical Immersion Opportunities

Will I have the opportunity to complete clinical immersions outside of my Learning Community and Clinical School?

You will have opportunities to undertake a clinical immersion outside your Learning Community and Clinical School during Year 4. Further details to be provided in due course.

RCS Clinical Immersion Opportunities

How will the clinical immersion work for the Rural and Remote Medicine (RRM) immersion?

If you are completing years 3 and 4 in the CQ, WB or DD-SW Learning Communities, you will undertake an 8-week clinical immersion in a rural or remote location. Please refer to [RRM](#) for more information on the process, accommodation, opportunities and locations of immersion experiences.

Where can current RCS students find more information about the RCS and clinical immersion opportunities?

Refer to the [RCS](#) webpage for more information on the rural clinical immersion, accommodation and general information on the RCS. You are also encouraged to contact your local Learning Community for more information.

GBCS Clinical Immersion Opportunities

Where will my clinical immersion terms be during Year 3?

- Most clinical immersions will take place in your Learning Community. Where clinical immersion experiences are not available, it will be scheduled at a facility that offers the appropriate opportunities to meet learning outcomes.
- To facilitate the teach out of Obstetrics and Gynaecology in Year 4 of the current program, the RBWH will not offer this clinical immersion for students in the new curriculum for Year 3 2025 for students based in the Central Learning Community.
- Paediatrics will not be offered in the North Learning Community (TPCH, Redcliffe and Caboolture) for students in Year 3 in 2025.
- The location of your other clinical immersion terms will be communicated once finalised.

Timing & Dates

When will the academic calendar for Year 3 be released?

We have now received feedback from your students' representatives and the proposal has been sent to endorsement by the relevant committees. We hope to communicate this to you no later than mid-June.

What is the structure of Year 3? Are we on placement the whole time or are there classes as well?

There will be five clinical immersion terms:

GBCS students Medicine, Surgery, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Paediatrics and Psychiatry.

RCS students Medicine, Surgery, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Paediatrics and Rural and Remote
Medicine with an integrated psychiatry curriculum.

Overall, it is intended that students will spend 80% of the time in the clinical environment and 20% dedicated to structured teaching and assessments. Further details to be provided in due course.

Further information and resources

[Clinical School Transfer Guidelines](#)

[Learning Community Allocation Guidelines](#)

[Clinical Immersion Guidelines](#)