Malaysia–Ireland Training Programme
for Family Medicine (MiNTFM)
About RUMC

RCSI & UCD Malaysia Campus (RUMC) – formerly Penang Medical College is a long established Private Higher Education Provider in Malaysia. It is wholly-owned by the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI) and University College Dublin (UCD) and has been providing the highest quality undergraduate medical education to internationally recognised standards since 1996. RCSI & UCD Malaysia Campus transitioned from recognition as a College in Malaysia to that of the 10th Foreign University Branch Campus in 2018. This was recognition of its success as a Higher Education provider in Malaysia.

About ICGP

Founded in 1984, The Irish College General Practitioners (ICGP) is the professional body for general practice in Ireland. The College’s primary aim is to serve the patient and the general practitioner by encouraging and maintaining the highest standards of general medical practice.

The College is the recognised body for the accreditation of specialist training in general practice in Ireland. At an international level the College is a member of the World Organisation of National Colleges and Academies and Academic Associations of General Practice (WONCA).

About iheed

iheed is a medical education technology organisation. iheed’s mission is to see better healthcare outcomes achieved globally by working in partnership with leading medical universities, postgraduate training bodies, and other global healthcare leaders. iheed was founded as a commercial organisation with a strong social mission and is working to make the best professional postgraduate education programmes accessible through the power of modern learning methodologies and digital technologies.

Dr Cathy Cullen
National Clinical Director of MInTFM

Having worked for many years as a Family Medicine Specialist and with a background of being involved in Family Medicine training in Ireland, I am delighted to now be part of the team at Malaysia Ireland National training in Family Medicine (MInTFM).

This is an exciting and innovative post graduate training programme leading to qualification as a Family Medicine Specialist. The programme was invited by the Ministry of Health in recognition of the value of primary care, and as an acknowledgement of what a strong workforce with FMS training can add to the overall health of a nation.

Family Medicine is an exciting and rewarding career with ever increasing evidence worldwide of the important role that it plays in population health and well-being. As an FMS you will care for patients from the cradles to the grave, offering continuity of care, responding to acute conditions while constantly improving the management of chronic conditions.

MInTFM is a collaboration between RCSI & UCD Malaysia Campus, Irish College of General Practitioners (ICGP) and iheed. The programme uses the Irish curriculum contextualised for Malaysia. It is modelled on the Irish four-year training programme and will lead to registration on the National Specialist Register. Each trainee will work towards Membership of the Irish College of General Practitioners (MICGP), sitting exams during their training to gain membership.

The first two years in hospitals will broaden your knowledge of health and disease, followed by two years in a KK setting under the supervision of an FMS trainer where that knowledge will be consolidated and integrated into your daily practice.

MInTFM works with an experienced enthusiastic team of committed Family Medicine Specialists, both as scheme directors and trainers.

I encourage you to look closely at what this programme has to offer you and hope to welcome many of you to MInTFM in the near future.

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Why be a Family Physician?

Family medicine has been recognised as essential to achieving universal health coverage for the population. The family physician has always been the first contact for health concerns, they are now also at the frontline of chronic disease management, paediatric and women’s healthcare, family planning, and mental health management. With a rising global population and increased life expectancy, family medicine is the key to managing healthcare in the community in a cost effective and efficient manner. Family Physicians make a difference!

Family medicine specialist training aims to produce doctors who, on completion of training, will be able to provide personal and continuing care to individuals and families in the community. They will also have the management skills and approaches to enable the organisation and delivery of the highest quality primary care.
Programme Details

Introduction
Malaysian doctors may pursue FMS training using the Irish College of General Practice (ICGP) curriculum and assessment. Managed and delivered by RCSI & UCD Malaysia Campus (RUMC), the programme delivers a curriculum specifically adapted for the Malaysia context.

Delivery of the training will take place in local schemes. Delivery of training for each trainee will take place wholly within one scheme, undertaking both the two years in hospital practice and two years in family medicine clinics within the scheme. The local schemes will have flexibility in delivery, whilst ensuring adherence to the national curriculum and assessments. Our three schemes are based in:
- Southern region
- Central region
- Northern region

Training will use innovative and flexible mechanisms, with regular workshops hosted at two residency locations.

Curriculum
MnTFM utilises the Irish College of General Practitioners (ICGP) curriculum. The ICGP curriculum defines the learning outcomes for the specialty of family medicine and describes the competences required to practise medicine as a family physician. These characteristics of the discipline of family medicine relate to the abilities that every family doctor should master and are the basis of developing the curriculum for training in Malaysian family medicine.

Course Structure & Delivery

The programme is delivered:

- using the ICGP curriculum, specifically adapted for use in Malaysia
- Clinical Training in Hospital Placement Year 1 & 2, covering a wide range of specialties
- Clinical Training in 2 different Family Medicine Kits in Year 3 & 4
- with supervision by accredited Family Physician Trainers (specifically trained for this role)
- Using innovative blended learning tools
  (a combination of small group workshops and online classes, content and assessment tools)
- Using an advanced Online Learning Environment (OLE) platform, facilitating an innovative range of blended residency programme functions and trainee supports
- One day release per week
- Trainees will attend virtual classroom and small group teaching on alternate weeks
- There is a virtual, interactive medical education platform for each trainee. This contains the curriculum and learning modules as well as log books and assessments
The Hospital Component

The first two years of general practice training will take place in a hospital setting under the direction of the Training Scheme. A broad range of experience over at least four to six different disciplines relating to family medicine is necessary.

The Training Clinic Component

Each FP trainee will be allocated to a primary care clinic under the supervision of a trainer. The FP trainee’s experience in the training clinic is fundamental to their development as a competent FP. The trainee learns to appreciate the needs and demands of family medicine and how it differs from hospital practice; taking into account the many facets of health and illness in the community—physical, psychological and social. It helps establish the principles of primary care and the high standard of care delivered by the family physician. The relationship between the trainer and trainee is considered central to a satisfactory educational experience.

The Education Component

The education programme forms an essential, integral and central component of the training process. The scheme will have a day release course that provides for the development of the trainee’s knowledge, skills and attitudes. This is facilitated by the Scheme Directing Team in a small group format. It is augmented by live virtual classrooms and self-paced online learning modules. This integrated course takes place over the full 4-year period of training.

Assessment & Course Completion

As trainees, you will be expected to fulfil two requirements before applying for registration on the National Specialist Register:

MICGP Examination

The MICGP Examination is a criterion-referenced examination which consists of three parts: the Core Knowledge Test Module (CKT), the Modified Essay Question Module (MEQ), and the Clinical Competency Test (CCT). Fee for the first attempt of this examination is included in the course fee.

Satisfactory Completion of Training

A Certificate of Satisfactory Completion of Family Medicine Training which allows entry onto the National Specialist Register will be issued by RUMC on condition of notification by the training scheme of Satisfactory Completion of Training. To obtain Satisfactory Completion, the following requirements should be met:

- Research to the standard required by the National Specialist Register (NSR)
- Assessment of communication skills
- Completion of all logbooks as directed by MinTFM
- 75% attendance overall

Application for recognition of this programme by the National Specialist Register is underway.
Entry Requirements

Applicants must have completed internship and be registered with the Malaysian Medical Council.

The application for this programme follows a centralised structured process through the MinTFM. A structured application will be assessed and scored based on 3 criteria:

- Qualifications and Awards
- Career progression
- Research/quality improvement

Ineligible candidates are removed at the application stage and all others invited to a structured interview. Candidates are scored based on the application (20%) and the interview (80%), and ranked against all other candidates. The ranking determines both the offer of a place and choice of location of training scheme.

Fees
RM25,000 per year
Fees include ICGP Exams

How to apply?
www.rcsu.edu.my/programme/mintfm
Application Deadline: 14 February 2022

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