

CURRICULUM AND ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY

Curriculum

The curriculum followed at BUMDC for its five years MBBS and four years BDS Programs have been developed according to the needs of the health care system and is compatible with the curriculum of leading Medical Colleges Universities in Pakistan and abroad. The curriculum meets the minimum standards of the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (PMDC).

Examinations Rules

The examination schedule is announced well before the commencement of examinations, so as to allow sufficient time for students to prepare. It is mandatory for students to fulfill the minimum requirement to be eligible to sit in the examination, on the following criteria.

Students Performance

Assessment/ Evaluation

Evaluation is an ongoing process, comprising of continuous assessment test (CAT), end of module examinations, and annual/ professional university examinations. Credit from continuous assessments contributes towards the final performance in professional examination. The assessment process is designed to achieve the instructional objectives.

To evaluate student's knowledge, skill and attitudes multiple assessment methods are used, including short answer questions (SAQ), MCQs, OSPE, OSCE and oral examination. In line with the PMDC stipulation, the minimum pass level for all tests and examinations is 50%. (fifty percent) BUMDC evaluation system encourages each student to create personal standards of excellence. Students who fail to achieve the criteria are helped by remedial coaching if necessary.

Mandatory student attendance requirement of 80% at least is needed for sitting in the annual university examination. However, persistent unsatisfactory performance or chronic absenteeism could lead to withdrawal of the student from the college.

Internal Assessment

In MBBS and BDS 10% of total marks of each subject contribute to internal assessment. Internal assessment of theory is based on continuous assessment test (CAT), module exam conducted by the college, while internal assessment of Viva Voce/Practical is based on practical, OSPE, OSCE and ward assessment/tests/visit reports. Attendance and student behaviour also contribute to internal assessment.

The BUMDC examination cell works in liaison with the Examination Department of Bahria University main Campus situated in Islamabad.

The Examination Cell has the Following Responsibilities:

- Conducts various internal and modular examinations, facilitates the department of examination Bahria University Islamabad to conduct professional examinations.
- Compile results of different examinations.
- Maintain MBBS and BDS internal assessments record of the students.

General Eligibility for Any Professional Examination

A student is eligible to appear in a professional examination, at the end of an academic year, subject to fulfilling the following conditions. He/ She

- Has studied the prescribed courses during the academic year.
- Has attended at least 80% lectures, demonstrations, practical and clinical sessions in each subject separately.
- Has paid the tuition fee as prescribed by the university.
- Has filled the student's examination form for the particular examination and that has been submitted to the Director of Examinations by the BUMDC.

The student criteria for professional examination of MBBS course is described in the ensuing paragraphs.

Professional Examination

- The university examinations are held only twice each academic year (that is annual & supplementary) for each class.
- There are no more than two professional university examinations in an academic year.
- The same examination fee is payable whether a candidate appears in one or more subjects.
- There is External Examiner for each subject of all the MBBS Professional Examinations who assesses with the internal examiner the theory, practical, clinical and Viva Voce examination as per rules laid down by the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (PMDC).
- Whatever may be the system of marking for all examinations throughout the Medical course, the percentage of pass marks in each subject is not less than fifty that is 50% in theory and 50 % in oral and practical / clinical examinations separately. No grace marks are allowed to the medical students in any examinations.
- No student is promoted to the higher class unless he passes all the subject of the previous class.
- A student who fails in any subject in the annual examination shall be allowed to attend next class till the supplementary examination however, if he / she fails to clear all subjects in supplementary examination then he / she will be relegated to his / her previous class.
- The final professional MBBS examination is not taken before the close of the fifth that is the fourth academic year of Medical and Dental students respectively.

Academic Standard for Award of MBBS Degree

A candidate, who has passed the final professional MBBS examination, from Bahria University constituent/affiliated college shall be entitled to the degree of bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) from Bahria University, provided he / she has conformed to all the requirements of PMDC which may be in forced from time to time.

Registration and Examination of MBBS Students

First Professional MBBS Part I Examination

- A candidate shall be eligible to appear in the first professional MBBS part I, if he/she has studied the prescribed courses during the first academic year.

- Any student who fails to clear the first professional MBBS part I examination in four chances availed or un-availed after becoming eligible for each examination shall cease to become eligible for further medical education in Pakistan.
- Under no circumstances students shall be promoted to second year class MBBS till he / she has previously passed all subjects of first professional part I examination.

First Professional MBBS Part II Examination

- To be held at the end of the second academic year in the subject in course work completed in the second year.
- A candidate shall be eligible to appear in the first professional MBBS examination part II at the end of second academic year if he / she has studied the prescribed courses during the second academic year.
- Any student who fails to clear the first professional examination in four chances availed or un-availed after becoming eligible for the examination shall cease to become eligible for further medical education in Pakistan.
- No student shall be promoted to third year class till he / she passes the university examinations in the prescribed subjects of second year.

Second Professional MBBS Examination

- A candidate shall be eligible to appear in the second professional MBBS examination at the end of third academic year if he / she has passed the first professional MBBS examination part I and II and has studied the prescribed courses during third academic year.
- A candidate who fails (whether appear or absent) in one or more subjects in second professional annual examination shall be eligible to reappear in the subsequent university examination (supplementary/annual) in the subject or subjects in which he /she has failed.
- No student shall be promoted to fourth year class till he / she passes the university examinations in the prescribed subjects of third year.

Third Professional MBBS Examination

- A candidate shall be eligible to appear in the third professional BBS examination at the end of fourth academic year, if he/she has passed the second professional MBBS examinations from a recognized institute and has studied the prescribed courses during the fourth academic year.
- A candidate who fails (whether appear or absent) in one or more subjects in third professional annual examination shall be eligible to re-appear in the subsequent university examination (supplementary/annual) in the subject or subjects in which he / she has failed.
- No student shall be promoted to fifth year class till he / she passes the university examinations in the prescribed subjects of fourth year.

Final Professional MBBS Examination

- A candidate shall be eligible to appear in the final professional MBBS examination, if he/she has passed the third professional MBBS examinations and has studied the prescribed courses during the fifth academic year.
- The final MBBS examination in Medicine, Surgery, Pediatrics, Obstetrics and Gynecology shall not be further subdivided from qualifying in the final professional MBBS examination.

- Three academic years at least shall intervene between the date of passing the first (part I and II) and the final professional examination for MBBS degree.
- A candidate who fails (whether appeared or absent) in one or more subjects in final professional annual examination shall be eligible to reappear in the subsequent university examinations (supplementary / annual) in the subject or subjects in which he / she has failed.

Academic Standard for Award of BDS Degree

A candidate who has passed the final professional BDS examination, from Bahria University constituent/affiliated college shall be entitled to the degree of bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) from Bahria University, provided he / she has conformed to all the requirements of PMDC which may be enforced from time to time.

Registration and Examination of BDS Students

First Professional BDS Examination

- A candidate shall be eligible to appear in the first professional examination at the end of first academic year if he/she has studied the prescribed courses by the PMDC / Bahria University in the BUMDC.
- A candidate who fails (whether appeared or absent) in one or more subjects in first professional annual examination shall be eligible to reappear in the subsequent university examinations (supplementary) in the subject or subjects in which he / she has failed.
- Any student who fails to clear the first professional examination in four chances availed or un-availed after becoming eligible for the examination shall cease to become eligible for further Dental education in Pakistan.
- No student shall be promoted to second year class till he / she passes the university examinations in the prescribed subjects in first year as mentioned by PMDC / Bahria University.

Second Professional BDS Examination

- A candidate shall be eligible to appear in the second professional BDS examination at the end of second academic year if he / she has passed the first professional BDS examination and has studied the prescribed courses during the second academic year.
- A candidate who fails (whether appear or absent) in one or more subjects in second professional annual examination shall be eligible to reappear in the subsequent university examinations (supplementary) in the subject or subjects in which he / she has failed.
- No student shall be promoted to third year class till he / she passed the university examinations in the prescribed subjects in second year by PMDC / Bahria University.

Third Professional BDS Examination

- A candidate shall be eligible to appear in the third professional BDS examination at the end of third academic year, if he/she has passed the second professional BDS examinations and has studied the prescribed courses during the third academic year.
- A candidate who fails (whether appear or absent) in one or more subjects in third professional annual examination shall be eligible to re-appear in the subsequent university examination (supplementary) in the subject or subjects in which he / she has failed.

- No student shall be promoted to fourth year class till he / she passed the university examinations in the prescribed subjects of third year as mentioned by PMDC / Bahria University.

Final Professional BDS Examination

- A candidate shall be eligible to appear in the final professional BDS examination at the end of the fourth academic year if he/she has passed the third professional BDS examinations and has studied the prescribed courses in the fourth academic year by PMDC / Bahria University.
- Has fulfilled the minimum requirement for the clinical training at a recognized hospital / institute, as laid down in the PMDC regulations.

Liaison with Parents by Student Affairs Department of BUMDC

This office also serves as a bridge between the college administration and parents. Student progress reports are regularly mailed to parents at the conclusion of every term and annual examinations. Similarly, student attendance, following short in attendance, is brought to their notice. Matters relating to college discipline, any violation of college rules and regulations are also referred to parents.