Group selection and enrolment

Due to the transition to the Neptune timetable and in order to improve the distribution of places available for field practice at clinics, students in advanced years (i.e. year three and above) had to be provided with new timetables based on a different concept than those used before. The integration of so-called “block courses” into the schedule was also a challenge. In the end, this problem was solved by allocating more time for practice sessions to “make up” for absences caused by “block courses”. This way, fifth-year students have to make up for an entire week due to oral surgery practice and two days because of oral diagnostics practice throughout the course of the “remaining” 13 weeks of the semester. The duration of this extension corresponds to the time spent on practical sessions and also applies to lectures. Since it is impossible to be in two places at once, this method is intended to provide a solution to the previously unresolved situation.

The basic rule prescribing that all students must register for their own group still applies. The enforcement of this rule remains the task of the Dean’s Office.

In principle, this also applies to third- to fifth-year students, but with some adjustments, as new groups of six had been created for each course. The following example comprehensively illustrates the rule: Let’s assume that the previous Group 1 consisted of 15 students. According to the new group allocation, Group 1 will contain the first six students of the previous group and the new Group 2 will consist of the subsequent six students. The “remaining” three students will be allocated to the new Group 3 along with the first three students of the previous Group 2, and so on...

An important difference is that the students in these years must strictly register for the same group for each course.

Students failing a year have to register to the “last” group, i.e. the one with the highest number that is not full, instead of the one they previously applied for.

This also means that students with special timetables must be the first to register with groups with the best-fitting schedule. Such students have to submit a request for this with a good reason, and their request must be approved by the AEC. With the help of the online timetable (http://ora.semmelweis.hu/tervezet/), they will be able to choose which group’s timetable enables them to perform their other tasks (working as a teaching assistant, participating in academic student workshops, etc.). This option becomes unavailable after the expiry of the corresponding deadline, since if six people register to a group, it becomes full and more students cannot be accepted.

In addition to the above, the following exception also applies: students who do not attend university in line with the “official” model curriculum of the given year (for example, those who failed a year or re-enrolled) can only find all necessary courses in the timetables of specific groups; they may therefore only apply for those, otherwise they will not be able to fully complete their semester. This is illustrated by Groups 12 to 15 of year five – some classes are only available in the timetables of these groups.

Although the new system is more complicated than the previous one, groups of six actually consisting of six students for 99% of the time can be managed much more
easily, since virtually all practice rooms have a total number of seats divisible by six. Therefore, depending on the given course, each medical chair will definitely have the planned number of corresponding students, since the group headcounts will not be determined randomly, as they have been before.