Programme Objectives

The objective of the Diploma in Anaesthesiology programme is to produce non-specialist doctors who have the requisite skills and knowledge to evaluate and manage patients in the discipline of anaesthesia. The structured programme and the close supervision of trainees will ensure the development of a competent and safe non-specialists staff in Anaesthesiology. Successful candidate may apply for conditional registration with SMC and work as resident physicians or registrars in SMC approved institutions, according to the discretion of the respective institutions.

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
- Supplementary fee: $500 per year
- Examination fee: $500 per attempt

*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:

- Currently working in an Anaesthesia department and have completed at least ONE year (12 months) of clinical work in anaesthesia in the same local restructured hospital in Singapore;
- Recommended by their Head of Department

Programme Duration
This is a 3-year structured Diploma programme. During the training period, trainees will be attached to a parent anaesthesia department which must be accredited for anaesthesia residency training. During the 3-year period, trainees are allowed to spend all 3 years in their parent department if they are able to fulfil all their training requirements in the parent hospital.

Training Structure
Trainees are also expected to attend and participate in the educational training programme of the departments where they are performing their training during the 3-year training period. These activities include but are not limited to:
- Lectures
- Tutorials
- Journal Clubs
- Topical updates, reviews or case presentations
- Department morbidity and mortality rounds

Trainees are also encouraged to attend relevant local and overseas anaesthesia conferences

Syllabus
The components of the Basic and Core Clinical Modules are:

Basic Modules
- Preoperative assessment
- Anaesthesia & intensive care equipment
- Patient monitoring
- Anaesthetic drugs
- Conduct of Anaesthesia
- Postoperative care (recovery)
- Airway management
- Management of cardiac and respiratory arrests

Core Clinical Modules
- Complications of anaesthesia
- Local anaesthetics & Regional anaesthesia
- Non-operating room anaesthesia (NORA) & Sedation
- Pain management
- Anaesthesia for trauma and orthopaedics
- Anaesthesia for abdominal and urological surgery
- Anaesthesia for head and neck surgery
- Obstetric anaesthesia
- Paediatric anaesthesia
- Neuroanaesthesia (Emergency)

Assessment Criteria
The trainee must satisfy the following criteria before he/she is allowed to sit for the Diploma Examination in Anaesthesia:
- Achieved at least 60% attendance for teaching sessions of the proposed training program submitted by the parent department.
- Completed logbooks as per requirement
- Completed all 6-monthly supervisor reports with a minimum of satisfactory grade
- Completed all Basic & Clinical modules

Final Examination
It will consist of both written and oral examinations.