



The Hong Kong College of Family Physicians



Introduction Session



Clinical Update Seminar

**Diploma in
Family Medicine**
(HKCFP) (Quotable)

**Certificate in
Family Medicine**
(HKCFP)

Diploma in Family Medicine (HKCFP) 2018-2019

The Board is pleased to announce that the Diploma Course in Family Medicine (DFM) organized by The Hong Kong College of Family Physicians will commence in July 2018.

The course consists of FIVE modules. Modules I & II will be delivered by Local Distance Learning. Modules III, IV & V consist of lectures, seminars, tutorials, workshops and clinical attachments. The whole course requires ONE year of part-time studies.

Details of the course are as follows:

1. Objectives:

- i) To provide knowledgeable, pragmatic and structured teaching in Family Medicine for medical practitioners
- ii) To encourage professional development of practising medical practitioners and to provide an intermediate step to fellowship qualifications in Family Medicine
- iii) To improve standards and quality in the practice of Family Medicine

2. *Syllabus:

The course consists of FIVE compulsory modules. Doctors who have graduated from the course are expected to have acquired:

- i) Current concepts about nature of Family Medicine
- ii) Knowledge and skills in consultation, counselling and problem solving
- iii) Knowledge and skills in common practice procedures and emergency care required for good quality family practice
- iv) Understandings towards the role of Family Doctors as gatekeepers of the health-care system and in providing cost-effective primary care to the community

Module I – Principles of Family Medicine (Distance Learning)

Aims:	1. Learn concepts of Family Medicine 2. Understand the role and scope of a Family Doctor
Contents:	Definition of Family Physicians, Family Physicians' Functions, Core Values of Family Medicine, Consultation, Future of Family Medicine

Module II – Common Problems in Family Medicine (Distance Learning)

Aims:	1. Enhance consultation, communication and problem solving skills 2. Understand the diagnostic formulation process in Family Medicine
Contents:	Four clinical scenarios. Each clinical scenario further divides into several questions covering different areas in general practice.

Module III - Essentials of Family Medicine (Structured Seminars and Tutorials)

Aims:	1. Strengthen knowledge in Family Medicine 2. Understand the potential growth of Family Medicine 3. Develop research and teaching skills in Family Medicine
Contents:	Practice Management, Care of Elderly & Chronic Illnesses, Anticipatory Care, Clinical Audit & Quality Assurance, Introduction to Family Therapy, Research & Teaching in Family Medicine, Evidence Based Medicine & Critical Appraisal, and Sexual Health & Genomic Medicine issues

Module IV - Clinical Updates (Updates and Clinical Attachment)

Aims:	Acquire in-depth knowledge and practical skills in selected specialized areas including Family Medicine, Medicine, Surgery, Geriatrics, ENT, Orthopaedics & Traumatology, Accident & Emergency Medicine, and Infectious Diseases
Contents:	THREE Update seminars plus clinical attachment on selected specialties

Module V - Practical Family Medicine (Practical Workshops)

Aims:	Enhance practical and communication skills in Family Medicine by Practical Workshops in selected areas including CPR, Consultation Skills, Counselling Skills, Women's Health, Orthopaedic Injection and Musculo-Skeletal Medicine
Contents:	Four compulsory and two elective Practical Workshops in selected areas including Advanced Primary Care Life Support (APCLS), Consultation Skills, Counselling Skills, Women's Health, Orthopaedic Injection and Musculo-Skeletal Medicine

Module III & V will be scheduled on Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

3. Articulations:

The Course allows (up to a fixed maximum percentage of the Course units) articulations or cross recognition of previous Family Medicine training programmes that provide learning units equivalent to that of the above syllabus. Participants who wish to apply for such articulations have to submit evidence of relevant training together with their application. The granting of articulations is however, completely at the discretion and decision of the Board of DFM.

4. *Schedule:

The whole course requires ONE year of part-time studies.

July to September 2018	Module I
November 2018 to January 2019	Module II
July 2018 to May 2019	Modules III, IV & V
April / May 2019	Final Examination

5. Admission Requirements:

Medical Practitioner with Bachelor's degree in Medicine

6. Teaching Staff:

A panel of experienced academic medical professionals in Family Medicine, hospital specialists and experienced Fellows or Trainers of HKCFP will be invited to teach in the programme.

7. Teaching Medium:

English

(Cantonese may be used in some seminars, workshops and clinical attachments)

8. Course Fees:

Whole course:

HK\$36,000 for members of HKCFP

HK\$72,000 for non-members

(A discount of HK\$3,000 for early birds who apply on/before 21 May, 2018)

Individual Modules:	Members	Non-members
Module I (Distance Learning – Principles of Family Medicine)	\$4,600	\$9,200
Module II (Distance Learning – Common Problems in Family Medicine)	\$4,600	\$9,200
Module III (Structured Lectures & Seminars)	\$4,500	\$9,000
Module IV (Updates & Clinical Attachment)	\$4,500	\$9,000
Module V (Practical Workshops)	\$5,800	\$11,600
Examination	\$11,000	\$22,000
Administrative Fee	\$5,000	\$10,000

All fees must be paid upon application and before commencement of the course. Fees paid are NON-TRANSFERABLE and NON-REFUNDABLE.

9. Awards/Credits:

- A Diploma in Family Medicine issued by HKCFP will be awarded to candidates who have satisfied all the requirements and have passed all the required assessment and the Final Examination.
- The Diploma is a **Quotable Qualification** of The Medical Council of Hong Kong.
- Up to 50 CME and 10 CPD credit points will also be awarded to candidates at satisfactory completion of the Course by the QA & A Committee of HKCFP.

10. Application Procedure:

Application is now open.

A completed application form must be returned to The Hong Kong College of Family Physicians with the following:

- Photocopy of the current Annual Practicing Certificate;
- A recent photo of the applicant (passport size);
- A signed "Disclaimer of Liability";
- An application fee of HK\$200 by crossed cheque payable to "HKCFP Holdings and Development Limited". This fee is non-refundable;
- A Course Fee of HK\$36,000 (or HK\$72,000 if non-member) by crossed cheque payable to "HKCFP Holdings and Development Limited". This fee is non-transferable and non-refundable.

Every successful applicant will be notified by an official letter of admission.

Information and application forms are obtainable at the College or can be downloaded at the College website (<http://www.hkcfp.org.hk>). Members who were not admitted in the course in 2017 have to send in their application again if they want to study the course this year. Please contact the College secretariat, Ms. Alky Yu or Mr. Louis Law at 2871 8899 for any queries.

11. Application Deadline: 29 June 2018

Comments From Former DFM Graduates

- "The Content is useful in daily practice. I can have hands-on practical skills. I can polish my communication skills during the lectures & workshops."
- "I can understand the role of Family Physicians as gatekeepers of health-care system and better know about their role in the society. I also acquire the skills on critical appraisal."
- "There are sessions of clinical updates for updating knowledge. Module I, II & III could help improving my knowledge. Module I, II & III could improve my understanding of Family Medicine. Sessions in consultation are invaluable in improving my communication skills."

*Course syllabus and schedule may be subject to change without prior notification



APCLS Training Workshop



Women's Health Workshop



Orthopaedic Injection Workshop



Musculoskeletal Workshop