Creighton University School of Medicine
Medical Education Program Policies

POLICY: Dual Degree Programs
GOVERNING BODY: Advancement Committee
APPROVAL DATE: 7/9/2019
REVISED DATE: N/A
LCME ACCREDITATION STANDARD REFERENCE: Element 10.3 Policies Regarding Student Selection/Progress and Their Dissemination

PURPOSE
The Creighton University School of Medicine (hereafter, School) in partnership with the Creighton University Graduate School offers several Dual-degree Programs to students enrolled in the Medical Education Program. The Dual-degree Programs provide additional academic diversity to a medical student’s educational experience at Creighton University.

The following Dual-degree Programs are available:

• M.D. - Master of Business Administration (MBA)
• M.D. - Master of Science (MS) in Clinical and Translational Sciences
• M.D. - Master of Science (MS) in Health Care Ethics
• M.D. - Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Biomedical Sciences
• M.D. - Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Clinical & Translational Science
• M.D. - Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Medical Microbiology & Immunology
• M.D. - Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Pharmacology

POLICY
Students may consider enrollment into and continue work in a Dual Degree Program if they achieve and maintain good academic standards within the School. Prior to enrollment in the Masters Program the student must seek counselling of the Associate Dean for Student Affairs and subsequent approval of the Advancement Committee. Course timelines are outlined below, but at no time will simultaneous work be allowed for both degrees unless the course work in one degree counts as credit for both degrees.

PROCEDURE
1. Dual-Degree Master Program
A. A student interested in a dual-degree Master program is required to:
   a. Meet with the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs
   b. Submit a letter requesting participation in a dual-degree master-degree program to the Medical Education Program Advancement Committee. The letter must include the following information:
      i. Academic schedule that details the required courses needed to complete the degree
      ii. Anticipated dates of absence from participation in the Medical Education Program in order to complete the master-degree.
The Advancement Committee must approve the student’s participation in the
dual-degree program prior to the student enrolling in and receiving academic
credit for any Master-level course.

  c. Apply to and be accepted by the program in which the Master-level program resides.

B. Timeline:

  a. Students may complete Master-degree applicable coursework in the summer
     between the M1 and M2 years.
  b. Students will take a one-year Temporary Withdrawal – Administrative during the
     year after their M2 year in order to complete Master-degree coursework.
  c. Students must pass Step 1 prior to beginning master-degree coursework between
     their M2 and M3 year.
  d. Students may take up to two M4 non-clinical electives within the Master program
     for which they will receive dual-credit for the M.D. and Master program.

2. Dual-Degree Ph.D. Programs

A. Approval:

   Students are admitted in the dual-degree Ph.D. program only upon application for
   admission to the School of Medicine.

B. Timeline:

  a. Students complete the first two years of the medical curriculum and receive dual
     credit for certain courses required for the Ph.D. degree programs.
  b. Students take Ph.D. applicable coursework in the summers preceding and during the
     M1 and M2 years.
  c. Students must pass Step 1 prior to beginning Ph.D. degree coursework between
     their M2 and M3 year.
  d. Students take a minimum of two full academic years away from the medical
     curriculum to complete Ph.D. coursework and work on research.
  e. Students take a minimum of two full academic years to complete research for Ph.D.
     degree while completing M3 clinical clerkships on a schedule that must be approved
     by the Associate Dean for Medical Education and the Associate Dean for Student
     Affairs. Students subsequently return to the M4 year to complete their clinical
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SCOPE
Students applying for admission and/or have enrolled in the Medical Education Program.

ADMINISTRATION AND INTERPRETATION
Advancement Committee is responsible for the administration of this policy. Please forward questions to the Chair of the Advanced Committee.

AMENDMENT
This policy may be amended by majority vote of the School of Medicine Medical Education Program Educational Program Committee.