Graduate Diploma in Geriatric Medicine

Course Date
Saturday, 17 August 2019 - July 2020

Application Period:
Wednesday, 20 February 2019 – Friday, 31 May 2019

Fees:

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<td>Application Fee*</td>
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<td>Course Fee (inclusive of Examination fee)</td>
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Notes:
- Payment mode: debit / credit card
- Fees are inclusive of 7% GST
- *Application Fee is non-refundable and must be paid at the time of application. Course fee is payable after successful course enrolment, upon further notification.
- Successful applicants will be notified via email to accept placement and make Course Fee payment online. Placement will be confirmed only after payment has been made
- All fees are subject to changes without prior notice

Course Objective:
The Graduate Diploma in Geriatric Medicine [GDip (Geri Med)] course is organised by the Division of Graduate Medical Studies (DGMS), NUS Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, in collaboration with the Society of Geriatrics Medicine Singapore (SGMS). The course is designed to provide primary care physicians with basic skills in caring for the elderly.

Eligibility Criteria:
1. Medical Officers or General Practitioners with a recognised medical degree (or equivalent)
2. Minimum 2 years of postgraduate clinical experience with at least 6 months during the last 3 years looking after elderly patients on a regular basis. Experience could be gained either locally or overseas.
3. Overseas doctors from non-traditional sources must fulfil the above plus
   a. An additional 1 year (minimum) of local experience in Geriatrics (i.e. 2 years of clinical postgraduate experience plus 1 year of geriatrics-related work experience in Singapore)

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Intake Date:
The course commences in August 2019 and is conducted once yearly subject to minimum uptake of 14 students.

CME Points:
CME points will be awarded to successfully enrolled students who attend the GDip (Geri Med) sessions.

Course Overview:
This is a 1 year part-time course, consisting of self-directed learning, 4 module assignments, 2 case write-ups, 10 Saturday workshops and clinical attachments, as well as a Final Examination.

Course Components:
The Course Timetable can be downloaded here.

1. Monthly Saturday Workshops
   There are a total of 10 Saturday afternoon workshops which will be held from August 2019 to May 2020. Workshops are held on the second Saturday of each month. Each workshop is 3 hours long and are conducted in the form of lectures, case studies and / or discussions.

2. Clinical Attachment and Site Visits
   There are 4 site visits and 2 short case sessions scheduled for the course duration (see attached). These sessions are conducted at various restructured hospitals and stepped down homecare facilities. Students are required to attend all site visits. Short case sessions are not compulsory but students are encouraged to attend.

Course Assessment and Examination:
1. Workshop Assignments (20% of written component)
   A total of 4 assignments are to be completed during the course duration which will contribute 20% to the final written component. The assignment questions will be sent out to students via e-mail. Each assignment comprises of 5 short answer questions and one long answer question. All assignments must be submitted by the stipulated deadline. Marks distribution of each assignment is as follows:
   - Short questions: 50%
   - Long question: 50%
The answers to the assignments will be discussed during the next workshop.

2. Case Write-ups (10% of written component)
Each student is required to two case reports which should address some of the following areas: immobility, instability, incontinence, intellectual decline, chronic medical problems, social & psychological issues, and carer issues.

The case write-ups are to be submitted: by 9 December 2019, 2359hrs and by 30 March 2020, 2359hrs respectively. The submitted case write-ups will be graded by 2 independent markers and the final score will be the average of the 2 scores.

3. Examination Structure
Each student must achieve at least 80% combined attendance for the workshops and site visits in order to take the written examination held in June 2020.

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<td>By component</td>
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<td>1. Written Component</td>
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<td>a) 4 workshop assignments</td>
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<td>b) 2 case write-ups</td>
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<td>• Paper 1 (Short Answer Questions)</td>
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<td>2. Practical Exam Component*</td>
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<td>a) Short Case</td>
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<td>c) VIVA</td>
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*Students MUST pass the Written Component to be eligible to sit for the Practical Exam Component.

Retake of Examination:
A student who fails either the written or practical exam component may retake the exam at the next available exam sitting upon paying the examination fee. All students have two re-examination attempts within 3 years.

Funding:
The course is eligible for the following funding schemes:
1. AIC’s Community Care – GP Partnership Training Award – for GPs sponsored by a Community Care institution. For more information, please email to: ccgpta@aic.sg

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2. SkillsFuture Award – please visit [http://www.skillsfuture.sg/studyawards/healthcare](http://www.skillsfuture.sg/studyawards/healthcare) for more information

**Application:**

Please submit your application online via [Graduate Admission System (GDA2)](http://www.skillsfuture.sg/studyawards/healthcare) by the closing date as stipulated above. A step-by-step guide to applying online can be found here. A completed application would have fulfilled the following:

1. all required fields are accurately filled and all supporting documents are uploaded into the system
2. a unique 10-digit application number is auto-generated by the system (we recommend that you jot down the number for reference)
3. the non-refundable SGD50 payment is successful and supported by Tax Invoice (also known as the receipt) which is downloadable from the system

A successfully completed application does not indicate a successful placement or admission into the exam.

All applications and fees must be submitted by the closing date as stipulated above. Late or incomplete applications will not be entertained. Hardcopy and email applications will not be accepted.

The following documents must be submitted in GDA2 by the closing date:

- Recent passport-sized photograph (image has to be 400 x 514 pixels)
- Certified true copy / scanned coloured copy of the following documents (Official English translations will be required for stamps or certificates sent that are not in English):
  - Recognised basic medical degree
  - Identification documents:
    - NRIC : for locals / Permanent Residents
    - Employment Pass and Passport : for foreigners
  - Valid practising certificate from SMC
  - Certificates of any other medical qualifications, where applicable
  - Documentation of Geriatric posting experience
  - Letter of Support (applicable to overseas applicants)

Photocopies of certificates and/or official translations (in English)* including any other official supporting documents will be accepted only if they have been prepared and/or authenticated by one of the following:

- Issuing University of Medical School
- Medical Council of which you are registered and licensed to practice
- Ministry of Health, Singapore;
- Notary public or Justice of the Peace;

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Division of Graduate Medical Studies (DGMS) - For authentication by DGMS office, original certificates and documents must be produced.

* Applicants must submit an authenticated translation if their official supporting documents is not in English. A fresh ink stamp must be used to authenticate the copy or translation of the primary medical qualification.

Applicants who fail to present their original documents for verification without acceptable reasons will not be admitted to the programme.

Applicants whose original documents have been damaged or misplaced must apply to the relevant organizations / authorities for replacements or letters of verification.

It is a university regulation that applicants cannot be concurrently registered for more than one course in an academic year. DGMS is not obliged to provide reasons for unsuccessful applications. Other respective rules/regulations of DGMS will apply.

Withdrawal Policy:
If applicant decides to withdraw after placement is confirmed, he/she must write in to DGMS.
  • If written notice of withdrawal is received before the acceptance of placement deadline, a refund, less the application fee will be made.
  • If written notice of withdrawal is received after the acceptance of placement deadline, or the applicant fails to attend the course for any reason, no refund will be administered.