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Diploma in
Hand Surgery

HOW TO APPLY?

Application procedures

Candidates are required to fill up the following items:

- Obtain endorsement from their Head of Department and their Human Resource Department.
- Attach the supporting documents (certified as true copies) as indicated in the application form and mail to:

  Academy of Medicine, Singapore
  Education & Training Department
  81 Kim Keat Road
  #11-00 & #12-00, NKF Centre
  Singapore 328836

Fee structure

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*Prevailing rate of Goods and Services Tax (GST) is not inclusive in the fees and is collected on top of the above fees. All fees are non-refundable upon commencement of training.

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Admission Criteria
This programme is open to all medically-trained doctors who possess Temporary registration (Service), Conditional registration or Full registration with the Singapore Medical Council (SMC). However, applicants must also satisfy the following criteria for admission into this programme:

• Doctors from Non-traditional Sources (NTS) must possess a basic medical degree from their home countries and be fully employed by accredited restructured/public institution in Singapore and have worked at least 1 year in the Department of Hand Surgery.

• Local doctors who attain MRCS Part 1 accreditation or equivalent, and have at least 1 year of clinical experience as Medical Officers in the Department of Hand Surgery in the accredited restructured/public institutions in Singapore.

Programme Duration
This is a structured training programme which will be carried out under supervision over a 3-year period.

Assessment Criteria
Regular 3-monthly reviews by the supervisor will be conducted to ensure the trainee reaches a satisfactory level of competence. Interim assessments will be in the form of 6-monthly log book assessments, annual appraisal reports and annual examination.

Yearly Commencement date:
1 November

Yearly Application period:
From 1 July — 31 July

Training Structure
Training will be in the form of apprenticeship, lectures, tutorials and workshops. The programme shall focus on developing competencies in the aspects of clinical practice, technical expertise, judgment, communication skills and professional practices. The training which will be conducted by Hand Surgery specialists will broaden the trainees’ experience and skills in the care of Hand Surgery patients and the management of diverse and acute Hand Surgery conditions/problems.

Syllabus
The topics that are taught and examinable during the 3-year training programme include:

• Comprehensive clinical assessment of the hand injuries, hand disorders and peripheral nerve disorders
• Hand trauma – including fracture and soft tissue management
• Surgical, minimally invasive surgical and microvascular surgical skills
• Infections of the hand and upper limbs
• Common degenerative conditions and diseases in the hand
• Re-plant surgery including digital as well as major limb re-plantation and revascularization
• Wrist injuries and disorders
• Post-traumatic deformities and contractures
• Congenital upper limb deformities
• Diseases / traumas that affect hand function e.g. with management of palsies of the upper limb
• Musculoskeletal tumours involving the extremities
• Rehabilitation of the hand following injury or disease
• Other diseases in the hand and upper limbs
• Microsurgical reconstruction in extremities