

## Application procedures

Candidates are required to fill up the following items:

- Application form available at <http://ams.edu.sg/education-training/staff-registrar-scheme-diploma>
- 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

**HOW  
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APPLY?**

## Fee structure

*Registration fee:	\$500 (non-refundable one-time payment)
*Course fee	\$7,250 per year
*Examination fee	\$500 per examination on Year 2

*\*Prevailing rate of Goods and Services Tax (GST) is not inclusive in the fees and is collected on top of the above fees. All fees are non-refundable upon commencement of training.*

## Contact details

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# Advanced Diploma in Pathology



## Programme 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

## Programme Director

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**CHAPTER of PATHOLOGISTS**

## Admission Criteria

This programme is open to

- all medically-trained doctors who possess Full registration or Conditional registration with the Singapore Medical Council (SMC).
- Have at least 1 year of full-time clinical working experience in the Department of Pathology in a local public restructured hospital and currently working full-time in the same public restructured institution in Singapore; and
- Must be supported by the Head of Department strictly on competency training reasons;
- Will be required to pass a selection interview convened by the Chapter of Pathologists Executive Committee;

## Programme Duration

This is a structured on-the-job training programme which will be carried out under supervision over a 2-year period.

## 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.

**Yearly Commencement date:**

To be confirmed

**Yearly Application period:**

To be confirmed



## 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 training 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.

## Syllabus

### 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

## Examinations

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