

REGULATIONS FOR THE POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN INFECTIOUS DISEASES (PDipID)

These regulations apply to candidates admitted to the Postgraduate Diploma in Infectious Diseases in the academic year 2016-17 and thereafter.

(See also General Regulations and Regulations for Taught Postgraduate Curricula)

M27 Admission requirements

To be eligible for admission to the curriculum leading to the Postgraduate Diploma in Infectious Diseases, a candidate shall

- a) comply with the General Regulations;
 - b) comply with the Regulations for Taught Postgraduate Curricula;
 - c) hold the degrees of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery of this University, or a degree or another qualification of equivalent standard from another university or comparable institution accepted for this purpose; and
 - d) satisfy the examiners in a qualifying examination, if required.
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M28 Qualifying examination

- a) A qualifying examination may be set to test candidates' formal academic ability or their ability to follow the courses of study prescribed. It shall consist of one or more written papers or their equivalent and may include a project report; and
 - b) Candidates who are required to satisfy the examiners in a qualifying examination shall not be permitted to register until they have satisfied the examiners in the examination.
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M29 Award of diploma

To be eligible for the award of the Postgraduate Diploma in Infectious Diseases, a candidate shall

- a) comply with the General Regulations;
 - b) comply with the Regulations for Taught Postgraduate Curricula; and
 - c) complete the curriculum and satisfy the examiners in accordance with the regulations set out below.
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M30 Advanced Standing

Advanced standing may be granted to a candidate who has successfully completed equivalent course(s) within the university or at another comparable institution subject to the following conditions:

- a) such course(s) should be completed no more than 5 years prior to the candidate's commencement of the Postgraduate Diploma of Infectious Diseases curriculum; and
 - b) advanced standing for up to 9 credits may be granted.
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M31 Period of study

The curriculum shall normally extend over two academic years of part-time study. Candidates shall not be permitted to extend their studies beyond the maximum period of registration of four academic years of part-time study, unless otherwise permitted or required by the Board of the Faculty.

M32 Completion of curriculum

To complete the curriculum, a candidate shall

- a) satisfy the requirements prescribed in TPG 6 of the Regulations for Taught Postgraduate Curricula;
- b) take not less than 60 credits in the manner specified in these regulations and the syllabuses, follow the instructions as prescribed in the syllabuses and complete satisfactorily all required written, practical and/or clinical work;
- c) complete the clinical attachment(s) at a location approved by the Board of Studies; and
- d) satisfy the examiners in the courses by continuous assessments and/or written examinations.

A candidate who fails to fulfil the requirements within the prescribed maximum period of registration shall be recommended for discontinuation under the provision of General Regulation G12.

M33 Assessments

A candidate who:

- (i) fails to satisfy the examiners in continuous assessment(s) of a course may be permitted to retake the prescribed assessment(s) or retake the course(s); or
 - (ii) fails to satisfy the examiners in the clinical attachment may be permitted to retake the attachment; or
 - (iii) fails to satisfy the examiners in the project report but has satisfactorily completed the prescribed works, may be permitted to re-submit the project report within a specific period of time; or
 - (iv) is not permitted to retake the prescribed assessment(s), clinical attachment, course(s) or resubmit the project report, or exceeds the prescribed maximum period of registration may be recommended to discontinue his/her studies under the provisions of General Regulations G12.
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M34 Grading systems

Individual courses shall be graded according to the grading system of “Pass” or “Fail”.

SYLLABUSES FOR THE POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN INFECTIOUS DISEASES (PDipID)

The Postgraduate Diploma in Infectious Diseases curriculum consists of 6 compulsory courses, making a minimum of 60 credit units. Candidates are required to conduct a research project related to infectious diseases and to submit a written report after literature review on a topic related to clinical microbiology or infectious diseases, which constitute the capstone experience, to the satisfaction of the examiner(s).

The mode of assessment comprises continuous assessments (100%)

MICR6005 Infectious Diseases Updates I (3 credits)

This course consists of a series of lectures covering the below major topics on Infectious Diseases:

- a. Infectious disease update and emerging infections
- b. Infectious disease emergencies, indwelling device and surgical infections

MICR6006 Infectious Diseases Updates II (3 credits)

This course consists of a series of lectures covering the below major topics on Infectious Diseases:

- a. Common problems in infectious diseases
- b. Radiology and radionuclide imaging in ID; genitourinary medicine and HIV problems

MICR6007 Infectious Diseases Updates III (3 credits)

This course consists of a series of lectures covering the below major topics on Infectious Diseases:

- a. Surprises in daily medical practice: topical disease in the developed world
- b. Infections in the immunocompromised hosts and common infective problems in general practice.

MICR6008 Infectious Diseases Clinical Attachment (15 credits) [Capstone experience]

Students are required to participate in infectious diseases rounds, bedside infectious diseases consultations, clinical microbiology laboratory rounds, and clinical case discussions and make presentation(s) on the assigned topics. Students will be able to acquire the latest clinical skills and knowledge in managing hospitalized patients with infectious diseases.

MICR6009 Infectious Diseases Research Project (18 credits) [Capstone experience]

Students, under the supervision of his/her project supervisors, shall conduct a clinical and/or laboratory surveillance project on a topic of his/her own choice in his/her own institution in collaboration with HKU Department of Microbiology. The project report should be of at least 2,000 words (excluding references).

MICR6010 Infectious Diseases Literature Studies (Literature review) (18 credits) [Capstone experience]

Students are required to conduct literature search and review relevant medical publications extensively on a topic related to clinical microbiology or infectious diseases. A written report of at least 1,500 words should be submitted after the literature studies and review of medical publications.
