Dermatology is the branch of medicine dealing with the skin, hair, nails, and associated diseases. It is a unique specialty with both medical and surgical aspects.

Cardiff University’s Department of Dermatology has a range of courses to help you develop competency in treating patients with skin conditions.

The Diploma in Practical Dermatology (DPD) offers GPs and family practitioners a structured education in primary care dermatology, whilst continuing with full-time work.

Key Information:

⇒ Designed for GPs, GP Trainees and family practitioners who wish to gain expertise in the practical management of patients with skin disease

⇒ Can form part of the portfolio of a general practitioner wishing to practice as a GPwSI in dermatology

⇒ Part-time (2-year) and full-time (1-year) routes available, starting early September

⇒ Online delivery of credit-bearing modules (120 credits)

⇒ No final exams - assessment via coursework and online activities

⇒ 10-20 hours study per week is recommended

⇒ Participation requires access to a computer with high-speed internet access and word processing software

⇒ Course materials compatible with desktop and most mobile devices

⇒ Accredited by the RCGP, HKMA, HKCFP and quotable in Hong Kong and Singapore

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The Diploma in Practical Dermatology (DPD) course is designed to provide course participants with a basic understanding of primary care clinical dermatology.

**AIM**
The aim of the course is to enable GPs to successfully manage dermatological problems in patients presenting to their surgeries.

**COURSE STRUCTURE**
The DPD course comprises 30 topics split into six modules (120 credits in total), each written by leading dermatologists. The educational materials are accessed online via Cardiff University's website and there are clear aims and objectives for each topic to help meet your learning needs. Modules comprise of written, video and audio material.

Collaborative learning is strongly encouraged throughout the course, and is integral to many assessments. Students are required to access the course website regularly and all assignments are mandatory.

**Topic areas include:** acne, atopic eczema, bullous disorders, contact dermatitis, cryosurgery, drug eruptions, elderly skin, facial rashes, flexural rashes, hair, HIV & the skin, infant skin, infections, insects & the skin, leg ulcers, nails, pigmentary disorders, photodermatoses, pregnant patients, psoriasis, sex & the skin, skin surgery, systemic diseases, skin cancer (melanoma & non-melanoma), therapeutics, tropical skin diseases, urticaria, vasculitis.

**Study meeting**
There is a two-day (Friday and Saturday) intensive study meeting held in Cardiff at the start of the course. Attendance at this meeting is not compulsory but highly recommended. Key sessions will be recorded to allow remote access via the website following the event.

**ASSESSMENT**
For each module you will be required to complete and participate in a variety of compulsory assignments. Assignments are graded and assessed by a team of GPs and hospital-based doctors in the UK and internationally, all of whom have completed the DPD themselves. Students must complete and pass all six modules in order to achieve the Diploma.
Summative assessments
- Extended Matching Questions (EMQs)
- Clinical Case Studies (from your own practice) and peer reviews
- Written work (scenario-based)
- Asynchronous group assignments (Med-e-Conference®)
- Discussion forums
  - participants will be able to discuss challenging or interesting cases that they encounter in their own practice (camera recommended)
  - forums aim to enable students to learn from each other

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA
Applicants must fulfil all of the following criteria to be considered eligible for this course:
- be a practising GP, GP trainee or family practitioner
- see and treat dermatology patients regularly (in order to complete the case studies)
- fulfil the minimum University entry requirements for English language
- own or have regular access to a computer with high-speed internet access and word processing software

No previous specific experience or training in dermatology is necessary.

HOW TO APPLY
Go to: www.dermatology.org.uk and click on ‘Diploma in Practical Dermatology’ to access the ‘Apply here’ section.

Applicants are required to submit:
- a completed online application form
- a copy of your medical degree certificate
- two references
  - one should be from your most recent employer
  - should evidence your current employment and suitability for the course
- evidence of English language if applying from outside the UK (please visit the ‘Applying’ section of the Cardiff University website for more information on this: www.cardiff.ac.uk)

Successful applicants are required to pay a non-refundable deposit to secure a place on the course by the deadline specified in the offer.

For more information on tuition fees, please visit the ‘Funding & fees’ section of the Cardiff University website: www.cardiff.ac.uk
TESTIMONIAL

Dr Ebele Ugochukwu, Nigeria
“I loved the DPD course, and it was an absolute dream come true for me; finding a dermatology course that I could do online. The course is so well organised and comprehensive, by the time it was over, my knowledge of dermatology was quite considerable. It was perfect in design so that you don’t pile up your work to the last minute! It was challenging but I thoroughly enjoyed every minute of it. The course has provided me with the background to pursue my dream of getting into cosmetology. I cannot thank enough the people who came up with the idea of an online dermatology course!”

About the Department:
The Department of Dermatology at Cardiff University is based in Glamorgan House (Welsh Institute of Dermatology) at the University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff.

The department is a world leader in dermatology research and teaching and has an international team of tutors, lecturers and administrators dedicated to running the courses and other educational activities.

The department has won numerous awards including BMJ Clinical Teacher of the Year and Times Higher Leadership and Management Outstanding ICT Initiative.

Courses available:
An Introduction to Dermoscopy
Diploma in Practical Dermatology
MSc in Practical Dermatology
MSc in Clinical Dermatology

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