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Programme Director

Dr Chow Chiu Leung Peter
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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 (non-refundable one-time payment)
*GDGM fee: $5,500 (subject to changes)
*Course fee $7,250 per year
*Examination fee $200 per attempt (final year)
*Supplementary 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 Full registration, Conditional registration or Temporary registration (Service) with the Singapore Medical Council (SMC). However, applicants must also satisfy the following criteria for admission into this programme:

- 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.
- Recommended by their Head of Department strictly based on merit

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.

Training Structure
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 bring 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.

**Yearly Commencement date:**
August

**Yearly Application period:**
April 1 to April 30