Programme Objectives

The Diploma in Paediatric Cancer Care is designed specifically for doctors who intend to work within the field of Paediatric Oncology but not as specialists. The aim of the programme is to enable the trainee to acquire the following in the field of Paediatric Oncology:

• Skills and knowledge in the evaluation and management of patients
• Management of common medical complications
• Effective communication skills and professionalism
• Awareness and knowledge of the social support system in the local context

Programme Director

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Application procedures

Candidates are required to fill up the following items:

• Application form (available at http://ams.edu.sg/education-training/staff-registrar-scheme-diploma)
• 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

*Registration fee: $500 (non-refundable one-time payment)
*Course fee: $7,250 per year
*Examination Fee: $500 per year

*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:
- Possess a post-graduate qualification in paediatrics in their home country
- Have at least 2 years of working experience in paediatric medicine and/ or paediatric oncology in home country; and
- Have at least 1 year of working experience in the field of paediatric medicine and/ or oncology and currently employed and/ or enrolled full-time in a training programme in an accredited hospital in Singapore.

**Programme Duration**
This is a 2 year Diploma course with on-the-job training programme.

**Training Structure**
Trainees will be guided by specialists in Paediatric Oncology who will ensure that all topics specified in the syllabus are covered. They need to achieve knowledge in the core topics in the first year and elective topics in the second year. Trainees also need to list the necessary basic clinical, procedural and professional skills into their logbook and must demonstrate expertise in these areas.

**Yearly Commencement date:**
November

**Yearly Application period:**
From August

**Programme Curriculum**
1. Clinical presentations of childhood malignancies
2. Principles of cancer treatment in children and adolescents
3. Principles of palliative medicine in children and adolescents
4. Management of oncological emergencies
5. Prescription and administration of chemotherapeutic agents and supportive care measures
6. Specialty-specific competences in leukaemia, lymphoma, solid tumours, haematopoietic stem cell transplant and non-malignant haematology
7. Practical skills in paediatric cancer care

**Assessment Criteria**
Quarterly review of the trainee’s progress by the supervisor is required. The aim of such a review is to ensure that the trainee is exposed to and is taught all aspects of the specialty available. There will be an oral exam at the end of the 1st year. An exit exam will be held at the end of year 2.