

# MASTER OF MEDICINE (PSYCHIATRY)

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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

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## **General requirements**

These will conform to the Postgraduate Regulations (Revised 2015) of the University.

## **Specific requirements**

### **Malaysian applicant**

- a) Possesses a MBBS / MD degree or equivalent qualification from an institution recognised by the Malaysian Medical Council (MMC).
- b) Had undertaken at least one year of post-full registration clinical experience, preferably in a psychiatric-related field, certified by the relevant authorities.

### **International applicant**

- a) Possesses a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery degree or equivalent from a university and is registrable under the Medical Practitioner Act 1971 (Act No. 50) of Malaysia.
- b) Had undertaken at least three (3) years of post-registration clinical experience preferably in a psychiatric-related field certified by the relevant authorities.
- c) The applicant is required to undergo a six-month probation period in a psychiatric posting prior to acceptance into the programme.
- d) Show proof of financial ability to pursue their studies and live in Malaysia for the duration of study.
- e) A letter of financial guarantee/sponsorship or the most recent financial statement from applicant's bank is sufficient.
- f) Clear the medical check-up by the University's health authorities.
- g) Have international passports with at least two (2) years validity and meet all immigration procedures

## **Other requirements**

- a) Favourable referees' reports
- b) Successfully completed the Entrance Evaluation by the Postgraduate Committee of the Department of Psychiatry

We have a basic requirement for admission to the post graduate programme that is applicable to all other national universities

The final decision is subject to the approval of the following committees:

- i. Department of Postgraduate Committee (DPGC)
- ii. Kulliyah Postgraduate Committee (KPGC)
- iii. Centre of Postgraduate studies (Student Admission Committee)
- iv. Ministry of Health (MOH)

## CURRICULUM STRUCTURE

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*Components of the programme and its value*

No	Subject Classification	Credit Value	Percentage
1.	Compulsory modules	Not Applicable	80%
2.	Core/Major/Concentration: 1 Courses/modules 2 projects/ thesis /dissertation		20%
3.	Optional / elective courses/modules		Not Applicable
4.	Minor courses/modules		
5.	Industrial training		
6.	Practicum		
7.	Others (specify)		Not Applicable
	<b>Total Credit Value</b>		<b>100%</b>

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	YEAR 1				YEAR 2				YEAR 3				YEAR 4		
Months/months	3/12	3/12	3/12	3/12	3/12	3/12	3/12	3/12	3/12	3/12	3/12	3/12	4/12	4/12	4/12
Cumulative Months	3/12	6/12	9/12	12/12	3/12	6/12	9/12	12/12	3/12	6/12	9/12	12/12	4/42	8/12	12/12
Course Title	BASIC MEDICAL SCIENCES AND BASIC PSYCHIATRY				SUBSPECIALISED ROTATION POSTING I				SUBSPECIALISED ROTATION POSTING II				CONSULTATION PSYCHIATRY		
					General Psychiatry	Rehabilitation & Community Psychiatry	Forensic Psychiatry	Geriatric Psychiatry	Research Methodology	Neurology, Bio. Psychiatry, Psychotherapy	Addiction Psychiatry	Child & Adolescent Psychiatry	Research & Laboratory Test in Psychiatry	Consultation Liaison Psychiatry	Administrative Psychiatry
ISLAMIC INPUT, ETHICS AND HUMANITY															
ASSESSMENT															
Case protocols (numbers to be submitted)	2				4				4				-		
Research Paper	Journal review				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Journal review</li> <li>Preparation of thesis - selection of topic and presentation of the proposal</li> <li>Data collection</li> </ul>								Data analysis and write-up	Submission of completed thesis by mid-fourth year	
Special Courses and Workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Intensive Psychiatric Course</li> <li>Basic Biostatistics &amp; Research Methodology workshop</li> <li>Good Clinical Practice (GCP) Workshop</li> <li>Bioethics &amp; Communications Skill Workshop</li> </ul>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Intermediate Biostatistics Workshop</li> <li>Research Methodology Workshop</li> <li>Psychotherapy Workshop</li> </ul>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advanced Course on Biostatistics and Research Writing</li> </ul>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presented at least one (1) paper in Mental Health Conference</li> </ul>		
Assessment	I		II		III		IV		V		VI		VII		VII
Examination	Part I Examination								Part II Examination						Part III Examination

## PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

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The trainees must successfully complete the programme including the three examinations before the conferment of M. Med (Psychiatry) degree.

**Year 1** will comprise of one year posting in Basic Medical Sciences and Basic Psychiatry. The trainee is expected to carry out course-work in addition to their clinical commitments. The course work will include case protocols, journal reviews, participate in basic psychiatric skills training and research methodology training workshops and also maintain a log book.

Part I examination of the M. Med (Psychiatry) programme will be conducted at twelve (12) months from the commencement of the programme. Trainees are expected to pass this examination within the first two years and a maximum of three (3) attempts in total is granted to the trainees. Trainees who fail to complete the Part 1 examination within the stipulated period will not be allowed to proceed to Year 2. Those who fail in all three (3) attempts will be terminated from the programme.

**Year 2** will comprise of four (4) specialty postings of which **General Psychiatry, Rehabilitation and Community Psychiatry, Forensic Psychiatry, and Geriatric Psychiatry** are mandatory. The trainee is expected to carry out course-work in addition to their clinical commitments. The course work will include case protocols, journal reviews, basic psychiatric skills training, research methodology training workshops and also maintain a log book.

**Year 3** will comprise of the training in **General Psychiatry** and specialty postings of **Neurology, Child and Adolescence Psychiatry, and Addiction Psychiatry**. The coursework will include **case write ups**, journal reviews, basic psychiatric skills training, research methodology training workshops and also maintain a log book.

Part II examination of the M. Med (Psychiatry) programme will be conducted at the end of Year 3. Trainees who pass this examination will be allowed to proceed to Year 4. Trainees are given a maximum of three attempts to pass this exam.

**Year 4** will comprise of the trainees functioning as **Registrar in General Psychiatry**. The trainee is expected to carry out course-work in addition to their clinical commitments. The clinical commitment will involve **postings in General Psychiatry subspecialties namely Liaison Psychiatry and Administrative Psychiatry**.

The course work will include journal reviews, general psychiatric skills training, and maintaining a log book. In addition to these, the trainee should prepare a thesis which must be submitted towards the end of the programme and also participate in the stipulated workshops.

**Our programme will include Islamic input, Ethics and Humanity throughout the duration of the training.**

Part III examination of the M. Med (Psychiatry) programme will be conducted at the end of Year 4. Trainees who pass this examination will be conferred a degree in M. Med (Psychiatry). Trainees are given a maximum of three (3) attempts to pass this exam. Trainees who fail in all three (3) attempts are considered as being unsuccessful in the M. Med (Psychiatry) programme.

## ASSESSMENT

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Assessment of trainees will be based mainly on 2 major components:

- A) Periodic clinical competency assessment by using several modalities:
  - a) Ten (10) Case Protocols (essays) – in accordance to the stipulated guidelines
  - b) Psychiatric log book
  - c) Postgraduate Training Evaluation Form (PTEF)
  - d) Dissertation
  
- B) Examinations:
  - a) Part I, Part II and Part III examinations

### **Periodic clinical competency assessment:**

1. Case Protocol  
Trainees need to submit two (2) case protocols (essays) by the end of Year 1 of the course, 4 case protocols by end of Year 2, and 4 by end of Year 3.
  
2. Psychiatric log book  
Trainees are required to compile all the psychiatric procedures and psychotherapies that they have performed throughout the course into a designated log book. Respective supervisors will review the log book at the end of each posting.  
Records of these log books should comply with the instructions given.
  
3. Postgraduate Training Evaluation Form (PTEF)  
Trainees should achieve a satisfactory level of competency at each posting or attachment. The evaluation reports will assess the trainees' performance in term of their cognitive skills, technical skills, decision making skills, communication skills, management and leadership skills, attitude and their professional conduct throughout the attachment.
  
4. Dissertation  
Trainees need to embark on a clinical research (dissertation) approved by the University and submit a completed thesis 6 months prior to their Part III examination.

Trainees should achieve a satisfactory requirement in every component of these periodic competency assessments to qualify for their Part III examination.

## **Examinations**

### **Part I examination**

The trainees are expected to acquire knowledge in the Basic Medical Sciences and Basic Psychiatry by end of Year 1. They must have a broad understanding of the psychopathology of the individual disorders. Their exposure to clinical psychiatry will enable them to take comprehensive history, perform complete mental status examination and derived the provisional diagnosis.

Part I examination is conducted at twelve (12) months from the commencement of the programme. The components of the examination are MCQs, short essays and clinical examination.

Trainees are expected to complete the examination within the first two years. Trainees who fail to complete the Part I examination within the stipulated period will not be allowed to proceed to Year Two.

They will be given a maximum of three attempts in total and those who fail in all three (3) attempts will be terminated from the programme.

### **Part II examination**

Part II examination is conducted at the end of Year Three. The examination will consist of short and long essay questions, critical appraisal paper, two (2) psychiatric clinical cases, one (1) neurology clinical case. Trainees who pass this examination are allowed to proceed to Year Four. Trainees who fail to complete the Part II examination after three (3) attempts within the stipulated period will not be allowed to proceed to Year Four.

### **Part III examination**

Part III examination is conducted at the end of Year Four. The examination will consist of viva-voce dissertation. Trainees who passes this examination are conferred a degree in M. Med (Psychiatry). Trainees who fail to complete the Part III examination within the stipulated period will not be allowed to obtain M. Med (Psychiatry).

They will be given a maximum of three (3) attempts in total and those who fail in all three (3) attempts will be terminated from the programme.

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