Fee Structure:

*GDGM fee: $5,500 (subject to changes)
*Registration fee: $500 (one-time payment per applicant)
*Course fee: $6,600 per year
*Supplementary fee: $500 per year
*Examination fee (Final Year): $200 per attempt

*Prevailing rate of Goods and Services Tax (GST) is not inclusive in the fees and is collected on top of the GDGM fee, Registration fee, Course fee, Supplementary fee and Examination fee. All fees are non-refundable upon commencement of training.

Application Procedure:

Candidates are required to fill up the

- 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

Withdrawal and Bond Policy (if any):
Please refer to your sponsoring institution for the withdrawal and bond policy (if any).

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Diploma in Geriatric Medicine in Hospital and ILTC (Intermediate and Long Term Care) (Staff Registrar Scheme)

Objectives:
The Diploma in Geriatric Medicine and ILTC is designed specifically for doctors who intend to work within the field of Geriatric Medicine and ILTC but not as specialists. The aim of the programme is to enable the trainee to acquire the following:

- Attain knowledge and skills in evaluating and managing older patients in hospitals and intermediate and long term care (ILTC) institutions.
- Competencies in the initial approach to the evaluation and management of atypical presentation of diseases and terminal care management in the elderly.
- Knowledge and skills for identifying diseases that are common in the elderly, interpreting investigations and understanding social circumstances and their interplay in disease processes, presentation and management in the elderly.
- Knowledge regarding services available for the maintenance of function of the frail elderly in the community, handle psychosocial issues related to care of the older patients and develop strong communication and interpersonal skills.

Admission Criteria:
Potential candidates are identified by their respective Head of Department strictly based on merit, and should be currently working in Geriatric Medicine and have completed at least ONE year of clinical work in Geriatric Medicine in a local public restructured hospital or in intermediate and long-term care (ILTC) settings and received good work reviews. Eligible candidates for consideration may include foreign doctors whose medical schools are not recognized by the Singapore Medical Council and local doctors who do not wish to go for specialist training but are still interested to work long term in the field of Geriatric Medicine.

Programme Duration:
This is a 2 years structured Diploma programme. In the first year of study, trainees will receive training at the Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, National University of Singapore (NUS), for the Graduate Diploma in Geriatric Medicine (GDGM). In the second year of the program, training will be in the form of apprenticeship at the sponsoring hospitals and external acute hospitals or ILTC settings whereby candidates will be guided by supervisors who are recognised as experts in the various sub-specialty fields in Geriatric Medicine.

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Training Curriculum:
Training will be delivered in the form of lectures, tutorials and workshops. Clinical attachments with public acute hospitals and ILTC settings will be arranged for trainees to gain knowledge and skills on institutionalized care across different care settings and understand various geriatric syndromes. The course work includes written assignments and case studies. Trainees will be required to maintain a log book which will record cases, procedures, conferences, seminars and paper presentations, and will be countersigned and graded as appropriate by the supervisors to confirm satisfactory fulfillment of the required training experience and competencies as stated in the curriculum.

Syllabus:
1. Applied gerontology and preventive geriatric medicine
2. Disease management in older person
3. Geriatric syndromes and other problems
4. Geriatric rehabilitation
5. End of life care
6. Communication skills

Assessment Criteria:
Trainees will be required to sit for interim assessments whereby regular reviews by supervisors will be made to identify weakness and strengths so as to incorporate appropriate training that will being to the successful completion of the program. Trainees are expected to complete and pass the GDGM, at Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, NUS, before entering the second year of training at the respective institutions to assist in taking care of geriatric patients. The training committee shall review trainees’ performance once every 6 months. All trainees will sit for an exit assessment conducted and administered by the Chapter of Geriatricians, College of Physicians, Singapore, at the end of the second year of training.

Expected commencement date: 3 August 2015
Application period: From 1 April to 30 April 2015