Postgraduate Diploma in Women’s Health Studies (Part-time)

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Background
The Postgraduate Diploma (PgD) in Women’s Health Studies is organised by the Centre of Research and Promotion of Women’s Health (CRPWH) and the Division of Family Medicine and Primary Health Care (DFMPHC), JC School of Public Health and Primary Care (JCSHPHC), the Chinese University of Hong Kong. The multidisciplinary CRPWH was established in 2001, comprising key members from JCSHPHC and other departments in the Faculty of Medicine. The CRPWH aims to improve women’s health throughout their lives by conducting research of local relevance, and offers a wide range of health education activities, evidence-based health assessments, nutritional counselling services and special discussion groups on specific health issues for women so as to provide them with a better understanding of their own health, and enable them to adopt preventive measures and early treatments. At the DFMPHC, JCSHPHC, the Chinese University of Hong Kong, we aim to provide leadership in teaching topics of family medicine and public health concern. Over the years, JCSHPHC have acquired considerable expertise in evidence based medicine, health promotion and education and health of children, adolescents, women and the elderly as well as epidemiology of chronic diseases and occupational and environmental health.

Why Study Here
Our programme is designed to equip health professionals with an in-depth understanding of women’s health. The aim is to provide a solid foundation encompassing sound knowledge and skills essential for those aiming for more advanced roles in women’s healthcare. It is unique in its focus of women’s health in Hong Kong and Asia and incorporates current key issues and evidence based medicine.

Application Deadline:
First Round: 1 March 2013
Final Round: 31 May 2013

Applications will be processed on a rolling basis. Early applications are therefore strongly encouraged.

Who Should Apply
Applicants should be graduates from medical, nursing, or other health-related disciplines who wish to strengthen their knowledge and practice in areas of women’s health.

Aims and Features
Our programme provides a comprehensive theoretical background and knowledge base for those involve in women’s health care practice. The course will examine a wide variety of women’s health issues and common health problems using a multidisciplinary perspective.

At the end of the course, participants should be in a stronger position to undertake research and practice in women’s health, and gain:
• an in-depth understanding of common problems and important issues affecting women’s health, encompassing gender, family and cultural aspects,
• essential skills in appraising and critically reviewing the existing scientific evidence on specific women’s health issues; and
• experience in conducting a project on women’s health, from planning to reporting the findings.

This will enhance students to:
• take up leading roles within women’s health care practices and services in Hong Kong and Asia, and
• evaluate strategies for promoting women’s health.
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Duration: 1 year
Mode of Study: Part-time
Tuition Fee: HK$60,000

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Recognition of The Programmes
The Centre of Research and Promotion of Women’s Health has been accredited as a provider of Continuing Nursing Education (CNE) by the Nursing Council of Hong Kong. The PgD in Women’s Health Studies is recognised as qualifiable qualifications by the Hong Kong Medical Council. CME credits for non-specialists or members of the Hong Kong College of Family Physicians (HKCFP) can be obtained as well. Accreditation for CME points have been approved by the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine.

Teaching Format
Formal lectures will be conducted in English; tutorials may be in Cantonese when appropriate. The teaching format will include lectures, tutorials, computing sessions, discussions, presentations, and projects.

Course Structure
The PgD programme is offered as a one-year, part-time course. Participants will usually be required to attend one lecture (3 hours) per week. Classes are normally conducted in the evenings, from 6:30pm to 9:30pm with some afternoon sessions from 2:30pm to 5:00pm, at the Prince of Wales Hospital. To be eligible for the Postgraduate Diploma, students must complete 15 course units in one year. The maximum study period is 2 years.

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**Elective (select 1 option)**

| A | WOHS55007 | Clinical Skills in Women’s Health | 2 |
| B | ---       | Elective(s)                      |   |

**TOTAL UNITS 15**

Remarks: 2 units of elective(s) may be selected from other programmes for fulfilment of the graduation requirement. Elective courses can be selected from other programmes including gerontology and geriatrics, epidemiology, behavioral and health improvement, public health nutrition, public health law, etc. depending on availability.

Course and Unit Exemptions
Graduates of other postgraduate programmes in JCSPHPC, may apply for unit exemptions.