



Executive Summary
Renewal of Licensure
Mohammed Bin Rashid University
of Medicine and Health Sciences
Dubai

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An External Review Team (ERT) appointed by the Commission for Academic Accreditation (CAA) of the Ministry of Education (MoE) of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) visited Mohamed Bin Rashid University of Medicine and Health Sciences (hereinafter MBRU) on December 8-11, 2019, to evaluate MBRU's request for Renewal of Licensure. The exit interview was held on December 11, 2019.

MBRU is located in Dubai Health Care City (DHCC). MBRU is a part of the Mohammed Bin Rashid Academic Medical Centre at DHCC, which is a dedicated academic complex that also includes the Al Maktoum Medical Library, and the Khalaf Ahmad Al Habtoor Medical Simulation Centre. It was established to improve the access and quality of healthcare education within Dubai and UAE. The complex is managed by the Dubai Healthcare City Authority (DHCA). His Highness Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the United Arab Emirates, and ruler of the Emirate of Dubai inaugurated the DHCC in 2002. DHCA governs DHCC under the leadership of Her Royal Highness Princess Haya Bint Al-Hussein since 2011, wife of HH Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the United Arab Emirates, and ruler of the Emirate of Dubai.

Initial accreditation of the Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) program was granted in January 2016 and the University was established by Law Number 7 of 2016, with the appointment of the Chancellor and the Board of Trustees according to Decrees 22 and 23 of 2016.

MBRU College of Medicine (COM) offers a MBBS program, and the Hamdan Bin Mohammed College of Dental Medicine (HBMCDM) offers 5 graduate dentistry programs. A College of Nursing was recently established with a first intake of nursing students anticipated in 2020.

For the Academic year of 2019-2020 MBRU has a total of 258 students of which 203 are medical students and 55 are dental graduate students. 75% of the student population is female and 32% of the students are UAE nationals. The diversity of the student body is positively high with a representation of 32 nationalities. The staff members are 145 of which half are females, and 17% are nationals.

The purpose of evaluation for renewal of licensure is to ensure that the institution is stable and capable of continued enrollment of its students. Stability is assessed from multiple perspectives: governance, ability to evaluate itself and take corrective action, services provided to its constituent groups (faculty, staff, students, and public), risk management, and fiscal stability. The ERT concentrated its efforts on these areas.

MBRU is transitioning from starting its programs to maintaining its programs which requires tracking the processes that have been developed, their compliance, the actions taken to come into compliance or to improve the process, and communication along the way with the key stakeholders. This maintenance is needed in the implementation and review of policies, the documentation of achievement of programmatic and curricular objectives, and the achievement of the appropriate QF *Emirates* level. Similar levels of attention need to be paid to all three of the MBRU colleges.

Services for the faculty include the need to monitor and maintain an appropriate work load. As such, a transparent and fair workload calculation policy is needed. Student satisfaction with counseling services has greatly improved with the presence of a personal counselor. Attention must also be given to career counseling and study skills counseling.

As more of the medical students move into the clinical clerkships, joining the dental graduate students, attention needs to be paid to risk management issues which are of particular concern in the clinical areas. This includes medical liability protection for the institution as well as for the individual learners. It also includes the need to diversify the patient care locations to protect against any change in status of the primary affiliated clinical sites. Affiliation agreements must be obtained in keeping with the *Standards*.

Fiscal stability for license renewal is evaluated more intensely than for an accreditation review. While the ERT believes that MBRU has strong fiscal stability, documentation of the resources and budgeting process must be more thorough.

The ERT makes its requirements in a spirit of constructive engagement, with the aim of ensuring that the *Standards* are met, and to aid the MBRUMHS in its desired objective to license the institution.