Dermatology is the branch of medicine dealing with the skin, hair, nails, and associated disorders. 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 **MSc in Clinical Dermatology** (MScCD) offers doctors a structured education in dermatology.

**Key Information:**
- Designed for doctors with a special interest in dermatology
- Particularly suitable for overseas medical graduates but is also appropriate as an additional course to contribute to any dermatology specialist programme
- One-year course starting in late September
- Full-time, face-to-face course supported by online learning
- Places on the course are strictly limited (maximum 30 places per intake)
- Supporting materials compatible with PCs and most mobile devices
- Accredited internationally

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AIM
This programme aims to give students a firm grounding in the fundamentals of clinical and scientific dermatology. It gives priority to clinical instruction but also emphasises the scientific content of dermatology.

COURSE STRUCTURE
The MScCD comprises seven modules delivered using face-to-face teaching at the Welsh Institute of Dermatology, Glamorgan House at the University Hospital of Wales in Cardiff, UK.

Students are required to attend daily teaching sessions (Monday-Friday, including some Saturdays).

There are frequent lectures and workshops from members of the Dermatology Department in Cardiff, specialist speakers from other major British dermatology centres, and visiting international experts.

Topic areas include: clinical immunology, cosmetic dermatology, cutaneous manifestations of systemic diseases, diagnostic techniques, disorders of skin and mucous membranes, environmental factors, evidence based medicine, immunology and biology, inflammatory dermatology, microbiology of the skin, photobiology, pigmented skin diseases, practical skills, research methods, skin cancer, skin histopathology, surgical intervention, tropical skin diseases.

Patient Interaction: A practical skills module runs throughout the duration of the course. This is supported by significant patient interaction. Each student is allocated to the Dermatology Day Treatment Unit for a two-week period for practical clinical experience. Students are required to attend regular general outpatient dermatology clinics in Cardiff and the surrounding area. There are also day visits to other dermatology centres in Wales.
In addition to this, students have the opportunity to participate in all major departmental, local and regional dermatology meetings.

**ASSESSMENT**

In-course assessment is carried out during the course in which group activities, written assignments, histopathology recognition and clinical performance are assessed. Following successful completion of the first six modules, students continue on to the dissertation module.

The dissertation module is assessed by the submission of a 20,000 word thesis. The topic of the thesis will be discussed with your personal supervisor. Students are supported throughout this module by their supervisor, who will provide constructive feedback to stimulate student enthusiasm and ensure that participants have the opportunity to achieve the learning outcomes.

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

This course is particularly suitable for overseas medical graduates, but is also appropriate as an additional course to contribute to any dermatology specialist training programme.

Applicants must fulfil all of the following criteria to be considered eligible for this course:

- have at least one year of general medical experience at the time of starting the course
- fulfil the minimum programme entry requirements for English language (one of the following):
  - 7.0 IELTS (minimum 7.0 across all subtests)
  - equivalent qualification

No previous experience or training in dermatology is necessary.

**HOW TO APPLY**

Go to: [www.dermatology.org.uk](http://www.dermatology.org.uk) and click on ‘**MSc in Clinical Dermatology**’ to access the ‘Apply here’ section.

Applicants are required to submit:

- a completed online application form (including a detailed personal statement)
- two references (one should be from your most recent employer)
- evidence of English language (criteria specified above)
- a comprehensive CV detailing your medical training and work experience

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

For information on tuition fees, please visit the ‘Funding & fees’ section of the Cardiff University website: [www.cardiff.ac.uk](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk)
TESTIMONIAL: Dr Marisa Taylor, Jamaica
“This is a well thought-out course that covers all the key areas that a well-equipped Dermatologist should know, with a bevy of lectures and workshops delivered by textbook authors and experts in the field. The clinical rotations served to cement my Dermatology knowledge. During the course I had a rare opportunity to be a part of a multicultural group in a relaxed, supportive atmosphere that encouraged us to be more sensitive and knowledgeable world citizens. The best part of it is that I now have lots of international friends! I highly recommend it.”

TESTIMONIAL: Dr Musheera M Ali, India
“This is a comprehensive course delivered in a friendly and interactive learning environment. In my opinion, the excellent reputation of this course is attributed to the high standard of teaching, state of the art facilities and supportive staff. The DCD programme was an enriching experience not only in the academic sense but also gave me an opportunity to meet interesting people from diverse backgrounds and make long lasting friends. This course has helped me immensely in advancing my understanding of dermatology. I have no hesitation in recommending it to all aspiring dermatologists.”

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 in Cardiff. We are a world leader in dermatology research and teaching and have 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.

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