

UNIVERSITY OF NICOSIA Medical School



Postgraduate Diploma and Masters in Family Medicine

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The first Medical School established in Cyprus now offers Postgraduate Diploma (PgDip) and Master (MSc) in Family Medicine:

- Academic degrees awarded concurrently by University of Nicosia and St George's, University of London
- Structured Continuing Professional Development programme for physicians working in the primary care setting
- Delivered through blended learning format that uses flexible e-learning
- Opportunity to become International Member of UK Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP)*



Anatomy Centre

Introduction to the programme

Today's healthcare challenges—whether strengthening health systems, improving the quality of our patient care, or enhancing access to healthcare—require strong primary care. Strong primary care in turn requires competent family doctors who are forward thinking and keen to develop new relationships with patients and other health professionals in primary and secondary care.

The University of Nicosia offers a PgDip and MSc in Family Medicine, validated and concurrently awarded by St George's, University of London.

It is a structured continuing professional development programme for doctors working as Family Doctors or in the community with a specialist role in internal medicine, paediatrics, or gynaecology.

The programme aims to enhance knowledge, advance clinical skills and develop professional behaviour and attitudes towards a comprehensive, holistic and evidence-based approach to medical practice.

The course is delivered through a high-quality blended learning format that combines flexible e-learning with relevant face-to-face teaching once per semester.

The minimum full time duration of the MSc programme in Family Medicine is 18 months (three semesters), with a flexible part-time option of up to four academic years. The first two semesters consist of eight core clinically focused modules. Semester three is primarily research-oriented, offering an opportunity for students to develop their research skills. Students who do not wish to continue with the third semester can receive a Postgraduate Diploma in Family Medicine following the successful completion of the first two semesters.

Students successfully completing the first two semesters and meeting the clinical experience eligibility criteria of the UK's Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP) will also be entitled to enter and complete the assessment for becoming an International Member of the RCGP.*



*Subject to accreditation in September 2015



University of Nicosia Main Campus

University of Nicosia

The University of Nicosia is the largest private university in Cyprus and a global education centre with 20% of its 5000 students coming from abroad, representing over 80 countries in a dynamic learning environment. The University of Nicosia started the first medical programme in Cyprus in 2011 by offering the St George's, University of London graduate-entry course through a franchise agreement. More than 300 students around the world are now enrolled in this programme.

The University of Nicosia Medical School offers the following programmes of study:

1. **Doctor of Medicine (MD)**, a six-year undergraduate-entry degree awarded by the University of Nicosia
2. **A Postgraduate Diploma (PgDip) and a Master (MSc) in Family Medicine** for physicians awarded concurrently by University of Nicosia and St George's, University of London
3. **The St George's, University of London Bachelor in Medicine and Bachelor in Surgery (MBBS)**, a four-year graduate-entry British medical degree that is quality assured by the UK General Medical Council. This degree is offered through a franchise agreement.

St George's, University of London

St George's, University of London is the UK's only university dedicated to medical and health sciences education, training and research.

It has more than 250 years of excellence and innovation in research and education resulting in groundbreaking advances in medicine and healthcare. St George's, University of London alumni include Edward Jenner, John Hunter, Henry Gray, Muriel Powell and Patrick Steptoe.



Course Structure

The duration of the programme is 18 months (three semesters) with a flexible part-time option of up to four academic years. The course consists of 12 modules and its curriculum has been mapped against the core competences of a Family Medicine practitioner as defined by the World Organization of National Colleges, Academies and Academic Associations (WONCA) of Family Medicine.

The first two semesters are clinically focused, encompassing modules on Communication and Consultation Skills in Primary Care, Evidence-Based Practice in Family Medicine, Managing Adults' Common Diseases and Multi-Morbidity in Primary Care, Mental Health in Primary Care, Acute Serious Illnesses and Traumatic Conditions in Primary Care, Common Musculoskeletal Conditions in Primary Care, Paediatrics and Child Health Surveillance and Women's Health.

The third semester is research-oriented and includes a research methodology module and a primary care research project. Moreover, during the third semester students can select two out of the following six offered electives: Chronic Disease Management in Primary Care; Implementing Change in Primary Care; Informatics for Primary and Community Health Care; Learning and Teaching in Healthcare; Medical Leadership and Innovation in Healthcare; and Prevention, Epidemiology and Health Promotion.*

Students who do not wish to continue with the third semester will receive a PgDip in Family Medicine following the successful completion of the first two semesters.

*Each elective module will run if a minimum number of 10-12 students is enrolled.



Centre for Primary Care and Population Health

Blended-learning format

The programme is delivered through a high-quality blended learning format that combines flexible technology-assisted learning with a relevant one-week face-to-face teaching block once per semester. The online part of all modules, except for the Primary Care Research Project and the Communication and Consultation Skills in Primary Care module, is delivered over three learning weeks through an electronic platform. This platform enables to access video-recorded presentations, written material and lecture notes whilst allowing for active learning through interactive seminars, case-based discussions in forums, online quizzes, and workshops. Clinical and communication skills teaching as well as interactive module-specific workshops will be delivered during the face-to-face teaching block at the end of each semester.



Clinical Skills Laboratories



Pathology Laboratory

Assessment

The course assessment for the MSc in Family Medicine is based on four pillars: a written applied knowledge examination; a workplace-based assessment portfolio; the design, implementation, completion and write-up of a research project; and assignments for two elective modules. Students successfully completing the written applied knowledge examination and the workplace - based portfolio will be granted a PgDip in Family Medicine should they not wish to complete the Masters programme.

Progression Path

First and Second Semesters
(clinically focused)

PgDip in Family Medicine

Optional qualification

MRCGP [INT]

Third semester
(research oriented)

MSc in Family Medicine



Library (exterior)



Academic Path

Curriculum

FIRST SEMESTER (30 ECTS, all courses required)

Course code/Title

FMED-511	Communication and Consultation Skills in Primary Care (teaching is spread out during Semester 1&2)
FMED-533	Managing Adults' Common Diseases and Multi-Morbidity in Primary Care
FMED-521	Evidence-based Practice in Family Medicine
FMED-534	Mental Health in Primary Care

SECOND SEMESTER (30 ECTS, all courses required - PgDip in Family Medicine for those students who do not wish to continue with the MScFM)

Course code/Title

FMED-514	Acute Serious Illnesses and Traumatic Conditions in Primary Care
FMED-531	Women's Health
FMED-532	Paediatrics and Child Health Surveillance
FMED-535	Common Musculoskeletal Conditions in Primary Care

THIRD SEMESTER (30 ECTS, two required courses + two electives)

Course code/Title

FMED-590	Research Methodology in Family Medicine (Required)
FMED-591	Primary Care Research Project (Required)

2 elective courses are chosen from the following:

FMED-513	Chronic Disease Management in Primary Care
FMED-536	Medical Leadership and Innovation in Healthcare
FMED-537	Learning and Teaching in Healthcare
FMED-512	Epidemiology, Prevention and Health Promotion
FMED-522	Informatics for Primary and Community Health Care
FMED-523	Implementing Change in Primary Care



Library (interior)



Admissions Requirements

1. **A medical degree** granted by an institution recognised in the country where it is offered. Furthermore, you must be involved in medical practice throughout the duration of your enrolment in the programme
2. **English Language requirements**
If English is not your first language and you have not undertaken a previous degree taught in English you need:
6.5 overall in the IELTS (with 6.5 in writing and a minimum of 6.0 in all other elements)
Or: 213 overall in the computer-based TOEFL (550 paper based, 79 internet based)
Or: grade B in the GCSE
Or: a score of 5 in English in the International Baccalaureate Standard Level (SL)
Or: a score of 70% in English in the European Baccalaureate.
3. **An interview** - either in person or through video conference which assesses your professional ability and commitment, empathy, initiative and resilience, communication skills, organisational and problem-solving skills and teamwork.

Tuition Costs

Tuition fees are €18,000 for the Master in Family Medicine and €12,000 for the PgDip in Family Medicine. Scholarships are available based on financial need and considered on a case-by-case basis.



CONTACT DETAILS

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