Postgraduate Diploma in Infectious Diseases (PDipID) 2015-2017,
Certificate in Infectious Diseases (CertID) & Infectious Disease Courses

The number of emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases has been rapidly increasing in the past decades. Clinical problems arising from this trend have come down to the level of every clinical specialty. Many such problems arise as complications of the patients' underlying medical or surgical illnesses and their treatment. The management of infectious diseases is now more than merely prescribing antibiotics; other modalities of management including active and passive immunization, the use of immunomodulators, and infection control measures, are of increasing importance.

Objectives of the programmes

The Diploma, Certificate and individual 2-day update courses aim to provide understanding of, and practical experience in, infectious diseases management for physicians, surgeons, clinical microbiologists, clinicians, nurses and other health care workers who are actively involved in the daily management of patients suffering from infectious diseases. Special emphasis is put on infections that are major health problems locally or globally. Those who do not intend or do not meet the entrance requirement of Diploma may consider taking the Certificate programme or individual two-day courses.

Professional Accreditation

Continuing Medical Education (CME) and Continuing Professional Development (CPD) credits have been applied from the respective colleges:

1. Quotable Qualification by Hong Kong Medical Council
2. CME points by
   - Hong Kong College of Anaesthesiologists
   - Hong Kong College of Community Medicine
   - College of Dental Surgeons of Hong Kong
   - Hong Kong College of Emergency Medicine
   - Hong Kong College of Family Physicians
   - Hong Kong College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists
   - College of Ophthalmologists of Hong Kong
   - Hong Kong College of Orthopaedic Surgeons
   - Hong Kong College of Otorhinolaryngologists
   - Hong Kong College of Paediatricians
   - Hong Kong College of Pathologists
   - Hong Kong College of Physicians
   - The Hong Kong College of Psychiatrists
   - Hong Kong College of Radiologists
   - The College of Surgeons of Hong Kong
3. CME Programme for Non-Specialists
4. CNE points

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Application form for Postgraduate Diploma of Infectious Disease (PDipID), Certificate of Infectious Disease (CertID), & individual course can be found at: http://www.microbiology.hku.hk/pdipid_info.html

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Postgraduate Diploma in Infectious Diseases (PDipID)

Since 1998, the Postgraduate Diploma in Infectious Diseases has provided a structured and comprehensive training programme to practicing doctors related to clinical problems in infectious diseases. The course aims to foster postgraduate training in the field of infectious diseases and clinical microbiology, and provides an in-depth coverage on the latest international advances with a unique perspective on their relevance to local practice.

- Quotable Qualification by the Hong Kong Medical Council
- Call for Applications: November 2015 Intake
- Closing date for application: October 31, 2015
- Mode of Attendance: PT (2 years)

Entrance Requirements
Candidates must be medically qualified with at least one year’s postgraduate clinical experience (e.g. in internal medicine, surgery, orthopaedics, accidents and emergency, clinical microbiology, etc.).

Method of Instruction
a. Lectures (60 hours): including six two-day weekend courses of at least 10 hours each. Three courses will be organized each year in April, July and November.
   b. Part-time clinical attachment (60 hours): including infectious disease consultations /rounds / discussions / tutorials and case presentations at the Queen Mary Hospital.
   c. Project (120 hours).
   d. Literature review (120 hours).

English will be the medium of instruction.

Fees
Postgraduate Diploma in Infectious Diseases: HK$28,000

Certificate in Infectious Diseases (CertID)

CME/CNE points will be awarded
- Call for Applications: Rolling basis, applicants may begin programme in April, July, or November each year
- Closing date for application: No closing date, may apply all year round
- Mode of Attendance: PT (2 years)

Entrance Requirements
All medical or nursing graduates, health care/science workers, pharmacists, laboratory technicians, and those medical doctors and healthcare workers of the HKU-Shenzhen Hospital are eligible for the enrollment of the Certificate in Infectious Diseases. It is a 2-year part-time certificate course which consists of six 2-day courses.

Method of Instruction
The whole Certificate programme consists of six 2-day weekend courses. There will be a quiz after completion of each course. The performance of these quizzes will constitute the basis for assessment. English will be the medium of instruction.

Fees
Certificate of Infectious Diseases: HK$5,400

Individual course (2-day course)

- Offer in April, July and November each year
- CME/CME points will be awarded
- Participants may wish to undertake individual course of their interest
- Closing date of application: One day before the scheduled course starts

Title of the Six Infectious Diseases Courses:
Course 1 (November 2016) – Infectious diseases update and emerging infections
Course 2 (April 2017) – Infectious disease emergencies, indwelling device and surgical infections
Course 3 (July 2017) – Common problems in infectious diseases
Course 4 (November 2015) – Radiology, and radionuclide imaging in ID, Genitourinary medicine and HIV problems
Course 5 (April 2016) – Surprises in daily medical practice: Tropical diseases in the developed world
Course 6 (July 2016) – Infections in immunocompromised hosts and common infective problems in general practice

List of regular speakers for courses from Department of Microbiology, HKU
Kwok Yung Yuen, Chair Professor
Patrick CY Woo, Clinical Professor
Susanna KP Lau, Clinical Professor
Pak Leung Ho, Clinical Associate Professor
Samson SY Wong, Clinical Assistant Professor
Vincent CC Cheng, Consultant
Jasper FW Chan, Clinical Assistant Professor
Kelvin KW To, Clinical Assistant Professor
Herman Tse, Clinical Assistant Professor

Award of Attendance Certificate
A certificate of attendance will be issued to candidates on completion of each of the two-day course.

Fees
Individual course (2-day course): HK$1,000