

DIPLOMA IN PRACTICAL DERMATOLOGY (DPD) & MSc IN PRACTICAL DERMATOLOGY (MScPD)

Course Prospectus



Key Information:

- The Diploma in Practical Dermatology (DPD) is an online distance learning course.
- The DPD course is suitable for general practitioners who wish to gain expertise in the practical management of patients with skin disease.
- This highly interactive online programme is designed to equip the general practitioner with a sound knowledge of skin disease as it presents in practice and sufficient knowledge to competently and correctly manage the vast majority of problems related to the skin at a primary care level.
- To participate in the course, students must have access to a computer with high-speed internet access.
- Upon completion of the DPD, you will have the opportunity to progress onto the MSc in Practical Dermatology course (*subject to eligibility*).

Diploma in Practical Dermatology (DPD)

Online Distance Learning Course

Intake: September

Duration: Ten months

AIM

The aim of the Diploma in Practical Dermatology is to provide course participants with a basic understanding of primary care clinical dermatology and to enable GPs to successfully manage dermatological problems in patients presenting to their surgeries.

COURSE STRUCTURE

The DPD course comprises of 29 weekly topics taught over three semesters. Each topic is accompanied by a short MCQ to test your knowledge.

The educational materials are accessed online via a dedicated website and there are clear aims and objectives for each topic to help meet your learning outcomes.

Topic areas include:

Acne, Atopic Eczema, Bullous Disorders, Contact Dermatitis, Cryosurgery, Drug Eruptions, Elderly Skin, Facial Rashes, Flexural Rashes, Hair & Nails, HIV & the Skin, Infant Skin, Infections, Insects & the Skin, Leg Ulcers, Pigmentary Disorders, Photodermatoses, Pregnant Patients, Psoriasis, Sex & the Skin, Skin Surgery, Systemic Diseases, Skin Cancer (Melanoma & Non-Melanoma), Therapeutics, Tropical Skin Disease, Urticaria, Vasculitis.

Study Meetings

For students in the UK and Ireland there is a two-

day (Friday and Saturday) intensive study meeting held in Cardiff in September (choice of two dates). For international students there is a two-day (Saturday and Sunday) intensive study meeting held in September/October in Hong Kong (*subject to demand*).

ASSESSMENT

Each semester you will be required to complete and participate in a variety of compulsory assignments. Assignments are graded and assessed by a team of GPs and hospital-based doctors in the UK and internationally, the majority of whom have completed the DPD themselves.

Assignments:

- Multiple choice questions for each topic;
- Three pieces of written work;
- Two synchronised online meetings with a dermatologist on a relevant clinical topic;
- Three clinical case histories and peer reviews;
- Online discussion forums;
- Two online group assignments (Med-e-Conference®).

Final Examinations:

At the end of the course in June there is a two-part final examination. To be eligible for the examination you must gain at least 50% overall in the coursework assignments.

The examinations are held in Cardiff. For international students there is an option to take the final exam in Hong Kong (*subject to demand and an additional fee*).

The examination comprises an online clinical theory test as well as an OSCE-style examination. To receive the diploma you must gain a pass mark in each part of the examination.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The course is open to all doctors who are currently working as general practitioners or clinical assistants in dermatology. Course participants must see dermatology patients in their work place or be able to show how they will follow up patients, in order to complete the case histories.

No previous specific experience or training in dermatology is necessary. Good English language skills are essential to undertake the course.



Masters in Practical Dermatology (MScPD)

Online Distance Learning Course

Intake: September

Duration: Eighteen Months

The MSc in Practical Dermatology is designed specifically for general practitioners who have completed the Diploma in Practical Dermatology and wish to gain further expertise in the practical management of patients with skin disease.

AIM

This programme aims to further develop skills obtained in the Diploma in Practical Dermatology.

COURSE STRUCTURE

The MScPD is delivered entirely online, and begins with an 10-week online block of teaching on study and writing skills. The aim of this introductory block is to introduce students to academic writing and equip them with the skills outlined in the course aims to be able to complete a dissertation.

ASSESSMENT

The MSc will be assessed by the submission of a 20,000 word dissertation.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please go online to www.dermatology.org.uk to download the prospectus for the MScPD or contact the department for more information about this course.

HOW TO APPLY

- Go to www.dermatology.org.uk to access the online application form.
- Applicants are required to submit a completed application form, at least two references and produce evidence of their qualifications and general suitability.
- Once your application has been approved by the department, you are required to pay a non-refundable deposit. This deposit secures your place on the course.

Places on this course are strictly limited so early application is recommended.

If you would like further information about any of our courses, please contact us (details overleaf).

About the Department:

The Department of Dermatology, Cardiff University, is an international centre for dermatology research and teaching. An international team of tutors and lecturers and a team of administrators based in Cardiff are dedicated to running the courses and other educational activities.

The department has won numerous awards including Clinical Teacher of the Year in 2011 and Outstanding ICT Initiative at the 2009 Times Higher Leadership and Management Award.

Testimonial

Dr Ebele Ugochukwu, Nigeria

"I loved the DPD course, and it was an absolute dream come true for me; finding a dermatology course that I could do online. The course is so well organised and comprehensive, by the time



it was over, my knowledge of dermatology was quite considerable. It was perfect in design so that **you don't pile up your work to the last minute!** It was challenging but I thoroughly enjoyed every minute of it. The course has provided me with the background to pursue my dream of getting into cosmetology. I cannot thank enough the people who came up with the idea of an online dermatology course!"

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