MSc Forensic Medicine

COURSE DETAILS

Major code
X068 (Sep)
X282 (Jan)
X283 (Apr)

Duration
2 Semesters

Schedule
Part-Time

Next intake
Sep 2013

COURSE FEATURES

Delivers in-depth knowledge and higher qualification in forensic medicine for professionals in the fields of medicine, law and forensic science.

Students undertake a 20,000 word Dissertation on a topic of their choice within the field of Forensic and Legal Medicine.

Prerequisite UCD Graduate Diploma in Forensic Medicine, or approved equivalent qualification from another recognised institution, gives 60 ECTS credits towards MSc.

Enhance skills in critical reading, researching medical and legal literature and sources.

WHO SHOULD TAKE THIS COURSE?

The MSc course provides higher professional training and qualification in forensic medicine for doctors of all specialities, dentists, nurses, midwives and other health professionals, coroners and medico-legal advisers, medical and forensic scientists, toxicologists, solicitors, barristers, members of the Judiciary and law enforcement officers.

It is suitable for those who wish to develop the medico-legal aspects of their careers within their specialties or profession or those who wish to give expert witness testimony in their areas of specialisation.

Key Fact

This course recognises the time pressure experienced by busy practitioners. We emphasise flexible and distance learning.
COURSE DESCRIPTION

DISSERTATION
Students who complete the Graduate Diploma in Forensic Medicine and complete a 20,000 word dissertation may be awarded the MSc in Forensic Medicine.

Students agree a topic of their choice with the course coordinator who arranges an appropriate supervisor. It is likely that topics will lie in areas of students’ current work or interest, but may also lie in areas in which they wish to develop a new interest.

ADDITIONAL TRAINING
Additional training will be arranged to meet a student’s educational needs.

Students will be offered one-to-one tutorials either at UCD or by videoconferencing.

AREAS OF STUDY
Areas for study on the course will include:

History and future of forensic medicine; the use of libraries and IT resources; medical and legal investigative research skills; introduction to law and legislation; ethical aspects of medical practice; the judicial system and courts; law enforcement agencies; custody medicine; substance misuse; mental health; deaths; injuries; scenes of crime and investigation; forensic sciences; role of coroner; traffic medicine, drugs and alcohol; adult sexual offences; children and abuse; domestic violence; vulnerable witnesses; major incidents; employment, finance and practice management; occupational and public health; infectious diseases.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Students who successfully complete the UCD Graduate Diploma in Forensic Medicine, or who have gained UCD accreditation of prior certified learning for qualifications gained at other institutions, may apply to complete the UCD MSc degree by dissertation.

UCD accreditation of prior certified learning is awarded on individual application. The PgDip For. Med. (University of Ulster), PGDip. For. Med. (UCLAN), DMJ (Apothecaries of London) and DFMS (Apothecaries of London / Cameron Centre / Glasgow University) are generally considered equivalent to the UCD Diploma.

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