

SECTION 1: ACADEMIC BOARD COURSE PROPOSAL

PART 1: OVERVIEW OF PROPOSAL

Faculty: Pharmacy

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Date course approved by Faculty:

1.1.1. Type of proposal:

New

Amended

Deletion

Please note if the proposal is changing the course name, for example Bachelor of ABC to Bachelor of AB (C) then this is a NEW course.

For deletion of a course please complete Part 1, and Part 2 items 1.2.1, 1.2.2, 1.2.9 and 1.2.11.

1.1.2. Type of course: Undergraduate

Postgraduate Coursework

Postgraduate Research

Other (provide details)

1.1.3. Name of Award course(s)

Name of **New** Award course/s: _____ OR

Name of **Amended** Award course/s: _____ OR

Change of name of **Existing** Award Course/s: From _____ to _____ OR

Name of Award course/s to be **Deleted**: Bachelor of Pharmacy (Rural)

1.1.4. Abbreviated name

BPharm (Rural)

1.1.5. Date of introduction or deletion

Introduced: Year _____ Semester _____

Deletion: Year 2008 Semester 1

1.1.6 Availability to students

Commonwealth supported students Full-time
Part-time

Fee-paying local students Full-time
Part-time

Fee-paying international students Full-time
Part-time

Research Training Scheme (Postgrad. Research students only)

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PART 2: DETAILS FOR ASSESSMENT OF PROPOSAL

1.2.1 Purpose of the proposal

The purpose of this proposal is to delete the current Bachelor of Pharmacy (Rural) course which will be incorporated in to the restructured Bachelor of Pharmacy degree which will offer increased rural and indigenous content and a Rural major.

1.2.2 Justification for proposal

In 2006, and in consultation with the profession, the Faculty of Pharmacy conducted a substantial review of its BPharm curriculum, with a view to ensuring that our graduates are well-prepared for the technological developments and changing practice of Pharmacy over the coming decade. As a result of this review it was recognised that BPharm (Rural) degree could be incorporated in to the revised BPharm program as a major.

The revised degree is designed to meet the demands of the changing Pharmacy profession and will incorporate rural and indigenous health issues throughout the course. The new curriculum of the BPharm degree will place more emphasis on integrating the teaching across the three disciplines of Pharmacy and provide a flexible final semester in the fourth year allowing increased opportunity for extended rural placements.

The current Bachelor of Pharmacy (Rural) program will cease to be offered, in favour of incorporation of rural and indigenous health care as an integral part of the new curriculum in the Bachelor of Pharmacy. In addition there will be the option for students to spend the final semester of year 4 on rural placement in the University Department of Rural Health (UDRH) teaching hospitals, as the BPharm (Rural) students do at present.

Special entry provision will ensure that students from rural areas will be offered entry to the Bachelor of Pharmacy with a UAI of up to 5 points lower than the official UAI (as is currently the case for entry to the BPharm (Rural) program. This will ensure that the Faculty continues to maintain it's prominent role in the provision of rural healthcare professionals.

1.2.9 Transitional arrangements (for continuing students)

Last year of student intake under existing Resolutions:	Local students	2007
	International students	2007

Provisions in place for students enrolled under existing Resolutions:

Existing Units of study will remain available to current students who have a non-standard progression for 2 years after the last official enrolment in those UoS.

1.2.11 Resolutions

- (a) Are there changes to the list of Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates conferred by your Faculty, as listed in the **Resolutions of the Senate** available in the **University Calendar**?

Yes *If yes, please complete Appendix 2.*
No

- (b) Will there be new Resolutions or changes to the existing **Resolutions of the Senate** for the proposed Coursework award course?

Yes *If yes, please complete Appendix 3.*
No

(c) Will there be new Resolutions or changes to the existing **Faculty Resolutions** for the proposed award course?

Yes *If yes, please complete Appendix 4.*
No

(d) Will there be changes to the academic dress due to the introduction of the proposed new award course?

Yes No

APPROVALS

Nominated Faculty Officer

Dean of Faculty (or Delegate)



Degrees, diplomas and certificates in the Faculty of Pharmacy

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1. The degrees in the Faculty of Pharmacy shall be:
 - 1.1 Bachelor of Pharmacy (BPharm)
 - 1.2 ~~Bachelor of Pharmacy (Rural) (BPharm(Rural))~~
 - 1.2 Master of Pharmacy (MPharm)
 - 1.3 Master of Herbal Medicines (MHerbMed)
 - 1.4 Master of Philosophy
 - 1.5 Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)
2. The diplomas and certificates in the Faculty of Pharmacy shall be:
 - 2.1 Graduate Diploma in Herbal Medicines (GradDipHerbMed)
 - 2.2 Graduate Certificate in Herbal Medicines (GradCertHerbMed)



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Bachelor of Pharmacy

1. Requirements for the Bachelor of Pharmacy

- 1.1 To qualify for the pass degree of the Bachelor of Pharmacy candidates must:
 - 1.1.1 complete successfully units of study giving credit for a total of 192 credit points; and
 - 1.1.2 satisfy the requirements of all relevant By-laws, Rules and Resolutions of the University.

2. Specialisations, Streams or Majors

2.1 The following majors will be awarded in the Bachelor of Pharmacy:

- 2.1.1 Rural
- 2.1.2 Industrial
- 2.1.3 International

3. Requirements for the honours degree (where honours is an option)

- 3.1 To qualify for the award of the honours degree candidates must complete the honours requirements published in the Faculty Resolutions relating to the course.

Bachelor of Pharmacy (Rural)

1. Requirements for the pass degree

- 1.1 ~~To qualify for the award of the pass degree students must:~~
 - 1.1.1 ~~complete successfully units of study giving credit for a total of 192 credit points; and~~
 - 1.1.2 ~~satisfy the requirements of all other relevant By-Laws, Rules and Resolutions of the University.~~

2. Requirements for the honours degree

- 2.1 ~~To qualify for the award of the honours degree students must complete the honours requirements published in the faculty resolutions relating to the course.~~



BPharm Rural Resolutions

Heading 2

Note

Bachelor of Pharmacy (Rural)

1. Admission

- 1.1 Admission to the BPharm (Rural) course is based on:
- 1.1.1 Results of a Special Tertiary Admission Test (STAT);
- 1.1.2 NSW HSC Universities Admissions Index (UAI) or equivalent, or a tertiary studies record;
- 1.2 Under the Faculty of Pharmacy Rural Students Entry Scheme a limited number of quota places have been set aside for entry to the Bachelor of Pharmacy (Rural) program for prospective rural students who meet the selection criteria approved by the Academic Board, as set out below. Details of the application process are available from the Faculty.
- 1.3 Criteria for Admission to the BPharm(Rural) under the Faculty of Pharmacy Rural Students Entry Scheme:
- 1.3.1 Current NSW HSC or interstate equivalent applicants may be offered a place under the Faculty of Pharmacy Rural Students Entry Scheme if they meet all the criteria set out below:
- 1.3.1.1 The applicant's UAI is not more than five points below the UAG main round cut off mark for the year of entry;
- 1.3.1.2 Applicants must have completed at least the last four years of secondary education at a rural school (the definition of "rural" is detailed below);
- 1.3.1.3 Applicants must have had a permanent home address in a rural area for a significant period (at least four years) at any time prior to their application (the definition of "rural" is detailed below);
- 1.3.1.4 Applicants must be able to demonstrate a commitment to a career in a rural health setting. (This may include an exceptional record of involvement and achievement in community affairs at school or local community level in a rural environment);
- 1.3.1.5 Applicants are not eligible for a place under this Scheme if they have completed one full-time year (or part-time equivalent) of tertiary study. (Tertiary study refers to Diploma, Advanced Diploma, Bachelors Degree or higher qualification recognised by the University of Sydney);
- 1.3.1.6 Applicants are not eligible for a place under this Scheme if they accept an offer under any other Access and Equity Program offered by the University.
- 1.3.2 This scheme does not apply to any undergraduate program offered by the Faculty of Pharmacy. Applicants must satisfy the Special Tertiary Admissions test criterion outlined above.

Definition of "Rural"

The basis for the definition of "rural" will be the area encompassing the rural NSW Area Health Service regions, as announced by the NSW Department of Health on 16 March 1966, or the equivalent definition of rural applicable to other States. Basically, all of New South Wales is considered rural with the exception of Sydney, Central Coast, Newcastle, Wollongong, the Blue Mountains and their surrounding areas. In other states, similar definitions will apply.

2. Units of study

- 2.1 The units of study for the degree are as set out in the Faculty Handbook.

3. Requirements for the Pass Degree

- 3.1 To qualify for the award of Pass degree students must:
- 3.1.1 gain a minimum of 192 credit points by successfully completing all first year, second year, third year and fourth year units of study as set out in Table 1;
- 3.1.2 satisfy the requirements of all other relevant By-Laws, Rules and Resolutions of the University;

4. Requirements for the Honours Degree

- 4.1 The degree of Bachelor of Pharmacy shall be awarded in two grades, namely, Pass and Honours:

- 4.2 A weighted average mark (WAM) will be calculated for each candidate as an overall measure of performance in the degree;
- 4.3 The degree will be awarded with the following grades:
- 4.3.1 First-Class Honours: WAM of 75 or greater with a minimum final honours mark of 85;
- 4.3.2 Second-Class Honours, division I: WAM of 70-74 with a minimum final honours mark of 80;
- 4.3.3 Second-Class Honours, division II: WAM of 65-69 with a minimum final honours mark of 75;

5. Pass degree

- 5.1 Except with the permission of the Faculty, candidates of more than four years standing in the degree shall not be awarded the degree with honours;
- 5.2 Except with the permission of the Faculty honours will not normally be awarded to any student with a grade of F or AF in any unit of study;
- 5.3 Honours students can progress to Second Semester Advanced only if they obtain a credit average in their first semester marks. Students who fail this requirement will go back to the Pass stream, Fourth Year Second Semester;
- 5.4 In order to be considered for the award of the University Medal, a student must obtain a WAM of 85 or greater over the entire degree, and must achieve minimum final honours mark of 90 or greater in two Advanced units of study in the same stream. The decision to award a University Medal shall be made by the Faculty Honours Board of Examiners;
- 5.5 To be eligible for the grade of Honours from 2001, a student must successfully complete two Advanced units of study in the same stream;

6. Enrolment in more/less than minimum load

- 6.1 In the first year of attendance candidates, unless granted credit in accordance with section 13, shall enrol in all the First Year units of study listed in Table 1;
- 6.2 Except with the permission of the Faculty, and subject to the exigencies of the timetable, candidates in subsequent years of attendance shall enrol in the maximum number of prescribed units of study for which they are qualified, provided that they may not take units of study totalling in excess of 54 credit points;
- 6.3 Students who have attempted or gained credit for all units of study in First and Second years of the degree may be eligible to apply for prerequisite waiver which would allow enrolment in the full complement of units of study for the following academic year, together with the failed unit, provided they have no prior grade fail;

7. Restrictions on enrolment

- 7.1 Except with the permission of the Faculty, candidates may not take a Second Year unit of study until they have:
- 7.1.1 gained credit for at least 24 credit points in First year units of study; and
- 7.1.2 completed the First Year units of study, if any, prescribed by the Faculty as qualifying units of study or prerequisites for the Second Year of Study, as set out in Table 1;
- 7.2 Except with the permission of the Faculty, candidates may not take a Third Year unit of study until they have:
- 7.2.1 gained credit for at least 18 credit points derived from Second Year units of study; and
- 7.2.2 completed all the First Year units of study, and all the Second Year units of study, if any, prescribed as qualifying units of study or prerequisites for the Third Year unit of study, as set out in Table 1, and all the First Year units of study;
- 7.3 Except with the permission of the Faculty, candidates may not take a Fourth Year unit of study until they have:
- 7.3.1 gained credit for at least 18 credit points derived from Third Year units of study; and
- 7.3.2 completed all the Second Year units of study, and all the Third Year units of study, if any, prescribed by the Faculty as qualifying units of study or prerequisites for the Fourth



~~Year unit of study, as set out in Table 1, and all the Second Year units of study.~~

~~7.4 Candidates may not take a higher unit of study in any subject area without have previously completed the lower unit of study, if any, in the same subject.~~

~~7.5 The enrolment of candidates in units of study shall be limited by the exigencies of the timetable.~~

8. Suspension of candidature

~~8.1 A candidate must re-enrol each calendar year unless the Faculty has approved suspension of candidature. Candidature lapses if a candidate has not obtained approval for suspension and does not re-enrol. Candidates whose candidature has lapsed must be selected for admission again before they can re-enrol.~~

~~8.2 Except with the prior permission of the Faculty, a candidate shall not be granted a suspension of candidature in order to enrol in another course of tertiary study. Candidature shall lapse if a candidate enrolls in another course of tertiary study without prior permission of the Faculty.~~

9. Suspension after an absence

~~9.1 A student must enrol in the semester following a period of approved absence.~~

10. Satisfactory progress

~~10.1 Pursuant to the *University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000 (as amended)*:~~

11. Time limit

~~11.1 Pursuant to the *University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000 (as amended)*:~~

12. Assessment policy

~~12.1 Candidates may be tested by written and oral class examinations, oral examinations, assignments, exercises, essays, or practical work or any combination of these; and~~

~~12.1.1 the results of such tests may be taken into account by the Faculty Board of Examiners in determining the final results for a unit of study.~~

~~12.2 In all units of study, work of a higher standard than that required for an ordinary pass may be recognised by the award of high distinction, distinction or credit.~~

~~12.3 Candidates who have been prevented by duly certified illness or misadventure from sitting for the whole or part of a unit of study assessment may be tested at such times and in such a way as the head of department concerned shall determine.~~

~~12.4 Candidates who do not pass in a unit of study shall, unless exempted by the Faculty:~~

~~12.4.1 again attend lectures and other classes; and~~

~~12.4.2 complete the prescribed written and other work in all such units of study in which they are permitted to re-enrol.~~

~~12.5 Candidates who present themselves for re-examination in any unit of study shall not be eligible for any prize or scholarship awarded in connection with such examination.~~

~~12.6 With the consent of the Faculty, additional assessment will only be permitted where:~~

~~12.6.1 a specific case of special consideration has been approved by the Faculty; or~~

~~12.6.2 a student in his or her final year has failed a single fourth year unit of study in that year that prevents him or her from completing the degree.~~

13. Credit transfer policy

~~13.1 Refer to the *University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000 (as amended)* and Academic Board policies.~~