

Fee Structure:

***Registration fee (non-refundable)** : \$500 (one-time payment per candidate)

***Course fee (non-refundable)** : \$12 000 (For Year 1 & 2)

***Supplementary fee** : \$1000 (For Year 1 & 2)

***Examination fee** : \$500 (For Year 1 & 2)

***Log book fee** : \$20

*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, Supplementary fee, Examination fee and Log book fee.

*These fees is *exclusive* of any fees payable to SMC for change of practice site during the practicum.

Withdrawal and Bond Policy (if any):

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

Application Procedure:

Candidates are required to fill up the

- Application form,
- Obtain endorsement from their Head of Department and their Human Resource Department. and
- Attach the supporting documents (certified as true copies) as indicated in the application form and:

(Closing Date: 16 December 2011)

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ACADEMY OF MEDICINE, SINGAPORE
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4th Intake Diploma in Palliative Medicine (Staff Registrar Scheme) Year 2012 - 2014

This Diploma is jointly awarded by the
Academy of Medicine, Singapore
and the
College of Physicians, Singapore

Programme Directors:
Dr Kok Jaan Yang & Dr Mervyn Koh

Objectives:

The Diploma in Palliative Medicine is designed for doctors aspiring to be a Staff Registrar who has attained knowledge and skills in evaluating and managing patients in Palliative Medicine. The structured programme and the close supervision of trainees will ensure the development of a competent and safe Staff Registrar.

Admission criteria:

This programme is open to all medically-trained doctors who possess Temporary registration (Service), Conditional registration or Full registration with the Singapore Medical Council (SMC). However, applicants must also satisfy the following criteria for admission into this programme:

- Currently working in Palliative Medicine and have completed at least **ONE year** of clinical work in Palliative Medicine in the same Palliative Medicine unit of a local restructured hospital or in the same community hospice in Singapore;
- Have a sponsoring unit, department or institution;
- Have a programme supervisor who possesses Full registration with the SMC and is either a sub-specialist in Palliative Medicine or a specialist in Geriatric Medicine with extensive experience in Palliative Medicine. This supervisor should preferably work at the same institution as the applicant.

Programme Duration:

This is a structured 2-year training programme comprising 6 modules (with short breaks in-between) which will be carried out under supervision.

All trainees are required to be attached to a hospital-based palliative medicine unit for at least 3 months (maximum 6 months) in year 2 of their training.

Syllabus:

Some of the modules that are taught and examinable during the 2-year training programme include:

History of palliative care

Prognostication

Basic cancer biology

Clinical Care of:

- End-stage heart disease
- End-stage respiratory failure
- Motor Neuron Disease
- Severe dementia, Parkinson's disease
- HIV/ AIDS
- End-stage liver failure & end-stage renal disease

Pain management

Malignant intestinal obstruction

Anorexia and cachexia in cancer

Hydration and nutrition in advanced cancer

Dyspnoea

Ascites

Difficult symptoms in palliative care

Emergencies in palliative care

Terminal care

Communication in palliative care

Wound and stoma care

Assessment Criteria:

Multiple Choice Question (MCQ) test.

Case reports and focused literature review, every 6 months.

Practical Assessment of Clinical Examination Skills (PACES).

Final assessment: MCQ test and PACES.

Certification:

Upon successful completion of the programme, trainees will be conferred the Diploma in Palliative Medicine by the College of Physicians and the Academy of Medicine, Singapore.

Expected Commencement Date:

1 February 2012