

possible that, after two iterations of the CaRMS process, students do not match into any Postgraduate program even though they have successfully completed the MD program. The consequence of this is that they must wait an entire year before re-applying to Postgraduate programs. Importantly, once graduated out of the MD program they cannot undertake any more clinical training as they are not enrolled students. This may result in them being even less likely to match in the next CaRMS process because they have been out of clinical learning for a year. As such, failure to match is an extremely significant negative outcome for the student which disrupts their career development and leads to much uncertainty and anxiety. In recent years the number of unmatched students has risen in Canada due to a misalignment between undergraduate and postgraduate enrollment numbers.

At many other medical schools, the unmatched student can request to delay graduation and enter into a fifth year of study in the MD program during which they undertake further 'elective' learning experiences which will make them more desirable candidates for Postgraduate programs and hence increase the likelihood that they match in next CaRMS process. Currently NOSM has no such option available which this proposed change will remedy.

By way of this motion, UMEC is recommending a significant change to the NOSM UME program by adding a fifth-year option for students who remain unmatched to a Postgraduate program after the second iteration of the CaRMS match.

KEY CONSIDERATIONS/POINTS:

To establish the fifth year, Academic Council must make two modifications:

1. The UME Calendar of Academic Events for 2019-2020 must be amended to incorporate a fifth year.
2. A new course (MEDS 5885 – Clinical Skills Enrichment) must be created for the student to register into. The course requires that the student successfully complete a series of electives and is similar to the electives undertaken by students in Year 4 of the MD program. The new course will be governed by the MD program Theme 5 (clerkship) Committee who will set the criteria for the type and duration of electives.

Academic Council should note that students can only register in MEDS 5885 if they are promoted into Year 5 by the Student Assessment and Promotions Committee of the MD program. To do so, the SAPC will ensure that ALL of the following conditions have been met:

- (i) The student has successfully completed Year 4 of the UME MD program.
- (ii) The student has participated in both iterations of the CaRMS process including attending interviews when invited.
- (iii) The student has failed to match into a Postgraduate Residency program.
- (iv) the student elects to not graduate from the MD program at the end of their 4th year.

Given these requirements, enrollment into MEDS 5885 will not be open to all students and will only occur rarely given that, to-date, all NOSM students have successfully matched.

On the recommendation of the NOSM Students Records and Electives Officer the registration for the course will begin on April 12th, the day after the CaRMS 2nd iteration results are released. Students can register in the Year at any point after SAPC has promoted them to Year 5 which will begin on April 20th. Students will have until May 20th to withdraw from the MEDS 5885 course. This allows students sufficient time to apply for electives using the usual process, be accepted, and then complete the electives before the deadline that all documents must be submitted for the next CaRMS application on November 20th 2019. Following that date no electives may be included in the students CaRMS application. The student may engage in further non-mandatory electives (known as Special Educational Experiences) for the remainder of the year which may

include clinical, service learning, or research & teaching experiences. To allow this Year 5 will have the same end date as Year 4, namely April 24th 2020.

Finally, the tuition fee will be set on a cost-recovery basis and will be recommended by the NOSM Budget committee and, ultimately, approved by the NOSM Board.

NEXT STEPS:

Once approval has been obtained from all bodies, the Secretary to the Board and Academic Council will inform the UME Administrative Coordinator.



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2019-2020 UME CALENDAR OF ACADEMIC EVENTS

Begins April 11, 2019	Year 5 – Optional electives year for students not matched to a residency program after successfully completing Year 4 of the UME MD Program
April 15, 2019	Year 4 (E2015) Program begins
August 26, 2019	Year 3 Program begins
September 03, 2019 (Tuesday)	Year 1 Program begins
September 09, 2019	Year 2 Program begins
December 20, 2019	Last day of instruction before Winter Recess
December 23, 2019 to January 03, 2020	Winter Recess for all class years
March 16 to March 20, 2020	Years 1, 2 Reading Week
Late May/Early June 2020 (Date TBA)	Lakehead University Convocation/MD Hooding Ceremony
Late May/Early June 2020 (Date TBA)	Laurentian University Convocation/MD Hooding Ceremony

*** Important Note to Students:** Weeks include all holidays. You may be required to work during those holidays, please correspond with your coordinator or other authority to confirm if you are required to be present on those specific dates.

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Medicine 5885 Clinical Skills Enrichment

An in-depth experiential exploration of the medical specialties and sub-specialties, and research of the human sciences, through a series of electives. Elective experiences are structured educational opportunities that allow medical students to explore the specialties and sub-specialties of medicine as well as explore their career options. Electives must be a minimum of two weeks in duration although one-week electives may be approved under special circumstances. Successful completion of Clinical Skills Enrichment is accomplished by obtaining a mark of PASS in all electives.

Pre-requisite for MEDS 5885: Enrollment into this course is limited to students who have successfully completed Year 4 of the UME MD Program and have applied to Postgraduate Residency Programs through the Canadian Residency Matching Service (CaRMS) in both iterations, have attended interviews if invited, and who have failed to match to any residency training position.

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Dear Dr. Demers and Dr. Barnett:

I am pleased to let you know that the Quality Council, at its meeting of August 24, 2018, accepted the recommendation of the Appraisal Committee that the proposed joint **Master of Medical Studies (MMS)** program at Lakehead University and Laurentian University be **Approved to Commence**.

As described in section 2.3.5 of the Quality Assurance Framework (QAF), your universities are now able to post information about this decision on their respective website and make offers of admission to the program, subject to any further approval processes within Laurentian and Lakehead. The announcement of the program's approval will also be posted on the Quality Council's website, and MTCU and OCAV will be informed (in accordance with Section 2.3.5 of the QAF).

Three subsequent institutional processes from the QAF are described below for your information:

2.4.1 First cyclical review

The first cyclical review for any new program must be conducted no more than eight years after the date of the program's initial enrolment and normally in accordance with the university's program review schedule.

2.4.2 Implementation window

After a new program is approved to commence, the program will begin within thirty-six months of that date of approval; otherwise the approval will lapse.

2.4.3 Monitoring

The IQAP will ensure monitoring of new programs.

Yours sincerely



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Chair

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