Graduate Certificate
Obstetric Ultrasound

COURSE DETAILS

Major code  X530, X470
Duration    18 months
Schedule    Part-Time
Next intake January annually

COURSE FEATURES

Develops the knowledge and skills necessary to practice obstetric ultrasound to an introductory level.

Flexible modular structure to suit participants who access clinical facilities on a part-time basis.

Includes major emphasis on clinical experience.

Stepwise progression enables participants to complete each module individually.

WHO SHOULD TAKE THIS COURSE?

This course is directed towards doctors specialising in obstetrics and gynaecology, midwives providing antenatal care, radiographers who perform obstetric ultrasound and general practitioners who provide antenatal care and perform ultrasound scans in their surgery.

Ultrasound is now an integral component of antenatal care, a dominant technology in the daily practice of obstetrics, and is also essential in the management of high-risk pregnancies.

- Key fact
COURSE DESCRIPTION

BUILDS EXPERTISE
This course equips participants with the necessary skills to understand the indications for ultrasound examinations, perform scans safely and competently, report on scan findings in the clinical context and when to refer patients for a more detailed assessment.

There is a major emphasis on achieving a high level of clinical expertise and participants will gain the majority of their clinical experience in their chosen hospital, under the guidance of a clinical supervisor.

CLINICAL COMPETENCE
Students will be assessed on their clinical competence at the end of each module by their clinical supervisor. Case-based discussions, completed with the clinical supervisor throughout each module will assess understanding of the relevant theory.

FLEXIBLE APPROACH
The programme is designed to work around a busy clinical workload. Lectures covering the theoretical components will predominately be delivered on-line, with a ‘hands on’ training day at the start of the first two modules. Participants will gain their clinical experience in their chosen hospital setting.

COURSE MODULES
As part of this course, students will undertake a combination of modules that includes:
- Early pregnancy ultrasound
- Fetal biometry, liquor & placenta
- Fetal well-being ultrasound
- Gynaecological ultrasound

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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Doctors must be registered with the Irish Medical Council or equivalent. Midwives must be registered with An Bord Altranais or equivalent. Radiographers must have approval to practice Radiography in Ireland or Northern Ireland, or possess approval from an equivalent international body.

Participants must provide evidence of an agreement to spend a minimum of 250 hours practicing clinical obstetric ultrasound.

FEES
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