

In collaboration with Institute of Mental Health

GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN MENTAL HEALTH

AIM

The Graduate Diploma in Mental Health (GDMH), offered by the Division of Graduate Medical Studies (DGMS), National University of Singapore (NUS) in conjunction with Institute of Mental Health (IMH), aims to increase the capability of general practitioners (GPs) in mental healthcare by training them appropriately for the role to detect and treat minor mental health disorders in the community.

DURATION

The minimum candidature period for the course will be 1 year and the maximum candidature period for the course is 5 years.

ELIGIBILITY

The admission requirements to the graduate diploma are:

1. a recognised basic medical degree qualification;
2. GPs who have completed housemanship or non-traditional source medical officers; and
3. GPs with an interest in Mental Health, including GPs on the Mental Health-GP Partnership Programme

COURSE STRUCTURE

The course comprises 6 modules as follows:

MODULE 1 : Introduction to Psychiatry	- 2 Months
MODULE 2 : Psychosis	- 2 Months
MODULE 3 : Mood, Anxiety and Grief	- 2 Months
MODULE 4 : Addiction / Personality Disorders	- 2 Months
MODULE 5 : Child and Adolescent Mental Health including Learning Disabilities	- 2 Months
MODULE 6 : Psychogeriatrics	- 2 Months

The first month in each module comprises weekly classroom sessions on Saturday afternoons. In the second month, candidates will self-study and complete case write-up. GPs who have completed **Introductory Training to GPs** conducted by IMH in the past 3 years may qualify for exemption under Module 1 upon clearance of a written test.

The course syllabus will be covered by lectures, reading materials, video and live supervision, journal discussion, case vignettes, clinical attachment and/or self-study. Clinical attachment will be available with close supervision and guidance from IMH's doctors.

EXAMINATION AND AWARD OF DIPLOMA

1. **Total Assessment : 100%**

Graduate Diploma in Mental Health will be assessed in the following way unless otherwise stated

- Final examination : 40%
- Continuous Assessment : 60%

Continuous assessment comprises case discussion, case write-up, module examination and clinical attachment.

2. **Module Examination Eligibility**

Candidates must complete the following assignments &/or class participation to be eligible for module examinations:

- Case write-up
- Case discussion / case vignettes / live supervision (applicable to Module 2 to 6 only)
- 75% classroom attendance (for each Module)
- Clinical attachment (where required)

3. **Final Examination Eligibility**

Candidates must pass all module examinations to be eligible for the final examination.

4. **Award of the Graduate Diploma in Mental Health**

Candidates must pass the final examination within **a maximum candidature period of 5 years.**

Candidates must meet minimum passing criteria for every assessment component within each module to be considered as having passed that module. Candidates who fail to meet the minimum passing criteria for any assessment component in the module shall re-take the failed module at the next course intake. Nonetheless, Candidates may re-submit a case write-up for review by the examination board within 2 weeks from notification of case write-up result. Candidates shall re-take the module in the next intake if Candidates fail to re-submit case write-up or fail to meet the minimum passing criteria for the re-submission. See Table 1.

Assessment component	Component's weightage	Minimum passing criteria
Case discussion (Part of CA)	12%	6%
Case write-up (Part of CA)	18%	9%
Module examination (Part of CA)	30%	15%
Total for CA	60%	30%
Final Examination	40%	20%
Total Assessment	100%	50%

Table 1: Minimum passing criteria for Graduate Diploma in Mental Health

FEES

Candidates who successfully complete 6 modules and a final examination within a 5-year candidature will be awarded the Graduate Diploma in Mental Health. Applicants may apply for admission to the diploma course, or for admission to specific module(s). Fees are applicable as follows:

Registration Fee (non-refundable) : \$107

Course Fee (for all 6 modules) : \$6,420

Course Fee (per module) : \$1,070

MOH sponsors 80% of course fee only. Course fee will be reimbursed to all candidates upon clearance of the final exam.

Exam Admin Fee (for all 6 modules) : \$600

Exam Admin Fee (per module) : \$100

Book fees also apply to specific modules, please refer to the application form for information.

Note: All fees are quoted inclusive of 7% GST. NUS & IMH reserve the right to make any amendments to the course structure and fees without any prior notification or whatsoever to the parties involved.

APPLICATION

To apply for the Graduate Diploma in Mental Health (GDMH), please download a copy of the application form from

<http://www.imh.com.sg/downloads/%5bGradDip%5d%20Application%20Form.doc>

By the application closing date, you must have sent the following documents.

- Application form
- 2 passport size photographs

- Photocopy of Medical Degree certificate
- Cheque payable to “Institute of Mental Health” for course fee

Late application will not be accepted. The programme administration is not obliged to give reasons for rejected applications. Applicants will be informed by post on the outcome of their application.

IMH and NUS reserve the right to withdraw an offer for course admission and cancel enrolment of an applicant where such offer was made on the basis of incomplete or inaccurate information supplied by the applicant.

WITHDRAWAL

Request for withdrawal must be made in writing to the Programme Director. Policies for course fee refund are as follows:

1. 100% refund if the request for course withdrawal is made in writing more than 30 calendar days before course commencement.
2. 90% refund if the request for course withdrawal is made in writing no less than 15 calendar days before course commencement.
3. Strictly no refund of fees if request for course withdrawal is less than 15 calendar days before course commencement and/or after the course commences.

Note: Calendar days include Saturday and Sunday.

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