

# Diploma in Family Medicine

## (Part-time)



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### ● Introduction

With the growing prevalence of chronic illnesses in Hong Kong, and the increase in health care expenditure, effective community-based care is one of the best solutions to providing holistic and comprehensive care to meet the needs of our population. To deliver quality primary care, it is essential that we train up a large pool of capable physicians who have knowledge and skills in family medicine. However, only a small proportion of local physicians have received structured training in family medicine, and hold higher qualifications in the discipline.

**Application Deadline:**  
**31 May 2017**

Applications will be processed on a rolling basis.  
Early application is therefore highly advantageous.

At The Chinese University of Hong Kong, we aim to rectify the situation. Our JC School of Public Health and Primary Care was established in 2009, with the aims of providing leadership in teaching and research on topics of family medicine and public health concern. Over the years, we have acquired considerable expertise in various areas of public health and primary care, such as the epidemiology of common chronic diseases, the health of special client groups (including children and adolescents, women, and the elderly), evidence-based medicine, health promotion and education, occupational and environmental health, and health services delivery. This is the knowledge we wish to disseminate to local physicians through the training programmes we offer.

### ● Why Study in CUHK

The Diploma in Family Medicine (DFM) programme was launched by our University in 1985 to meet the challenge of developing quality primary care. This programme has always been very popular among primary care physicians. Our programme is essential for the evolution of family medicine, which should develop from a sound factual base, together with robust processes for seeking new scientific knowledge.

### ● Recognition of the Programmes

The Diploma in Family Medicine has been recognized by the Medical Council of Hong Kong, and has been included in their list of quotable qualifications. CME credits for non-specialists or members of the Hong Kong College of Family Physicians (HKCFP) can be obtained from The Chinese University of Hong Kong.

### ● Who Should Apply

Our target candidates are Medical graduates.



## ● Programme Structure

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The programme covers 41 weeks of lectures, tutorials, seminars, self-directed learning, and clinical demonstrations. Students taking the Diploma may be invited to supply material on real cases for discussion, such as audiotapes or videotapes of actual consultations.

## ● Aims and Features

- To enhance participants' understanding of the principles and practice of family medicine;
- To equip participants with knowledge and skills in specialised areas, and thus meet their ever-expanding roles as family physicians;
- To help participants take a judicious approach to their daily practice, by closely examining their own and others' work procedures;
- To develop participants' abilities to critically appraise the literature, in order to improve their professional performance; and
- To provide participants with training in research methods, with an appreciation of the existing body of research findings, so that they can undertake their own research independently.

## ● Course and Unit Exemptions

Programme participants who have satisfactorily completed the related Diploma programme may apply for unit exemptions in fulfilling the requirements of the Master's programme. In some circumstances, participants' prior learning (e.g. a Diploma on relevant subjects, from institutions of good standing) or professional qualifications in family medicine may be recognized and taken into account. Unit exemptions will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

## ● Teaching Format

Regular programme instruction takes the form of lectures, tutorials, seminars, workshops, and clinical demonstrations. The medium of instruction is English or Bilingual (English supplemented by Chinese).



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<b>Duration</b>	1 year
<b>Mode of Study</b>	Part-time
<b>Tuition Fee</b>	HK\$43,700

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