Variations

In exceptional circumstances the Senate or its representative may approve a personal course of study which does not conform to these regulations.

Duration & Total Points Value

The 6 components of the diploma together have a value of 120 points. Components 1 – 5 are expected to be accomplished during the same time period or prior to enrolment.

Admissions

Applicants will be required to have New Zealand registration and fulfil the requirement for six months of paediatric training in New Zealand before the end of the calendar year.

In order to be admitted to this programme of study, a student needs to either:

(i) Have held, for at least one year, a medical qualification approved by the Senate or its representative.

(ii) Hold current registration with the Medical Council of New Zealand.

OR

Have graduated from the Central Medical School of Fiji and have satisfied the Head of Department of Paediatrics that the student has appropriate training and experience to undertake the programme of study.

Calendar Regulations for the Diploma in Paediatrics (from The University of Auckland Calendar 2009). The Regulations for this Diploma are to be read in conjunction with all other relevant regulations including Credit Regulations, Enrolment and Course Regulations (General) and the Examination Regulations.

Programme Cost

Please refer to The University of Auckland website (www.auckland.ac.nz)

Please note that no course material or resources will be distributed until enrolment is confirmed and fees paid.

Enrolment

The number of candidates will be restricted to 20 per year. Enrolment is completed online at The University of Auckland homepage – www.auckland.ac.nz.

Stage 1

Complete expression of interest. Search on Postgraduate Diploma in Medical Sciences: Paediatrics: Expression of Interest.

Stage 2

Formally apply for admission.
See **APPLY NOW** on The University of Auckland homepage.

The closing date for expression of interest is 5 March 2010 although late applications may be accepted under special circumstances. Concurrent enrolment in another university is usually not approved although special circumstances may apply.

For more information

For further information on enrolment or course content you may contact:

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Diploma in Paediatrics - 2010

PAEDS 601A & PAEDS 601 B

Diploma in Paediatrics

Aims

This programme in child and youth health for medical graduates has been organised by the Department of Paediatrics of The University of Auckland. Its aims are:

- To improve understanding of the roles and responsibilities of the various services which contribute to both hospital and community child and youth health.
- To improve ability to manage infants, children and youth with common and important problems.

Participants

The programme is designed for medical practitioners registered and working in New Zealand.

Diploma Structure

The Post Graduate Diploma consists of PAEDS 601 A and B, comprising:

- Submission of a log book and critical appraisal of the student's experience in the community aspects of the care of children or young people, and
- Submission of a dissertation focusing on a child or youth health problem or service, and
- A clinical and an oral examination.

Programme

The postgraduate programme in paediatrics is run mainly as a distance learning programme. The course will commence with the first learning module at the start of Semester 1. **The course is structured so that participants should complete one module per week from March to September.**

A two day workshop will be held early in the First Semester at the School of Population Health Tamaki Campus, 261 Morrin Road, Glen Innes, Auckland.

Computer Requirements

Participants must have access to a computer with the following minimum specifications:

- IBM-compatible 500MHz
- 1 GB free memory on hard drive
- 128MB RAM
- SVGA monitor and graphics card with minimum 800x600 resolution at 16-bit colour
- CD-ROM drive (32x or above)
- 56K modem and reliable internet connection
- Printer
- Sound card
- Speakers and/or headphones

The minimum **software** requirements are:

- Windows 98 or above
- Adobe Acrobat Reader
- Shockwave Player
- Quicktime Player
- MS Word and MS Powerpoint applications

Browser:

- Internet Explorer 5.1 or above / Mozilla 1.3 or above (includes Firefox) / Netscape 6 or above
- Required settings for all browsers
  - Java Run Time / VM installed
  - JavaScript enabled
  - Cookies enabled

Ensure that your email address recorded in the Cecil LMS is current, so that you will receive announcements and feedback posted for you.

1. Self-Directed Learning

The programme will contain:

- Module learning objectives
- PowerPoint presentations
- Video lecture material, and
- Additional recommended study resources

Patient management problems or case based questions will be posed for many of the topics so students have the opportunity to apply knowledge gained from broad reading of the topic

2. Workshops

The workshops will cover a range of topics including:

- Child & Adolescent Mental Health
- Youth Health
- Paediatric Dermatology
- Critical appraisal
- Statistics

3. Dissertation

Each participant is required to complete a clinical audit or small prospective research project focusing on one area of child or youth health.

Deadline for submission: (Please see course programme for exact date.)

4. Community Visits

Each participant is required to submit a log sheet and critical analysis of their experience in community aspects of child and youth health care. A minimum of 12 case based community visits are to be done during the course of the year.

Deadline for submission: (Please see course programme for exact date.)

5. Clinical Duties

By the end of the calendar year the participant is required to have held an appointment in paediatrics for at least 6 months at house surgeon or registrar level at an approved hospital in New Zealand. No more than 3 of the 6 months can be in neonatal paediatrics, paediatric ENT, paediatric surgery or paediatric orthopaedics. This requirement may also be fulfilled prior to enrolment.

A report will be required from the participants' supervising consultant, stating that the performance of their clinical duties was satisfactory.

Deadline for submission: (Please see course programme for exact date.)

6. Examination And Terms

Written and clinical examinations are held in Auckland - late October/early November. Dates to be confirmed.

Terms will be granted to sit the examination subject to successful completion and passing all the programme requisites 1 – 5.