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Our courses are delivered by experts, tailored to suit the needs of busy clinicians, and cognisant of contemporary issues and practice in modern healthcare environments.
SECTION 4: MEDICINE

Graduate Diploma/Certificate

Graduate Diploma  Dermatology
Graduate Certificate  Palliative Medicine
Graduate Certificate  Clinical and Translational Research

Professional Diploma
Professional Diploma  Respiratory Medicine
Graduate Diploma Dermatology

**COURSE FEATURES**

- Equips graduates with the knowledge and expertise required to recognise and treat skin disorders commonly encountered in general practice.
- Fifty per cent of course content is delivered online.
- ICGP-approved for CME & CPD.
- Focuses on patient-related problems while also developing knowledge of the theoretical background.
- Presents real cases from clinical practice.

**WHO SHOULD TAKE THIS COURSE?**

This course is for doctors working in family practice or those doctors in training in family or general medicine.

The course is delivered on site (50% of lectures) and by distant learning (50% of lectures).

Students will be expected to present cases from their own practice to the group and maintain a logbook of exposure to cases.

**COURSE DETAILS**

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18 CME Sessions and 50 CPD points were assigned by Irish College of General Practitioners (ICGP) to the 2010/11 programme

- **Key Fact**
COURSE DESCRIPTION

CONTEXT
Dermatology comprises 25% of a General Practitioner’s workload. The majority of skin conditions should be treated in a general practice setting. The aim of the course is for general practitioners to develop a good working knowledge of the disorders of the skin and a competent approach to their diagnosis and management.

COURSE STRUCTURE
The course runs sequentially over two semesters, after which candidates will be eligible to sit the examination for a Graduate Diploma in Medicine (Dermatology).

The examination will be by multiple choice questions (MCQ), practical clinical examination and oral exam. There will also be continual assessment throughout the course.

MODULES
The modules comprise a mix of formal face to face lectures, student case presentations, group discussions, practical experience in the workplace, extensive home study of written and electronic media and placement in a dermatology clinic for practical experience.

COURSE MODULES
As part of this course, students will undertake a combination of modules that includes:

- Skin biology & common disorders
- Skin diseases in pregnancy, childhood, adolescence and old age
- Moles, skin cancer, infections & infestations
- Skin systemic disease, hair, nails & oral lesions
- Clinical practice

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Candidates must be medical practitioners in hospital employment or general practitioners in practice or training.

Candidates must have access to patients with dermatologic disease for the duration of the course.

Students must be registered with the Irish Medical Council (www.medicalcouncil.ie). Students must also be computer literate with access to the internet.

FEES 2013/2014
EU Students €3,700
Non-EU Students €7,400

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Graduate Certificate Palliative Medicine

**COURSE FEATURES**

- Enables clinicians to develop the knowledge and skills necessary to provide a palliative care approach in clinical practice.
- Taught course, developed to meet the needs of GPs and hospital-based doctors.
- Approved by ICGP for CPD and GMS study leave
- Includes a flexible approach to teaching & learning with fifty per cent of lecture content delivered online.
- Emphasis on interpersonal skills and empathetic communication.

**WHO SHOULD TAKE THIS COURSE?**

This one-year, part-time course is directed at general practitioners and hospital-based clinicians.

Modules are delivered via a flexible teaching and learning structure that recognises the demands placed on busy clinicians.

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**COURSE DETAILS**

- **Major code**: X442
- **Duration**: 12 months
- **Schedule**: Part-Time
- **Next intake**: September 2013

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“The course gave a very thorough overview of palliative medicine. A lot of time and work goes in to the course but it is so worth it for the knowledge and insights. The end of the course leaves you craving for more. I really enjoyed the content, meeting new people and the flexibility of distance learning.”

- *Dr Deirdre Finnerty*
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Context and Aims
Palliative care provides integrated, multi-dimensional care of the person with life-limiting illness and their families.

This course – designed for clinicians - aims to provide a solid foundation in the principles and theoretical concepts of palliative care and an understanding of how these are applied in clinical practice across a range of life-limiting illnesses and clinical settings.

Course Focus
Students will be equipped with the skills necessary to critically appraise strategies for the management of the physical, psychosocial and spiritual distress associated with life-limiting illness. It also focuses on the management of grief, loss and bereavement, as well as ethical decision-making and the application of this knowledge in specific patient and family care situations. 30 CPD points were assigned by RCSI to the 2011/12 course.

Students will be taught by experienced clinicians, academics and researchers. More than 50% of the course is delivered by distance learning and there is a strong emphasis on interactive learning methods.

Course Modules
As part of this course, students will undertake a combination of modules that includes:

- Philosophy, principles & social context of palliative care
- Pain & symptom assessment & management
- Psychological, spiritual & ethical aspects of palliative care practice
- Personhood & loss in the context of life-limiting illness

Entry Requirements
Applicants must have a medical degree.

Students must also meet English language requirements.

Fees 2013/2014
EU Students €1,950
Non-EU Students contact administrator

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Graduate Certificate
Clinical and Translational Research

COURSE FEATURES

Equips participants with the knowledge, skills and competencies to allow them to complete programmes of clinical investigation and translational research.

Develops core research competencies and clinical and translational research principles.

Instructs students in the principles and practice of study design and conduct, data management, translational laboratory techniques, and data analysis.

Aims to develop a cadre of highly skilled young clinical investigators, who will be perfectly positioned to pursue research programmes leading to subsequent higher qualifications.

WHO SHOULD TAKE THIS COURSE?

Candidates should be third-level College graduates with an interest in developing careers in clinical investigation.

COURSE DETAILS

Major code X429
Duration 12 months
Schedule Part-Time
Next intake September 2013

“The post-graduate certificate gave me a far greater grasp of translational research; the knowledge I learned will be invaluable to me, as it bridged the gap between what I know from practical experience & the theory behind it.”

- Student feedback 2011/2012
COURSE DESCRIPTION

DEVELOPING RESEARCH EXCELLENCE
A major ambition of Dublin Academic Medical Centre (DAMC) is the delivery of health services in a research intensive environment to ensure best outcomes for our patients.

Graduates of this programme will enable this vision through the development of competencies in clinical investigation.

COURSE STRUCTURE
The course runs sequentially over two semesters, with successful completion of coursework and examinations in each of four modules leading to the award of a Graduate Certificate in Clinical & Translational Research.

Examinations are by multiple choice questions (MCQ), projects, presentations, and practical examinations. There will also be continuous assessment throughout the course.

Learning is delivered through a combination of formal teaching on campus, directed home studies with review of selected educational material, and completion of projects for continuous assessments.

The modules include lectures, computer lab teaching sessions, presentations given by each candidate to the group, group discussions, and home study of written and electronic media.

On successful completion of 30 credits, a student may exit with a Graduate Certificate in Clinical & Translational Research.

Having completed 30 credits, students may exit with a graduate certificate. These credits may also be applied towards requirements for a Graduate Diploma in Clinical & Translational Research (total 60 credits), and/or an M.Sc. in Clinical & Translational Research (total 90 credits), both of which may be completed part-time in 2014.

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COURSE MODULES
As part of this course, students will undertake a combination of modules that includes:

- Principles & practice of translational research
- Data management for clinical research
- Applied research methods
- Biorepositories

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Candidates should be third-level College graduates.

FEES 2013/2014
- EU Students €2,000
- Non-EU Students €4,000
Professional Diploma
Respiratory Medicine

COURSE FEATURES

Provides an overview of respiratory physiology and exercise physiology and a detailed review of the main disease entities in respiratory medicine including epidemiology, diagnosis and treatment.

Guest speakers are included to allow ‘state of the art’ contributions from practising experts in specific areas of respiratory medicine e.g. non-invasive ventilation, pulmonary hypertension and lung cancer.

Includes study days and e-learning to maximise flexibility in how students manage study time.

WHO SHOULD TAKE THIS COURSE?

This course is directed towards practising clinicians - general practitioners or hospital based - who are not specifically trained in respiratory medicine.

It also provides for a re-introduction to a major medical speciality for doctors who have been away from clinical medicine, due perhaps to a career break or involvement in a speciality without a respiratory emphasis.

The use of e-learning minimises the need for travel to Dublin and allows involvement from the country as a whole.

COURSE DETAILS

- **Major code**: X497
- **Duration**: 12 months
- **Schedule**: Part-Time
- **Next intake**: September 2013

This course is approved by the Irish College of General Practitioners (ICGP) for CPD and GMS study leave.

- **Key Fact**
COURSE DESCRIPTION

COURSE STRUCTURE
This part-time course runs sequentially over two semesters, with successful completion of coursework and examinations leading to the award of a Professional Diploma in Respiratory Medicine.

Assessment is by multiple choice questions (MCQ), projects, presentations, and practical examinations. There will also be continual assessment throughout the course.

The modules include lectures, computer lab teaching sessions, presentations given by each candidate to the group, group discussions, and home study of written and electronic media.

This programme comprises four modules which are directed at areas of respiratory medicine of particular relevance to primary care and care in the community.

Disease entities are dealt with from the point of view of overlap between the Hospitals and the community service.

The role of the primary care team in early diagnosis, preventative approaches and early initiation of appropriate treatment will be a major focus.

COURSE MODULES
As part of this course, students will undertake a combination of modules that includes:

- Pediatric respiratory and allergic disorders
- Airways diseases including cystic fibrosis
- Lung Cancer and sleep-related disorders
- Parenchymal lung diseases and lung infection/tuberculosis

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
This programme is a graduate programme and applicants must possess a medical degree.

Students must also meet English language requirements.

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