

HKCFP CERTIFICATE COURSE IN ESSENTIAL FAMILY MEDICINE 2025-2026

The HKCFP Certificate Course in Essential Family Medicine (CCEFM) is designed to meet the training needs of practicing primary care doctors who would like to refresh or update their clinical knowledge and skills relevant to Family Medicine practice. The curriculum of this course also forms part of the well-established HKCFP Diploma in Family Medicine (DFM) course. Our teaching faculty are experienced clinicians working in primary care, in secondary care and in academia. The course has been designed to enhance the course participants' competencies in daily Family Medicine practice in the community.

1. OBJECTIVES:

- To provide knowledgeable, pragmatic and structured training in Family Medicine for medical practitioners
- To encourage professional development of practising medical practitioners
- To improve standards and quality in Family Medicine practice by adopting holistic patient-centered care via an integrated care approach

2. SYLLABUS:

The CCEFM consists of THREE segments, including Modules III, IV (FM attachment + Update) and parts of Module V in the Diploma in Family Medicine (DFM). Doctors who have graduated from the CCEFM are expected to have acquired the following essential concepts and course contents:

- The role of Family Doctors particular in providing cost-effective primary care to the community
- The essential knowledge and skills on common problems encountered in Family Medicine
- Enhancement in the consultation and problem solving skills
- Acquiring the knowledge and skills in common practice procedures related to family practice

3. AWARDS/CREDITS:

- After completion of all the components and course requirements (max. within TWO years), a certificate will be awarded to the successful candidates
- The completed modules and credits can be accredited towards the quotable HKCFP DFM course, if the candidates would like to enroll into DFM course subsequently
- 25 CME and 5 CPD credit points will also be awarded by HKCFP.

4. COURSE CONTENT:

Segment I – Essentials of Family Medicine (Structured Seminars)

Objectives:

- ◆ Strengthen knowledge in Family Medicine
- ◆ Understand the potential growth of Family Medicine
- ◆ Enable evidence-based Family Medicine practice

Contents:

Anticipatory Care, Elderly Care and related issues, Chronic Disease Management, Common Musculoskeletal Problems, Evidence Based Medicine & Critical Appraisal, Mental Health, Practice Management; and Clinical Audit, Research & Teaching in Family Medicine.

Segment II – Problem Solving and Clinical Updates

Objectives:

- ◆ Acquire in-depth knowledge by clinical scenario/simulated cases in our daily Family Medicine practice
- ◆ Transfer the practical skills and hand-on experience by interactive learning methods led by Family Medicine Fellows

Contents:

A site visit plus scenario based training including Diagnostic Challenges on Common Symptoms, Problem-based Learning on Chronic Disease, Motivational Interviewing, Child Health, Women's Health, Men's Health and Aging and End-of-Life.

Segment III – Practical Family Medicine (Practical Workshops)

Objectives:

- ◆ Enhance practical and communication skills in Family Medicine by practical workshops in selected areas
- ◆ Transfer the practical skills and hand-on experience by interactive learning methods

Contents:

One compulsory and one elective Practical Workshops in selected areas including Consultation Skills, Counselling Skills, Women's Health, Orthopaedic Injection and Musculo-Skeletal Medicine

5. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

Registered 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 sessions in the course)

8. COURSE FEES:

Administration fee for application	HK\$ 1,000			
<i>plus</i>				
Enrolment for the complete Certificate Course	HK\$ 26,000	for members	HK\$ 52,000	for Non-members
Or				
Enrolment for individual session:				
Single session from Segment I and Segment II	HK\$ 2,000	for members	HK\$ 3,900	for Non-members
Single Session from Segment III	HK\$ 2,500	for members	HK\$ 5,000	for Non-members

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

9. APPLICATION PROCEDURES:

Application are 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 Practising Certificate;
- A recent photo of the applicant (passport size);
- A signed "Disclaimer of Liability";
- An administration fee for application of HK\$1,000 by crossed cheque payable to "HKCFP Education Limited". This fee is non-refundable;
- A Course Fee in appropriate amount by crossed cheque payable to "HKCFP Education Limited". This fee is non-transferable and non-refundable.

Successful applicants will be notified by an official letter of admission after the application deadline.

The eligibility of candidates is subject to the final approval of the Board of Diploma in Family Medicine.

Information and application forms can be obtained from the College or can be downloaded at the College Website (<http://www.hkcfp.org.hk>). Please contact the College secretariat, Ms. Alky Yu by email to dfm@hkcfp.org.hk for any enquiries.

Application Deadline: 30 June 2025

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