Graduate Diploma
Healthcare (Risk Management & Quality)

**COURSE FEATURES**

Blended learning including lectures, seminars, workshops and case studies.

Covers medico-legal aspects of healthcare, the clinical risk management process, risk management in various clinical specialties, issues of patient safety and quality and their application to both clinical and non-clinical areas.

Emphasises practical application of this knowledge and training in the risk management and patient quality process.

Students who have successfully completed the Graduate Diploma in Healthcare (Risk Management and Quality) are eligible to apply for a one-year part-time MSc.

**WHO SHOULD TAKE THIS COURSE?**

This programme provides training for healthcare providers: doctors, nurses, clinical risk advisors/managers, hospital managers/directors, administrators and others working in the fields of patient quality, safety and clinical risk management and health care lawyers: the qualification may also be suitable to those in the fields of claims management and those specialising in healthcare law.

**COURSE DETAILS**

- **Major code**: X257
- **Duration**: 2 semesters
- **Schedule**: Part-Time
- **Next intake**: September 2013

Students will experience input from eminent experts in the fields of law, medicine and governance and will be challenged in practical sessions, workshops and interviews. Participants are encouraged to engage in discussion and debate and will benefit from an enriched learning environment.

**Key Fact**
COURSE DESCRIPTION

CLINICAL RISK MANAGEMENT
This course will provide training for clinical and managerial healthcare professionals in the area of clinical risk management and leading to the award of a graduate diploma.

This is an appropriate qualification for professionals practising in the field of clinical risk management and healthcare in addition to, or as part of, their work.

KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS
The skills learned will provide the basis for participation in clinical risk management and for further training as a risk/patient safety advisor/manager.

The knowledge acquired will be applied to the improvement of patient safety and care, to the prevention and management of legal claims and to healthcare delivery in general.

The qualification may also be suitable to those in the fields of claims management and those specialising in healthcare law.

MODULES
The programme covers the following areas:

Structure and organisation of the healthcare system, healthcare finance and personnel, the legal system, the legal framework of the healthcare provider-patient relationship, medical records, patient consent, medical negligence, ethical issues, medico-legal reports and court evidence, definition of risk, risk identification, risk of clinical risks (general and applied to specialties and departments), management of non-clinical risks, safety at work legislation, risk insurance and indemnity, claims investigation and management, implementation of the risk management process.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Doctors, nurses, dentists, physiotherapists and radiographers must have a minimum of three years’ post-qualification experience. Other healthcare personnel and professionals must have a basic qualification in one of the health sciences or hold such other qualifications as approved by the School of Medicine and Medical Science and have a minimum of three years’ clinical or healthcare managerial experience or other relevant experience.

FEES*
EU Students €5,420
Non-EU Students €10,840

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