1. Application

(1) These provisions apply to all third year students enrolled in the Bachelor of Pharmacy.

(2) Third year students who do not comply with these provisions are not permitted to progress to fourth year study.

2. Compulsory third year assessments

Third year students must pass each of the following compulsory elements:

(a) written examinations for each unit of study;
(b) Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE);
(c) attendance requirements for all units of study;
(d) all individual components of the Pharmaceutical Skills and Dispensing A and B units of study including:
   (i) drug profile practical;
   (ii) herbal medicine workshop;
   (iii) dispensing continuous assessments; and
   (iv) dispensing practical examinations; and
   (v) clinical placements.

3. Supplementary third year assessments

(1) A student may undertake up to two supplementary assessments over the whole year provided that:
   (a) they have not failed more than two compulsory elements over the year; and
   (b) they have met the faculty attendance requirements.

Note: The University’s requirements for special consideration are found in the Coursework Policy 2014 and the Assessment Procedures 2011.

(2) A student may not undertake more than one supplementary assessment for the same compulsory element.

(3) Supplementary assessments will be offered to eligible students at the end of each semester.

(4) Students who pass the supplementary assessment will receive:
   (a) a pass grade and mark of 50 for that assessment; or
(b) if the assessment is worth more than 50% of the unit of study, a pass grade and mark of 50 for the whole unit of study.

4. Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE)

(1) The OSCE is a compulsory barrier examination.
(2) A student must pass every station of the OSCE to pass the assessment as a whole.
(3) If a student fails an OSCE assessment, an independent Faculty examiner will re-mark it by reviewing the audio recording of the examination.
(4) If the independent Faculty examiner upholds the fail grade, the student will be offered remediation and a repeat assessment.
(5) The repeat OSCE assessment will involve all OSCE stations, regardless of how many the student failed in the original OSCE.
(6) A student must pass every station of the repeat assessment OSCE to pass the assessment as a whole.
(7) A student who passes the repeat assessment will receive a pass grade and mark of 50 for that assessment.
(8) If a student fails the repeat assessment OSCE, an independent Faculty examiner will re-mark it by reviewing the audio recording of the examination.
(9) If the independent examiner upholds the fail grade, the student will be offered remediation and a second repeat assessment provided that the student meets the requirements of clause 3 of these provisions.
(10) The second repeat OSCE assessment:
    (a) will involve all OSCE stations, regardless of how many the student failed in the original OSCE or first repeat assessment; and
    (b) will count as one of the two available supplementary assessments provided for in clause 3 of these provisions.
(11) A student who fails the second repeat OSCE assessment:
    (a) cannot progress to fourth year; and
    (b) must repeat and satisfactorily complete all of the third year units of study, other than Pharmaceutical Skills and Dispensing A and B if these have been passed.

5. Pharmaceutical Skills and Dispensing A and B

(1) The criteria for demonstrating satisfactory performance in each component will be available on the unit of study Blackboard sites.
(2) If a student fails the practical examination they will be offered remediation and a repeat assessment.
(3) A supplementary assessment will be offered to a student who fails either the repeat practical examination or the theory examination. This supplementary assessment will count as one of the two available supplementary assessments provided for in clause 3 of these provisions.
(4) A student who fails any compulsory element of either Pharmaceutical Skills and Dispensing A or Pharmaceutical Skills and Dispensing B will fail both Pharmaceutical Skills and Dispensing A and Pharmaceutical Skills and Dispensing B.

(5) A student who fails Pharmaceutical Skills and Dispensing A and B must repeat them the following year, but will not be required to repeat any other third year units of study which they have passed.

6 Exemptions for repeating students

(1) The third year co-ordinator may exempt repeating students from components of units of study, provided that:
   (a) the student previously obtained a minimum grade of credit in the relevant component;
   (b) the relevant component was undertaken no more than three years previously; and
   (c) the relevant component has not significantly changed since the student undertook it.

(2) Applications for exemption must be made in writing (which includes email) to the third year co-ordinator.

(3) The third year co-ordinator must inform the student in writing:
   (a) of the outcome of their application; and
   (b) of any consequent change in the weighting of the remaining components in the unit of study.

(4) The exemption will not become effective until the student has accepted it in writing. Until this time the student must attend all compulsory classes.

(5) If an exemption is accepted, the exempted student is not permitted to attend classes for the component they have received the exemption for.

NOTES

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