Programme Objectives

The Diploma in Paediatrics & Child Health is designed specifically for doctors who intend to work within the field of Paediatric Medicine but not as specialists. Trainees will be trained to the level of competency to provide comprehensive middle level Paediatric Medicine care in a local public restructured healthcare institution.

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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

*Registration fee: $500 (one-time payment upon application)
*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; and
• Have at least 1 year of working experience in the field of Paediatric Medicine in a local public restructured hospital and currently employed full-time in the same public restructured hospital in Singapore; and
• Possess a local sponsoring department, unit or institution; and
• Have a programme supervisor, who is a specialist in Paediatric Medicine and who should work at the same institution where the applicant is applying to undergo training for the programme.

Programme Duration
This is a 2-year structured Diploma programme. Trainees will undergo training in the form of apprenticeship at the sponsoring hospitals and fulfill 6 months of Neonatology, 1 year of general Paediatric Medicine attachment, and rotations through the various Paediatric subspecialties.

Training Structure
Training will be supervised by specialists who are members of the College of Paediatrics and Child Health, Singapore. Skills and knowledge will be delivered in the form of lectures, tutorials, workshops and hands-on patient care. The course work includes maintenance of a log book which will detail the cases, procedures, conference, case presentations and seminars attended and it will be countersigned and graded by the supervisors to ensure satisfactory fulfillment of the required training experience and competencies as stated in the syllabus. Written assignments may also be given to the trainees by the supervisor as and when necessary.

Syllabus
The syllabus for this Diploma programme includes the following:
1. Ambulatory Paediatrics and common childhood infections
2. Recognising and managing acute emergencies in children
3. Child development - Physical, emotional, social and educational aspects
4. Nutrition, growth and obesity in children
5. Normal and abnormal pubertal development
6. Neurodisabilities and behavioral problems in children
7. Multi-disciplinary management of children with complex medical conditions, including childhood cancer, renal dialysis and organ transplantation

Assessment Criteria
• A formal half yearly 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 in the department.
• An oral exam/assessment will be held at the end of training year 1. Trainees must pass this examination before they can continue to the next training year.
• An exit exam will be held at the end of year 2.