

## **REGULATIONS FOR THE POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN CHILD AND ADOLESCENT HEALTH (PDipCAH)**

*(See also General Regulations)*

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### **M.129 Admission requirements**

To be eligible for admission to the courses leading to the Postgraduate Diploma in Child and Adolescent Health, a candidate shall:

- (a) comply with the General Regulations; and
- (b) hold a degree of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery of this University, or a degree or other qualification of equivalent standard from another university or comparable institution; and
- (c) possess post registration experience of not less than one year.

Modules will be open to all health care professionals.

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### **M.130 Award of diploma**

To be eligible for the award of the Postgraduate Diploma in Child and Adolescent Health, a candidate shall

- (a) comply with the General Regulations; and
  - (b) complete all seven modules with passing of the examination of all the modules; and
  - (c) complete ten sessions of specialist attachment; and
  - (d) submit a dissertation which is relevant to the attachment and fulfils the requirements of the examiners.
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### **M.131 Length of curriculum**

The curriculum shall last for two years on a part-time basis, with 204 hours of prescribed work. The modular format of the postgraduate diploma permits applicants, who do not wish to seek the PDipCAH qualification, to take only selected modules according to their needs or interests.

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### **M.132 Completion of curriculum**

To complete the curriculum, a candidate shall:

- (a) follow instruction in the syllabuses prescribed for the 7-module programme and complete satisfactorily all required written, practical or clinical work;
- (b) satisfy the examiners in the course by continuous assessments and by examinations at the end of each module of the teaching programme; and
- (c) complete and present a satisfactory dissertation.

A candidate who fails to fulfil the requirements within the prescribed maximum period of study shall be recommended for discontinuation under the provision of General Regulation G12, except that a candidate who is unable because of illness or circumstances beyond his/her control to complete the requirements within the prescribed maximum period of study, may apply to the Board of Studies for permission to extend his/her period of studies.

### **M.133 Examinations**

There will be an examination after the completion of each module and an assignment of a project to be written up as a dissertation.

A candidate who has failed to satisfy the examiners in any part of the examinations may be permitted

- (a) to attend a supplementary examination; or
- (b) to undertake extra study before attending a supplementary examination.

Candidates who submit dissertations will need to satisfy the requirements of an examiner appointed by the Board. A candidate who has failed to satisfy the examiners in the examination of the dissertation, but has satisfactorily completed the prescribed work, may be permitted to resubmit the dissertation and to re-present it within a specified period of time after receipt of a notice that it is unsatisfactory.

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### **M.134 Examination results**

At the conclusion of the examination, the candidates will be notified of the examination result. A candidate who has shown exceptional merit at the whole examination may be awarded a mark of distinction and this mark shall be recorded in the candidate's transcript.

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## **SYLLABUS FOR THE POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN CHILD AND ADOLESCENT HEALTH**

### **PART I: Modules of study**

- PAED6901     Infectious Diseases and Immunology (17 hours)**
- PAED6902     Community Child Health and Adolescent Health (17 hours)**
- PAED6903     Cardiorespiratory Health and Lifestyle (17 hours)**
- PAED6904     Paediatric Emergencies (17 hours)**
- PAED6905     Growth and Nutrition (17 hours)**
- PAED6906     Genetics and Family (17 hours)**
- PAED6907     Neurodevelopment and Neurohabilitation (17 hours)**

### **PART II: Sessions in specialist practice and/or research**

### **PART III: Dissertation**

A case-driven assignment which is similar to those of the dissertation compilation, including literature search, critical appraisal and formulation of opinion based on evidence according to the cases and guidelines so provided.