

Advanced Diploma in Pathology (Staff Registrar Scheme)

Fee Structure:

*Registration fee:	\$500 (one-time payment per applicant)
*Course fee	\$5000 per year
*Examination fee	\$500 per examination
*Logbook fee	\$20 per book

*Prevailing rate of Goods and Services Tax (GST) is not inclusive in the fees and is collected on top of the Registration fee, Course fee and Examination fee

Application Procedure:

Candidates are required to fill up the

- Application form (available at <http://www.ams.edu.sg/srs.asp>)
- Obtain endorsement from their Head of Department and their Human Resource Department.
- Attach the supporting documents (certified as true copies) as indicated in the application form and mail to:

Academy of Medicine, Singapore
Education & Training Department
81 Kim Keat Road
#11-00 & #12-00, NKF Centre
Singapore 328836

Withdrawal and Bond Policy (if any):

Please refer to your sponsoring institution for the withdrawal and bond policy (if any).

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Jointly awarded by the
Academy of Medicine, Singapore

and

Chapter of Pathologists

Programme Director

A/Prof Tan Puay Hoon

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Objectives:

The Advanced Diploma in Pathology is designed specifically for doctors who intend to work in restructured hospitals within the field of Pathology but not as specialists. The aim of the programme is to enable the trainee to attain the following general competencies:

- Understand the local working environment and resources available;
- Competence in specimen handling and diagnostic pathology reporting;
- Effective communication skills and interpersonal skills

Admission Criteria:

Applicants must satisfy the following criteria for admission into this programme:

- a) Possess a basic medical degree registrable with the Singapore Medical Council (SMC) on a Temporary, Conditional or Full registration;
- b) Completed at least one year of work in a Pathology department of a restructured hospital and received good reviews;
- c) Must be supported by the Head of Department strictly on competency training reasons;
- d) Will be required to pass a selection interview convened by the Chapter of Pathologists Executive Committee;
- e) Candidates may include foreign doctors whose specialist degrees are not recognized by SAB, or whose medical schools are not recognized by SMC, and local doctors who do not wish to go for specialist training, but are still interested to work long-term in the specific specialty within the restructured hospital.
- f) Candidates who are already very experienced may be exempted from Year 1 of the training program, but they will still be required to complete Year 2, and sit for the exit examination. Exemption will be on a case-by-case basis and assessed by the programme director, supervisor and Chairman of Chapter of Pathologists. Relevant documents should be provided for exemption.

Programme Duration:

This is a 2 year structured Diploma programme with on-the-job training.

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Training Curriculum:

Trainees will be guided by specialists in Pathology who will ensure that all topics specified in the syllabus are covered. The program content may either parallel the current AST program for general surgical pathology, or focus on one or several Pathology subspecialties, but modified to suit the needs for the training of the Staff Registrar. Trainees also need to fulfil a quota of pathology specimens and procedures into their logbook and must demonstrate expertise in these areas.

Core Clinical experience:

1. Diagnostic Biopsies
2. Surgical specimens
3. Cytopathologic material
4. Research

Core curriculum:

1. Basic principles
2. Gross examination
3. Microscopic examination
4. Intra-operative frozen sections/smears
5. Cytopathology
6. Molecular Diagnostics/cytogenetics
7. Laboratory Management
8. General skills

Assessment Criteria:

Regular quarterly review of the trainee's progress by the supervisor, identifying weaknesses, strengths and the appropriate training necessary, will be made mandatory for the successful completion of the program.

Trainees will also be assessed by the Chapter of Pathologists Executive Committee every six months.

There will be an exit examination at the end of the training period (Year 2).

Expected commencement date : 1 August 2010

Application period : From 15 May to 15 June 2010