MERCK FOUNDATION
CAPACITY ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM

PG Diploma in Primary Care Ophthalmology

The course will enhance the knowledge with regard to recognition, diagnosis and treatment of ocular disease and covers the problem-based approach, supported by systems-based review and focuses on concerns affecting the care of patients undertaking Ophthalmology treatment and also advanced practitioner roles in the management of eye disease as part of a multidisciplinary healthcare team.

This program specifically focuses on the following topics for

Year 1: Certificate

- Basic Ophthalmic Science: Anatomy, Pathology, Physiology of the Ocular Structures
- Basic Examination & Investigation Techniques
- Basic Glaucoma
- Basic Macular Disease
- Basic Acute Eye Disease & Vision Loss
- eTriage and Refinement of Referral Criteria

Year 2: Diploma

- Advanced Ophthalmic Science: Anatomy, Pathology, Physiology of the Ocular Structures
- Advanced Examination & Investigation Techniques
- Advanced Glaucoma
- Advanced Macular Disease
- Advanced Acute Eye Disease & Vision Loss
- Advanced eTriage and Refinement of Referral Criteria

PG Diploma in Primary Care Ophthalmology, University from UK	
Duration	2 - Years online learning platform

Eligibility:

- Bachelor's degree in Medicine and Surgery (Primary Medical Qualification) (e.g.: MBBS or MBChB).
- Candidates working within a public sector clinical setting
- Recommendation from the Ministry of Health or Office of The First Lady (For Asian Countries- Recommendation letter from The Ministry of Health or Vice Chancellor/Dean/Rector of the Medical University or President of respective Society or Medical Association)
- Proof of English language proficiency(details provided below)
- Accessibility to stable internet connection

Course Structure

The online course lasts two calendar years and is a part time distance learning course. PG Certificate - after one year of study; PG Diploma - after two years of study

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Assessment

Assessments are done using clinical scenarios to enhance problem-solving, critical analysis and evidence-based care. Each module has the following assessment format. Due to the online nature of the course, students are expected to login and participate in the course regularly throughout the module. For all the modules,

Written Exam: 50 %
Discussion board: 25 %
Portfolio: 25 %

English Language Requirement

- IELTS Academic: total 6.5 with at least 6.0 in each component.
- TOEFL-iBT (including Home Edition): total 92 with at least 20 in each component. We do not accept TOEFL MyBest Score to meet our English language requirements.
- CAE and CPE: total 176 with at least 169 in each component.
- Trinity ISE: ISE II with distinctions in all four components.
- PTE Academic: 62 overall with at least 59 in each component.

English language qualification must be no more than three and a half years old from the start date of the programme while applying to study, unless For IELTS, TOEFL, Trinity ISE or PTE, in which case it must be no more than two years old.

Applicants should submit copies of the following with their application:

- A copy of your updated CV including your address and date of birth.
- Copy of qualification certificates.
- English language qualification.
- Personal statement.
- Recommendation from the Ministry of Health or Office of The First Lady (For Asian Countries- Recommendation letter from The Ministry of Health or Vice Chancellor/ Dean/Rector of the Medical University or President of respective Society or Medical Association)
- Income proof (one month Salary/Pay slip or Salary Statement or 3 months bank statement)

