

JMP - Joint Medical Program Schedule

(1) The JMP Schedule supports the implementation of the Joint Medical Program. In the event of any conflicts between the provisions of this Schedule and other University Policies and Procedures, the provisions of this Schedule will apply.

Section 1 - Application of Schedule

(2) This Schedule shall apply to the award of “Bachelor of Medicine” and the award “Bachelor of Medical Science and Doctor of Medicine” offered jointly by The University of Newcastle and the University of New England.

Section 2 - Context

(3) The Joint Medical Program, between the UON and the UNE, delivers a single medical program using the same learning outcomes and assessment standards in a shared delivery model that result in the same award for students enrolled in the program at either UON or UNE.

(4) In 2017 the Bachelor of Medicine was placed in Teach-out and the Bachelor of Medical Science and Doctor of Medicine program was introduced at both Universities. Management of the Joint Medical Program is the responsibility of the JMP Governance Committee as approved by each University.

(5) The Dean of Medicine - Joint Medical Program (JMP) is responsible to the JMP Governance Committee and the Universities, for academic management of the Joint Medical Program.

Section 3 - Definitions

(6) In this Schedule, unless the context or subject matter otherwise indicates or requires:

Defined Term	Meaning
Assessment or Assessment Item	Any form of work used to measure student learning outcomes, and to determine the final result for a student in a Course/Unit.
Assumed Knowledge	The knowledge based upon which a course/unit builds and which is deemed necessary at the commencement of that course/unit to succeed in that course/unit;
Award	Means the Bachelor of Medicine or the Bachelor of Medical Science and Doctor of Medicine
Census date	As prescribed by UON and UNE for the term of enrolment
Compulsory program component	a unit within the Bachelor of Medicine – JMP or Bachelor of Medical Science/Doctor of Medicine – JMP which must be successfully completed to progress in the program
course (UON) (UNE = unit)	any part of a program (UON) for which a result may be recorded (see unit (UNE) below)
Course Coordinator (UON)	the academic staff member responsible for the management of a particular course as approved by the JMP Teaching and Learning Committee (see Unit Coordinator (UNE) below)
credit points (cps) (UNE)	the proportional amount of academic credit allotted to a unit (UNE) and is used to: i. define the requirements for an award of the University; ii. indicate a student’s enrolment load (see ‘unit (UON)’ below)

Defined Term	Meaning
CSP	Commonwealth Supported Place
Dean of Medicine - Joint Medical Program (JMP)	has the authority delegated from the two Universities to oversee the supervision of the academic aspects of the JMP and provide leadership for the efficient and effective operation of the Joint Medical Program and its delivery.
Dean	Refers to a Dean of an Australian medical school other than the Dean of Medicine - JMP
Degree	means a program of courses/units approved by the Academic Senate (UON)/Academic Board (UNE) leading to the award of Bachelor of Medicine or Bachelor of Medical Science and Doctor of Medicine;
Exclusion	the condition of being precluded from re-enrolling in a program or a Faculty or a stated period. At the end of the exclusion period the student may apply for re-admission. There is no guarantee that an application for re-admission will be successful
final result	the grade based on all the assessment items in a MEDI course/unit as approved by the Head of School responsible for the course/unit
Head of School	Head of School of Medicine and Public Health (UON) and/or School of Rural Medicine (UNE)
JMP	Joint Medical Program
Joint Medical Program	The Bachelor of Medicine and the Bachelor of Medical Science and Doctor of Medicine as delivered in partnership by UON and UNE.
JMP Assessment Committee	the joint UON/UNE committee responsible for overseeing the development, implementation and quality assurance of JMP assessment
JMP Executive Committee	the joint UON/UNE committee has final approval for decisions relating to the planning, implementation and management of the JMP. The Committee is chaired by the Dean of Medicine - Joint Medical Program (JMP).
JMP Governance Committee	is the peak coordinating committee of the JMP with representation from both University of Newcastle and University of New England.
JMP Progress and Appeals Committee	the joint UON/UNE Committee established to jointly consider and make determinations regarding the progress of JMP students at the University of Newcastle (UON) and the University of New England (UNE)
JMP Teaching and Learning Committee	the joint UON/UNE committee responsible for the planning, implementation and management of the JMP curriculum, assessment and standards
JMP Year Assessment Committee	the committees (one for each year of the JMP) are responsible for recommending final grades of the Heads of School and for reviewing the assessment of courses/units in accordance with the Universities' quality assurance principles.
Prescribed date	means the day set by the JMP Teaching and Learning Committee in each term for each course/unit as the last date for withdrawal from that course/unit without academic penalty;
School	the School of Medicine and Public Health (UON) and/or the School of Rural Medicine (UNE)
Suspension	the condition of being precluded from enrolment for a period of up to one academic year, with an automatic right to re-enrol in the JMP after the period of suspension
teaching period	term of teaching in which a complete course/unit is delivered. Where courses/units are structured as multi-term sequence the teaching period will be 2 consecutive semesters in a single calendar year with the final grade being awarded at the completion of part B in the second semester.
UON	University of Newcastle, a body corporate established under sections 4 and 5 of the University of Newcastle Act 1989
unit (UON)	the proportional amount of academic credit allotted to a course (UON) and is used to: i. define the requirements for an award of the University; ii. indicate a student's enrolment load (see 'credit points (cps) (UNE)' above)
Unit Coordinator (UNE)	the academic staff member responsible for the management of a particular unit, as approved by the JMP Teaching and Learning Committee (see Course Coordinator (UON) above)

Defined Term	Meaning
University Universities	University of Newcastle and/or University of New England
University of Enrolment	University of Newcastle or University of New England
UNE	University of New England

Section 4 - Program Structure

Award: Bachelor of Medicine

AQF Level	Bachelor Level 7
Total Units	400 Units (UON) / 240 credit point (UNE)
Volume of Learning (Duration)	5 years minimum
Structure (including minimum requirements and restrictions)	The program will contain: a. a total of 400 units / 240 units; b. including 10 units / 6 credit points of electives.
Admission	An applicant will have met the admission and selection criteria for the relevant program as set by the JMP Executive Committee and JMP Teaching and Learning Committee and approved by Academic Senate (UON) and Academic Board (UNE), at the time of application. Including special admission procedures and selection criteria. Note: final admission to the Bachelor of Medicine was in 2016.
Additional Requirements	Any approved compulsory program components (CPC) or pre-requisites.
Credit	With the exception of credit transfer arrangements as provided in Section 10, credit / advanced standing will not be granted in the program.
Grading of the Award	The degree will be awarded as an ordinary degree, or will be awarded 'with Distinction' according to the approved academic criteria. A separate 80 unit / 48 credit point Honours equivalent program is available – Bachelor of Medical Science (Honours). Details are available in the UON program Handbook or UNE Course Catalogue.
Additional Information	The testamur shall acknowledge the universities that comprise the Joint Medical Program, namely, The University of Newcastle and the University of New England.

Award: Bachelor of Medical Science and Doctor of Medicine

Bachelor of Medical Science

AQF Level	Bachelor Level 7
Total Units	240 units (UON) / 144 credit points (UNE)
Volume of Learning (Duration)	3 years minimum
Structure (including minimum requirements and restrictions)	The program will contain a sequence of core courses, with a maximum of a total of 240 units / 144 credit points: a. 80 units / 48 credit points at 1000 level; b. 80 units / 48 credit points at 2000 level; c. 30 units / 18 credit points at 3000 level; d. 40 units / 24 credit points at 4000 level; and e. 10 units / 6 credit points at 6000 level.

Admission	An applicant will have met the admission and selection criteria as set by the JMP Teaching and Learning Committee, and JMP Executive Committee's, and approved by the Academic Senate (UON) and Academic Board (UNE), at the time of application, including special admission procedures and selection criteria. Note: Bachelor of Medical Science commenced 2017.
Additional Requirements	Any approved compulsory program components (CPC) or pre-requisites.
Credit	With the exception of credit transfer arrangements as provided in Section 10, credit / advanced standing will not be granted in the program.
Grading of the Award	The degree will be awarded as an ordinary degree only. A separate 80 unit / 48 credit point Honours program is available – Bachelor of Medical Science (Honours). Details are available in the UON program Handbook or UNE Course Catalogue.

Doctor of Medicine

AQF Level	Masters Level 9 E
Total Units	240 units (UON / 144 credit points (UNE)
Volume of Learning (Duration)	3 years minimum
Structure (including minimum requirements and restrictions)	The program will contain: a. a total of 240 units / 144 credit points; b. a sequence of core courses: i. 160 units / 96 credit points at 6000 level; ii. 80 units / 48 credit points of credit granted on the basis of completion of Year 3 of the Bachelor of Medical Science at The University of Newcastle or University of New England.
Admission	As approved by the Academic Senate (UON) and Academic Board (UNE), students who have satisfactorily completed the requirements for the award of the Bachelor of Medical Science will be admitted to the Doctor of Medicine. Excluding periods of approved Leave of Absence students must move to the Doctor of Medicine in the year immediately following completion of the Bachelor of Medical Science.
Additional Requirements	Any approved compulsory program components (CPC) or pre-requisites.
Credit	All students will be granted a maximum of 80 units / 48 credit points of credit in the Doctor of Medicine based on the completion of Year 3 of the Bachelor of Medical Science at either the University of Newcastle or University of New England. No other credit will be granted.
Grading of the Award	The degree will be awarded as an ordinary degree only. A separate 80 unit / 48 credit point Honours program is available – Doctor of Medical Science (Honours). Details are available in the UON program Handbook or UNE Course Catalogue.
Additional Information	The Bachelor of Medical Science and Doctor of Medicine will be awarded at the completion of both programs. Students will receive a single testamur including both programs. The testamur shall acknowledge the universities that comprise the Joint Medical Program, namely, The University of Newcastle and the University of New England.

Section 5 - Qualification for the Award

Bachelor of Medicine

(7) The degree of Bachelor of Medicine may be awarded as an ordinary degree or With Distinction as provided the [Bachelor of Medicine - Joint Medical Program \(JMP\) Award of Bachelor of Medicine with Distinction Guideline](#).

(8) Students enrolled at each University must satisfy the same academic requirements for graduation by successfully completing the approved program of study which:

- a. at UON totals 400 units as approved by the UoN Academic Senate;
- b. at UNE totals 240 credit points as approved by the UNE Academic Board.

(9) Students enrolled at UON will graduate from Newcastle as approved by the UON Council;

(10) Students enrolled at UNE will graduate from New England as approved by the UNE Council.

Bachelor of Medical Science and Doctor of Medicine

(11) The Bachelor of Medical Science and Doctor of Medicine are undertaken sequentially. The Bachelor of Medical Science and Doctor of Medicine are awarded as ordinary degrees.

(12) Students enrolled at each University must satisfy the same academic requirements for graduation by successfully completing the approved program of study for both the Bachelor of Medical Science and Doctor of Medicine which:

- a. at UON totals 480 units (including 80 units of credit) as approved by the UON Academic Senate;
- b. at UNE totals 288 credit points (including 48 credit points of credit) as approved by the UNE Academic Board.

(13) Students enrolled at UON will graduate from Newcastle as approved by the UON Council;

(14) Students enrolled at UNE will graduate from New England as approved by the UNE Council.

Section 6 - Deferment

(15) Deferment of admission will be for one academic year only. The JMP Admission Committee shall consider deferment of admission requests and make recommendations to the Dean of Medicine - Joint Medical Program (JMP) (or nominee) for approval. The Dean's decision shall be final. Deferment may be granted:

- a. to allow an applicant who has just left school an opportunity to gain broader experience through travel or work before commencing University studies;
- b. to afford an applicant sufficient time to make necessary arrangements concerning financial, domestic or employment commitments; or
- c. to allow an applicant enrolled as a candidate for a postgraduate degree in a University time to complete the requirements for the award of that degree. An applicant granted deferment for one year who has enrolled as a candidate for a postgraduate degree in a University who, at the end of the period of deferment, has not met the requirements for the award of the degree, but who is considered by the JMP Admission Committee and Dean of Medicine - Joint Medical Program (JMP) to be making satisfactory progress towards meeting the requirements, may be granted deferment in the program for an additional period of one year.

(16) All applicants who wish to defer admission at either enrolment location must apply in writing to the Dean of Medicine - Joint Medical Program (JMP) stating the reasons for the deferment request, before the expiry date of the offer of admission. Applications are assessed on the basis of the circumstances documented. Deferment is not guaranteed.

Section 7 - Enrolment

UON and UNE

(17) A student must enrol only in courses (UON) / units (UNE) that conform to the requirements of the award as approved by the Academic Senate UON / Academic Board UNE.

(18) Except with the permission of the Dean of Medicine - Joint Medical Program (JMP), a student will be required to enrol full-time on-campus in each year of candidature.

(19) A standard full-time load for Semester based courses is 40 units (UON) or 24 credit points (UNE) and for a Full Year term a standard full-time load is 80 units (UON) or 48 credit points (UNE) in each semester. A student who wishes to undertake more than the standard full-time load must obtain permission from the Dean of Medicine - Joint Medical Program (JMP) (or nominee) and any other UON or UNE process as required at each university.

(20) Enrolment in the JMP and attendance at clinical placements are subject to:

- a. enrolment in the approved courses in the correct sequence;
- b. satisfactory completion of statutory checks as determined by relevant authorities. All students are required to meet the NSW Health Verification Requirements in order to undertake clinical placements. Details - [UON - NSW Health Verification Requirements](#); and
- c. any other terms and conditions as set out by the University of enrolment.

(21) A student's University of enrolment does not change when on clinical placement. For example, a UNE student who completes Years 3, 4 and/or 5 in Newcastle and/or Gosford/Wyong remains enrolled at UNE; a UON student who completes Years 4 and/or 5 in Armidale remains enrolled at UON.

(22) UON JMP students are subject to the provisions of the [Awards and Graduation Policy](#).

(23) UNE JMP students are subject to the provisions of the [UNE General Rules](#).

Section 8 - Credit (UON) / Advanced Standing (UNE)

Bachelor of Medicine

(24) With the exception of credit transfer arrangements as provided in Section 10, credit / advanced standing will not be granted in the program.

Bachelor of Medical Science

(25) With the exception of credit transfer arrangements as provided in Section 10, credit / advanced standing will not be granted in the program.

Doctor of Medicine

(26) With the exception of the 80 units / 48 credit points of credit granted on the basis of the completion of Year 3 of the Bachelor of Medical Science, credit / advanced standing will not be granted in the program.

Section 9 - Credit Transfer Arrangements

International Medical University Students

(27) The University of Newcastle is a Partner Medical School (PMS) of the International Medical University (IMU), Malaysia. Under this agreement a specified number of IMU students are admitted each year to Year 3 of the Bachelor of Medicine – JMP or Year 3 of the Bachelor of Medical Science – JMP at UON only. The students receive 160 units of unspecified credit (80 units at 1000 level and 80 units at 2000 level) based on medical studies completed at IMU. Students to be transferred to UON are identified by IMU based on their standard PMS matching process.

Compassionate Transfers

(28) Compassionate transfer applications, from Universities other than UON and UNE, will be considered by the Dean

of Medicine - Joint Medical Program (JMP) in consultation with the Heads of Schools of Medicine and Public Health (UON) and Rural Medicine (UNE). Requests will only be considered under compassionate circumstances that have arisen after acceptance of admission and commencement of study at the initial medical school. The student requesting a compassionate transfer:

- a. should contact the Dean of the medical school they are currently attending to discuss their intention to request a compassionate transfer;
- b. must provide the Dean of Medicine - Joint Medical Program (JMP) with a written request for transfer, comprehensive documentation supporting their “compassionate” circumstances (including medical certificates), full course / unit descriptions / outlines for the courses / units completed, an official academic transcript and, where possible, a letter from their current Dean supporting the request for transfer.

(29) Successful incoming students will be transferred into the most appropriate academic year of the JMP based on studies completed. Decisions regarding the appropriate credit to be granted are made by the Dean of Medicine - Joint Medical Program (JMP) in consultation with the JMP Program Convenor and Heads of the Schools of Medicine and Public Health (UON) and Rural Medicine (UNE).

(30) Transfer of JMP students between UON and UNE will be considered only on the basis of provisions outlined in clause 28. Applications to transfer must be supported by the Dean of Medicine - Joint Medical Program (JMP) and both Heads of School. Transfers are only possible between the same programs, for example, Bachelor of Medicine at UNE to Bachelor of Medicine at UON. Transferees will receive full credit for courses/units already satisfactorily completed in the JMP.

Section 10 - Course (UON) / Unit (UNE) Outlines

(31) Course (UON) / Unit (UNE) Coordinators are required to provide students with a Course / Unit Outline by the first day of term and no changes may be made to this after the end of the second week of term. The outline details key aspects of the course / unit requirements and structure, including assumed knowledge, content, teaching methods, contact hours, and a range of information regarding assessment items.

(32) Provisions regarding Course / Unit Outlines are contained in the [JMP Course/Unit Outlines Policy](#).

Section 11 - Assumed Knowledge

(33) For progression purposes, the Dean of Medicine - Joint Medical Program (JMP), on advice from the JMP Teaching and Learning Committee, may recommend to Faculty Board (UON) and Curriculum Committee (UNE) prescribed assumed knowledge and barriers to progression, for any course (UON) / unit (UNE) within the programs offered by the JMP.

(34) Ignorance of the assumed knowledge requirements for a course / unit cannot be the basis of an application to address adverse circumstances affecting an assessment item or of an appeal against a final result in a course / unit.

Section 12 - Examinations

(35) Consistent policies concerning the conduct of assessments and the respective responsibilities of JMP students and the universities apply within UON and UNE.

(36) JMP students are subject to the assessment policy as provided in the [JMP Policy Governing Administration of Assessment Items](#).

(37) Examination grades for courses / units within the Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Medical Science and Doctor of Medicine are ungraded.

(38) The final grades awarded for JMP courses / units are:

- a. Fail (FF)
- b. Ungraded Pass (UP)

(39) A fail grade may be awarded following disciplinary action.

(40) There are no marks associated with the UP result. Students who are awarded a UP result are deemed to have met the pass standard requirement for the course / unit.

(41) For multi-term sequence courses / units an N/A grade at UON or a RY Grade at UNE will be awarded on the completion of Part A of the sequence. A final grade will be awarded for Part B.

Section 13 - Clinical Placements

(42) Most courses/units within the programs offered by the JMP involve clinical placements of varying duration.

(43) Students in Years 4 and 5 will be required to undertake placements in one or more of the JMP Clinical Schools which are based in centres including Newcastle, Maitland, Gosford/Wyong, Taree, Tamworth and Armidale.

(44) Due to limitations on placements at JMP Clinical Schools when under or over-subscription by preference of places to any Clinical School occurs, students will be allocated by ballot.

(45) Students are required to spend a minimum of two semesters away from their University of Enrolment while undertaking clinical placements. Students may elect to undertake placements of up to two years in an approved location away from their university of enrolment.

(46) Students will be responsible for all costs associated with travel and accommodation for 'away' placements.

(47) Students on placements are subject to the provisions of the [JMP Student Placement Policy](#).

Section 14 - Academic Progress

(48) A consistent procedure for reviewing JMP student academic progress is conducted between UON and UNE.

(49) JMP students are subject to the academic progress rules as provided in the [JMP Review of Progress Procedure](#).

(50) Breaches of professional conduct requirements or unethical conduct during any practical experience component shall be deemed to constitute unsatisfactory progress.

Section 15 - Adverse and Special Circumstances

(51) A consistent procedure for considering adverse and special circumstances that may affect student performance in assessment is conducted between UON and UNE.

(52) JMP students are subject to the adverse and special circumstances procedures as provided in the [JMP Adverse and Special Circumstances Affecting Assessment Procedure](#).

Section 16 - Appeal Against a Final Result

(53) Consistent procedures for requesting re-marks, moderations and/or appealing against a final result, are conducted between UON and UNE.

(54) Provisions for appealing against a final result are contained in the [JMP Appeal Against a Final Result Procedure](#).

(55) Provisions for the conduct of re-marks and moderations are contained in [JMP Re-marks and Moderation Procedure](#).

Section 17 - Academic Misconduct

(56) Plagiarism and the falsification of information or data are dishonest practices that contravene the academic values of respect for knowledge, scholarship and scholars. Dishonesty in the preparation or presentation of any assessable work is regarded as misconduct, and the Universities impose serious measures on students who are found to have acted in this way.

(57) The [JMP Student Academic Misconduct Rule](#) sets out what constitutes JMP student misconduct and establishes the procedural framework in which the UON and UNE will deal with matters relating to allegations of academic misconduct against students within the JMP, inclusive of research misconduct.

Section 18 - Exclusion

(58) An applicant for admission to a JMP program, who has been excluded or suspended from any university, shall not be admitted to the JMP during the course of the exclusion or suspension period unless the applicant has the approval of the UON Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) following consultation with UNE Provost and Deputy Vice-Chancellor and the Dean of Medicine - Joint Medical Program (JMP).

Section 19 - Withdrawal from Courses (UON) / Units (UNE)

(59) A student may withdraw from a course / unit on or before the census date. The withdrawal shall take effect from the date of receipt by the relevant university of such notice.

(60) A student who withdraws from a course / unit after the census date for the term will incur financial liability for the course/unit.

(61) The permission of the Dean of Medicine - Joint Medical Program (JMP) is required for a student to apply to withdraw without penalty from a course / unit containing a clinical placement after the census date.

Section 20 - Addition of Course(s) (UON) /Unit(s) (UNE)

(62) A student may not add a course / unit after the approved date as published in the relevant course / unit outline.

(63) In exceptional circumstances, a student may apply in writing to the Dean of Medicine - Joint Medical Program (JMP) for permission to add a course / unit after the prescribed date.

Section 21 - Leave of Absence

(64) Upon a candidate's successful completion of a minimum of one academic year of study, the Dean of Medicine - Joint Medical Program (JMP) may grant leave of absence from the program.

(65) Periods of Leave of Absence granted to any one candidate would not normally exceed a combined period of more than one academic year.

(66) Failure to re-enrol as directed following Leave of Absence will result in enrolment in the program being cancelled and the student being required to apply for re-admission.

(67) A JMP student who is approved to enrol in the one year full-time Bachelor of Medical Science (Honours) program at either UON or UNE shall be given one year's Leave of Absence from the JMP to complete the Bachelor of Medical Science (Honours) program.

Section 22 - Re-admission

(68) A student who is absent for an extended period of time without approved Leave of Absence from the program will be required to re-apply for admission through the [Universities Admissions Centre](#). Standard application and selection processes and requirements will apply unless approved otherwise by the Dean of Medicine - Joint Medical Program (JMP). Requests for re-admission will only be considered if there are Commonwealth Supported Positions available. Re-admission is not guaranteed.

(69) If successful, the applicant will be re-admitted to the program under such terms and conditions as the Dean of Medicine - Joint Medical Program (JMP) determines, and with due regard to the maximum time allowed for obtaining the units / credit points required to qualify for the award, as set out in Section 26.

(70) A JMP student who enrolls in the Honours program, Bachelor of Medical Science (Honours), shall not be deemed to be absent from the JMP program and shall be permitted to re-enrol in the JMP at their University of enrolment, in the year immediately following completion of the Bachelor of Medical Science (Honours) program.

Section 23 - Complaint Resolution

(71) Provisions for resolving complaints are specific to the institution in which JMP student is enrolled.

(72) Provisions for UON students are listed in the UON [Complaint Management Policy](#).

(73) Provisions for UNE students are listed in the [UNE Student \(Related\) Grievance Handling Policy](#) and Procedures.

Section 24 - Student Misconduct Rule

(74) Provisions for addressing student misconduct matters (excluding academic misconduct refer Section 18) are specific to the institution in which the JMP student is enrolled.

(75) Provisions for UON students are listed in the UON [Student Conduct Rule](#).

(76) Provisions for UNE students are listed in the UNE:

- a. [Student Behavioural Misconduct Rules](#)
- b. [Student Behavioural Misconduct Investigation and Penalty Guidelines](#).

Section 25 - Maximum Time for Obtaining an Award

(77) Except with the permission of the Dean of Medicine - Joint Medical Program (JMP), the maximum time for obtaining the units / credit points required to qualify for the Bachelor of Medicine; or Bachelor of Medical Science and Doctor of Medicine shall be eight years, excluding enrolment in the Bachelor of Medical Science (Honours).

(78) The period refers to elapsed calendar years from admission, and is inclusive of periods of leave of absence, exclusion or suspension from either the program or the university.

(79) On application from a student, the Dean of Medicine - Joint Medical Program (JMP) may grant an extension of time to complete the program, provided that the period of extension is specified in each case, and the student has an expectation of completing the requirement for the award within a reasonable period.

Section 26 - Conferral of Award

Bachelor of Medicine

(80) The Bachelor of Medicine shall be conferred as an ordinary Degree except where a candidate's performance has reached a meritorious standard of achievement such that the Degree may be conferred with Distinction according to approved criteria.

(81) The testamur for the program shall acknowledge the universities that comprise the Joint Medical Program, namely, The University of Newcastle and the University of New England.

Bachelor of Medical Science and Doctor of Medicine

(82) The individual awards, Bachelor of Medical Science and Doctor of Medicine, shall be conferred as ordinary Degrees.

(83) The two degrees will appear on a single testamur conferred following the completion of both degrees. The testamur shall acknowledge the universities that comprise the Joint Medical Program, namely, The University of Newcastle and the University of New England.

Section 27 - Students with a Disability

(84) Students with disabilities are expected to meet standard requirements for the JMP courses / units in which they are enrolled. Alternative arrangements to accommodate special needs will be considered where appropriate documentation is supplied.

(85) Details concerning the nature of support available and terms and conditions that apply in relation to receiving support are provided:

- a. at UON in the [Students with a Disability Policy](#);
- b. at UNE by the [UNE Special Needs Office](#).

Section 28 - Prizes and Scholarships

(86) The terms and conditions for prizes and scholarships pertaining to JMP students may either be specific to the University of enrolment or available to the combined JMP student cohort. Prize and scholarship conditions and criteria

provided by each University will specify which is applicable.

Section 29 - Exit Award

Bachelor of Medicine

(87) Candidates for the Bachelor of Medicine who wish to discontinue their studies and have satisfied the requirements for the exit degree must apply in writing to the Dean, for approval. The Dean of Medicine - Joint Medical Program (JMP) will take advice from the relevant Head of School. The exit award for the Bachelor of Medicine at both universities is the Bachelor of Health.

Bachelor of Medical Science and Doctor of Medicine

(88) Candidates for the Bachelor of Medical Science and Doctor of Medicine who wish to discontinue their studies and have satisfied the requirements for the award Bachelor of Medical Science must apply in writing to the Dean of Medicine - Joint Medical Program (JMP), for approval to exit with this award. The Dean of Medicine - Joint Medical Program (JMP) will take advice from the relevant Head of School.

(89) Students exiting the JMP with either the Bachelor of Health exit degree or Bachelor of Medical Science are not eligible to apply for re-admission (Section 23 – Re-admission).

Section 30 - Application of Provisions

(90) In instances where provisions are not specified in this Schedule, the matter will be referred to the JMP Teaching and Learning Committee. Recommendations concerning resolution of the matter will be forwarded to the Academic Senate/Board for consideration and approval.

Section 31 - Relaxing Provision

(91) To provide for exceptional circumstances arising in any particular student matter, the Academic Senate (UON) / Academic Board (UNE), on the recommendation of the Dean of Medicine - Joint Medical Program (JMP), may relax any provision of this Schedule. Such relaxations will be reported back to the Academic Senate/Board at the partner university at the next available meeting.

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