Diploma in Obstetricians and Gynaecologists
(Staff Registrar Scheme)

Fee Structure:

*Registration fee: $500 (one-time payment upon application)
*Course fee: $6,000 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 Registration fee, Course fee and Examination fee. Non-refundable.

Application Procedure:
Candidates are required to fill up the
- Obtain endorsement from their Head of Department and their Human Resource Department (for sponsorship).
- 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
  #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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**Objectives:**
The Diploma in Obstetrics and Gynaecology programme is designed to produce a Staff Registrar who will attain knowledge and skills in clinical obstetrics and gynaecology, managing patients in the public/restructured hospitals. Trainees will acquire competencies in the following:

1) Perform a spectrum of operative procedures and manage patients not undergoing surgical treatments.
2) Demonstrate good consultation skills, and ability to perform diagnostic ultrasound procedures.
3) Perform colposcopy and cervical disease treatments. In addition, trainees are expected to appreciate ethics of the Obstetrics and Gynaecology specialty. By the end of the programme, trainees will also gain skills handling the day to day management of the obstetric and the labour ward.

**Admission Criteria:**
Potential candidates must be currently employed full time in a public/restructured hospital for at least 1 year and are identified by their respective Head of Department strictly based on merits, and should have the following:

- Basic medical degree registered with the Singapore Medical Council (SMC) plus THREE years or more clinical experience as a Medical Officer in a public/restructured hospital in Singapore (Singaporeans or permanent residents with conditional or full registration) OR
- FIVE years or more post basic degree clinical experience and (Foreign doctors on temporary registration {service} whose medical schools are not recognised by the Specialists Accreditation Board or the SMC).

**Training Structure:**
This is a structured training programme which will be carried out under supervision over a 4-year period. In the first two years of study, trainees will receive training in performing investigation, procedures and management of common gynaecological and obstetrical diseases. In the third and fourth year of the programme, training will focus on labour and obstetric ward management, fertility control clinic management, and oncological and therapeutic procedures.

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**Teaching Approach:**
Training will be delivered in the form of lectures, tutorials, journal reviews, seminars and apprenticeship. The course work includes keeping a Log book recording operative cases of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, non-surgical management of patients over a period of 4 years. Log book will also contain details of 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.

**Programme Curriculum:**

1. Anatomy and Physiology
2. Genetics and Embryology
3. Pathology, Biochemistry and Endocrinology
4. Psychosexual Medicine
5. Gynaecology: Oncology, Disorders of Female Reproductive Organs
6. Obstetrics: Pregnancy, abortion and counselling
7. Epidemiology and Statistics
8. Infectious diseases
9. Immunology and Microbiology
10. Pharmacology

**Assessment Criteria:**
In the duration of the programme, trainees will be required to sit for interim assessments whereby regular reviews by the supervisors will be made to identify weakness and strengths so as to incorporate appropriate training that will bring to the successful completion of the programme. Trainees are continuously assessed through practical and written examinations every year. The training committee shall review trainees’ performance once every 6 months. All trainees will sit for an exit assessment conducted and administered by the College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, Singapore, at the end of the 4th year of training.

**Expected commencement date**: 2013

**Application period**: On-going call for 1st intake