



MInTFM FAQs

Some of the frequently asked questions about the programme are listed below

[01] Do I need IELTS?

Not necessarily. You need only one evidence of English ability. EITHER a medical degree that has been taught in English OR IELTS OR OET or equivalent. You do not need a medical degree taught in English and IELTS together.

[02] My university did not issue centile rankings. What do I do?

If your university did not issue centile rankings, state this on the application form.

[03] What type of reference are you requesting? Is there a standard form?

There is no standard form. You need a reference from a senior person attesting your suitability for family medicine training.

[04] Are there any loans or scholarships?

We are in discussion with the MOH concerning scholarship but will not have definitively before January 2010.

[05] Are there any extra costs?

The programme cost will be RM 20,000 per year. This is all inclusive of training, day release, use of online platform and all examination fees. The total costs for 4 years of training will be RM 80,000. The only additional cost would be for repeat examinations if you fail the first time.

[06] Can I pay by instalments?

Yes. We are planning that there will be an initial RM10,000 fee, followed by quarterly payments.

[07] Will I be paid during the programme?

Yes, current MoH employees will continue their current pay.

Doctors outside of the MoH will not be paid and will have to pay a MoH supplement.

[08] Is the programme full-time or part-time?

The programme is full-time training.

[09] Is the programme recognised for the National Specialist Register?

The MICGP is not on the NSR at the moment but will be within the next year. We are in the process of contextualizing the ICGP curriculum for Malaysia prior to submission. We do not envisage difficulties in the programme being recognised.

[10] How long will gazettelement be?

Gazettelement will be 6 months following completion of the programme.

[11] Where will interviews be?

Interviews will be held in Penang for the September intake.

[12] Can I get transfer credit from other programmes or have previous experience recognised?

No. We do not have arrangements for this as yet.

[13] Which hospitals will I be in?

Our training is locally based. Hospitals are still in the process of being allocated but are surrounding KL and the Northern Corridor (centred on Penang).

[14] What rotations will I have to do?

You will be expected to do 5 months of paediatrics, O&G and internal medicine each followed by subspecialties in psychiatry, ENT, surgeon, ophthalmology and dermatology.

[15] What are the examinations?

The MICGP examinations are modular in 3 parts. The first part can be taken from 2nd year onwards. The 3 parts are: the Core Knowledge Test Module (CKT), the Modified Essay Question Module (MEQ), and the Clinical Competency Test (CCT).

[16] Who will examine us?

Examiners will be from Ireland (ICGP) and Malaysia.

[17] In which other countries is the programme recognised?

MICGP is recognised in several other countries. However, the aim of this programme is to train Family Physicians to meet the need in Malaysia.