



Inherent Requirements: Working towards graduating a student with quadriplegia from the Doctor of Medicine

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Dinesh

- MVA in 2010 at start of third year
- Spinal cord injury - C6 quadriplegia
- 5 years of rehabilitation
- First in Queensland, second in Australia and first at Harvard (distinction with honours)

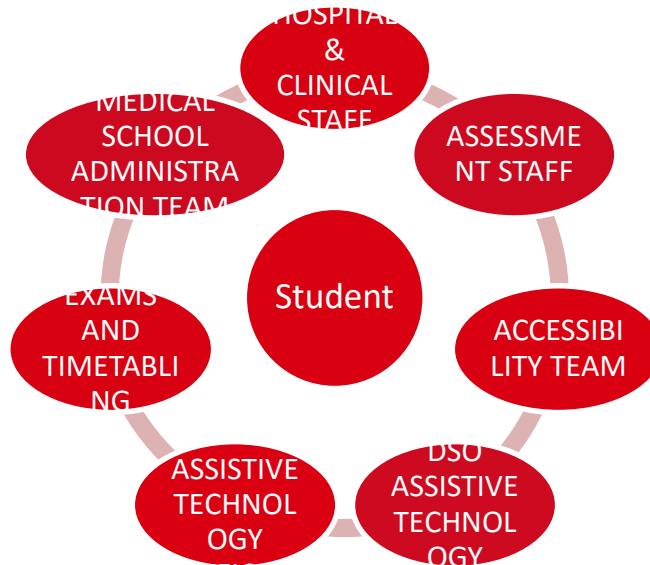
The Medical Deans' Inherent Requirements for Studying Medicine

Stimulated enthusiastic discussion at Griffith University about the potential value or latent risks associated with applying these statements.

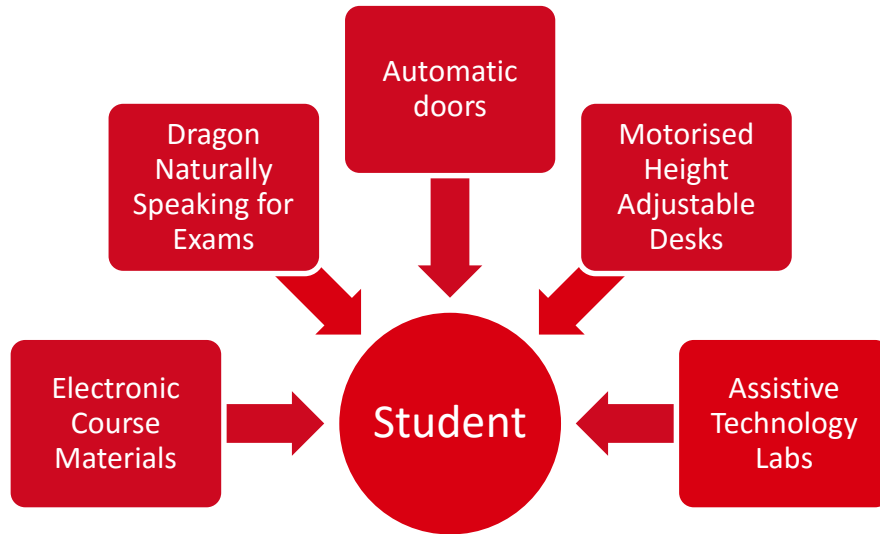
Negotiating reasonable adjustments using the Disability Standards

- What is essential
- Maintaining academic integrity
- AHPRA

Collaboration and client centered support



Individual adjustments on campus



Clinical Adjustments - Minimal

- One-on-one sessions before re-commencing
- iPad for writing clinical records
- Thrived in emergency department (including voluntary extra 7 week “selective”)
- Complete Hx, almost complete exam, procedural skills include: Cannulation, simulated neonatal intubation and resuscitation with minimal assistance
- Safety first

Clinical Adjustments



OSCE Adjustments

- Additional time for examinations and procedures
GU guidelines insufficient (12 min cf 8 min)
- RN instructed to perform tasks
- Independent observer from UQ for QA
- Top quartile in final OSCE
- GUSOM enriched by Dinesh. Proud to be leading the way,
- Personally humbled by example and OSCE refined having to consider “what skill are we assessing?”

AHPRA

- Notified prior to commencing
- Supportive and collaborative
- Has registered similar doctors

Beyond Graduation

- Now a graduand
- AHPRA registration in progress
- Gold Coast University Hospital in 2017
- Involvement with radiology
- Spinal cord injury research
- Future fellowship goal at Harvard



Our Approach to Inherent Requirements

At Griffith University the focus is, as it always should be, on responding to the individual student's requirements while maintaining the academic integrity of the program.

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