Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q: Is this programme available full-time and part-time?
A: This programme is only available part-time, conducted on Saturday afternoons. However, there are 4 modules offering Clinical Attachments on weekdays, during office hours. Each module’s clinical attachment is about 3 hours.

Q: How many intakes are there per year?
A: One intake per year.

Q: Where will this programme be conducted?
A: This programme will be conducted at the Institute of Mental Health (IMH).

Q: Does this programme require any travel outside of Singapore?
A: No, the entire programme is conducted locally.

Q: Can I use the learning hours at GDMH for CME points accumulation?
A: Yes, IMH will apply a total 50 CME points for participating GPs.

Q: Does this programme have an attendance requirement?
A: Yes, the programme adheres to NUS’ policy, which, requires students to achieve at least 75% attendance rate per module for all module lectures.

Q: What happens if I miss a module due to a work conflict?
A: Students who miss a module would need to retake the module when it is next offered, which is, with the next cohort. In this case, you will also be sitting for the final exam with that subsequent cohort.

Q: How are applicants selected?
A: Applicants are selected based on eligibility criteria. To be considered for admission, please complete the online registration, upload all the required documents and make cheque payment to IMH. Decision from the admission panel is final. Late application will not be accepted. Programme administrator is not obliged to provide reasons for rejected applications. Applicants will be informed by post on the outcome of their application.
Q: My degree is in a country other than Singapore. Can I submit my application without the qualification and then send it in when it arrives?

A: Your submission must include all required documentation, to be submitted online by the closing date.

Q: How are candidates assessed in the programme?

A: Candidates are assessed as follows: (unless otherwise stated):

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<th>Assessment component</th>
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<td>A. Continuous Assessment (CA)</td>
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<td>~ Case discussion (Part of CA)</td>
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<td>~ Case write-up (Part of CA)</td>
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<td>~ Module examination (Part of CA)</td>
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<td>B. Final Examination</td>
<td>40%</td>
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<td>Total Assessment (A + B)</td>
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Module Examination Eligibility

Candidates must complete the following assignments and/or class participation to be eligible for module examinations:
- Case write-up (for all Modules)
- 75% classroom attendance (for all Modules)
- Clinical attachment (applicable to Modules 1, 2, 3 and 4 only)
- Participation in case discussion / case vignettes / live supervision (for all Modules)

Final Examination Eligibility

Candidates must pass all continuous assessments to be eligible for the final examination.

Q: What is the passing criteria for the assessments?

A: The minimum passing score for each assessment is 50%.

Q: Are clinical attachments compulsory?

A: Yes.
Q: Can I defer admission to the programme after I have been accepted, or if I am in the midst of the programme?
A: Yes, you may defer admission after you are accepted into the programme or anytime during the programme if, it is due to unforeseen circumstances. In this case, you will sit for the final exam with the next available cohort, after you have successfully cleared all the 6 modules. However, all course participants are strongly encouraged not to discontinue with the course after its commencement.

Q: Can I withdraw after successful enrolment?
A: We do not encourage withdrawal once you have enrolled for GDMH. Request for withdrawal must be made in writing to the Programme Director, who will consider each request on a case-by-case basis.

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

Q: What are the eligibility criteria for the MOH subsidy?
A: To be eligible for the subsidy, applicant must
- possess a medical degree
- be registered with SMC (have an MCR number)
- be practicing medicine in Singapore

Q: Am I still eligible for the MOH subsidy if my company is sponsoring me for the programme?
A: Yes, you will still be eligible for the subsidy.

Q: Will I still get the subsidy if I fail a module?
A: The subsidy will only be reimbursed to you after you have successfully graduated with the diploma. Hence, you may repeat the module which you failed in the subsequent cohort. After you have successfully graduated with the diploma, the subsidy will be reimbursed to you.