

Overview of the MBBS Placements

Refer to the *MBBS Student Placement Guidelines* and *Placement Handbooks* for details

Year	Placement	Category	Details
1	GP Visit	GP	Students undertake 3 x ½ day visits in a General Practice. This placement organised by the student gives students the opportunity to observe and practice communication skills as well as practice basic examination skills. It gives students insight to how the science they are learning underpins medical practice. The placement is undertaken in Australia.
	Health Elective	Elective	Students undertake a continuous two week elective at the end of the Year break (Dec to Feb) in an area of health of interest to the student and ratified by the College. This placement can be completed in Australia or Overseas* as approved. These placements are not usually available at hospitals where there are already student placements.
2	Rural Placement	Rural	Students undertake a continuous 4 week rural placement in mid-year break or the end-of year break. Domestic placements are undertaken in a rural community arranged by the College. Overseas placements, as approved, are arranged by the student according to set criteria. Students should reside in the town for the entirety of the placement and not commute. This placement can be completed in Australia or Overseas* as approved. The placement may be in a single rural health facility, or in a number of facilities in the same community.
3	Acute Care Elective	Elective	Students undertake a continuous 2 week elective in the end of year break (Dec – Feb) in a location organised by the College or one which is organised by the student, as approved. This placement can be completed in Australia or Overseas* as approved. This placement is in an acute care setting, emergency department and can also include rotations with Ambulance Services, or in an ICU.
4	Term Placements	Rotations	30 weeks: 5 terms (each 6 weeks in length) in which students learn the pathological basis of disease in a clinical context at public and private hospitals through a series of integrated clinical pathological cases (CPCs) and through clerking patients. All of the rotations are conducted in clinical facilities or teaching sites and on Campus. Additional 4 weeks – Single lecture weeks (total of 4) throughout the year for lectures and teaching sessions.
	Rural Term	Rural	All students undertake a 6 week rural rotation in a Northern Queensland rural teaching site such as, but not limited to the Atherton Tablelands, Mackay region (not Mackay city), Mt Isa and the Gulf region, and Cape York.
5	Rotations	Rotations	36 weeks – 6 rotations (6 weeks in length) in JCU Clinical Schools, General Practice or other clinics in Mackay, Townsville, Cairns or Darwin in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adult Health x 2 (Medicine and Surgery) - Reproductive and Neonatal Health - Mental Health - Child and Adolescent Health - General Practice - 6 week placement with a GP, along with some small group teaching and simulated learning at the Clinical Schools. Additional 4 weeks – Single lecture weeks (total of 4) throughout the year for lectures and teaching sessions in the Clinical Schools.
6	Clinical Rotations	Rotations	20 weeks: 2 rotations (10 weeks in length) in JCU Clinical Schools in Mackay, Townsville and Cairns, and Darwin in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Critical and Crisis Care (5 weeks) + Adult Health (5 weeks) - Adult Health (10 weeks)
	Clinical Elective	Rotation Elective	Rotation is 10 weeks in length. 8 weeks Elective placement in an area of student interest. Students organise the elective facility, travel and accommodation. 2 weeks of the rotation is a compulsory Emergency Department placement that can be done at any time throughout the 10 weeks. The rotation (both placements) can be completed in Australia or Overseas* as approved.
	Rural Internship	Rural	10 weeks in rural Hospitals in Queensland (and NT) during which the student is immersed in the rural community to an “internship.” Mostly completed in Australia. Can be completed overseas* for international students only, and as per the criteria.

* Of the placements approved for domestic students to be completed in part or in full overseas, at least one must be completed in Australia. In addition, consideration may be given to international students requesting to do the MBBS 6 Rural Internship in their country of origin and this could be a fourth.