

Medical Student Occupational Health requirements and processes

UCLMS runs an integrated MBBS programme with early patient contact in Year 1 Term 1 and medical placements from Year 1 Term 2. To comply with GMC and Department of Health standards for medical training designed to ensure patient and personal safety, all students must complete health screening before participating in clinical contact sessions. Health screening at UCLMS is provided by UCL OH following guidance issued by the Higher Education Occupational Physicians /Practitioners (HEOPS).

Health screening is in 3 parts:

- 1) Fitness to Enrol - At offer and as a requirement of confirmation of a place.
Fitness to Enrol is established by an OH assessment of a fully completed health questionnaire submitted prior to confirmation of a place.
- 2) Fitness for Course including patient contact.
Fitness for Course, where not established through the health questionnaire, is established at a compulsory OH appointment during the 1st term. Patient contact in Term 1 draws only on no risk patients and students may not attend Term 2 medical placements if not OH cleared.
- 3) Fitness for Course including Exposure Prone Procedures (EPP)
EPP clearance is established through assessment of functional capacity and additional health checks at compulsory OH appointments over the course of Year 1 Terms 1 and 2 and must be completed by Term 2 Wk 8.

Failure to comply with the above requirements and attendance at any medical placement without having obtained health clearance is a fitness to practise issue which may preclude a student from continuing on the MBBS course. OH appointments take priority over all teaching sessions.

