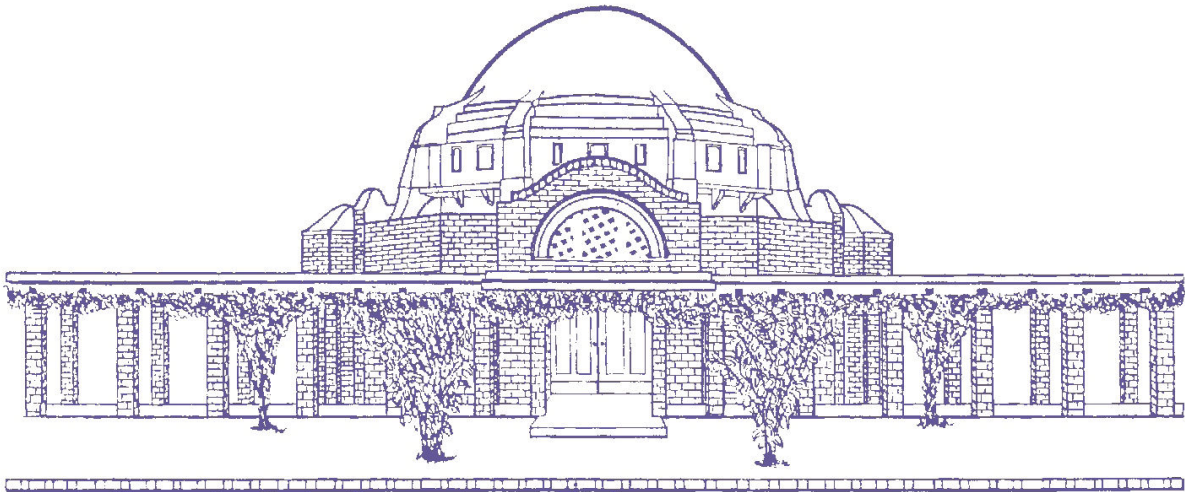


**CHRISTIAN MEDICAL COLLEGE
VELLORE, INDIA.**



DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAL EDUCATION



PROSPECTUS

**POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN FAMILY
MEDICINE for recent MBBS Graduates
(PGDFM)**

2016 - 2017

Postgraduate Diploma in Family Medicine (PGDFM)
(For recent MBBS Graduates working in secondary hospitals)
Towards expertise in secondary level care

INTRODUCTION

The Christian Medical College, Vellore, seeks to be a witness to the healing ministry of Christ, through excellence in education, service and research. A unique and distinguishing feature of the *Christian Medical College Vellore (CMC)* is its linkage with the large and widespread network of mission hospitals located mainly in semi-urban and rural areas and aiming to serve disadvantaged communities. With inpatient strengths of between 20 and 200 beds, these hospitals deliver broad based clinical services to their local communities. The majority of students in CMC are sponsored by these hospitals and have undertaken to serve in them for two years immediately after graduation. CMC recognizes that its medical graduates face arduous challenges and difficulties during this service period but also that this can be a unique learning experience for them. The Post Graduate Diploma in Family Medicine course is a diploma awarded by CMC after completion of the PGDFM course. This is CMC's response to the challenge of equipping the MBBS graduates, from CMC and other medical colleges for competent and satisfying engagement with secondary level health care while also availing of its educational opportunities. The graduates face a variety of other problems such as academic and social isolation, lack of opportunity for learning, difficulty in translating learning from a tertiary care level to secondary level, lack of procedural skill competence and administrative problems. The Course was started in 2007 as a one year Fellowship Program, the Fellowship in Secondary Hospital Medicine and then upgraded to the Post Graduate Diploma in Family Medicine in 2010 and the duration is increased to 18 months.

OBJECTIVES

On completion of the PGDFM Course the candidate will:

- 1) Be proficient in broad based multi-competent secondary level care centre with a high volume of outpatient work and the handling of demanding emergencies.
- 2) Be skillful in a variety of medical and surgical procedures in the diverse fields of medicine.
- 3) Have a distinctive orientation characteristic of Family Medicine.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

All graduates who have completed MBBS including internship before April 01, 2016.

Selection Preference will be given to the following in order of preference:

1. Those completing both MBBS and internship at CMC and have a service obligation to their sponsoring bodies.
2. Those completing MBBS in other medical colleges and have a service obligation to their sponsoring bodies
3. Maximum number of students will be 55

Applicants should not be currently doing a PG course and should not be planning to start a PG course before September 31, 2017.

THE COURSE FORMAT AND CONTENT

Duration

The PGDFM for recent MBBS Graduates is of 18 months duration. Candidates have to complete the course within three years from the date of enrollment.

The course will commence from 1st April 2016 and end on 30th September 2017.

THE CURRICULUM OF DISTANCE EDUCATION

1. Design

This course is designed as 27 Distance Learning Modules, 3 contact sessions, project work and networking. An average of six hours per week will be needed to complete each module in the above time period.

2. Organization of Modules

The learning material is presented in a system-based manner. MBBS graduates have sufficient background knowledge to use the problem-solving approach employed in this course, starting with the presentation of the patient. The modules challenge the student to give answers, think of options, and to apply the material just learnt. The teaching module is followed by answers to the questions posed during the module. This instant feedback helps the students to go back over the material if they have doubts. Suitable additions will be made to the above curriculum appropriate to the secondary level care. The student should periodically and promptly submit assignments according to the schedule. These will be graded and are part of the assessment.

ASSIGNMENTS

At the end of each module, a tutor-marked assignment has to be submitted as a form of continuous formative assessment. Candidates will be required to complete the assignments which are based on the MCQs (Multiple Choice of Questions) and SSAs (Short Structured Answers) for each module of the course within the stipulated dates. The concerned Faculty for the Module will assess the assignments for the purpose of awarding the Diploma.

CONTACT PROGRAMS

During the 18 months there will be three Contact Programs:

#	Contact Program	Content	Dates	Venue
1.	Contact Session - I	Discussions on Approach to clinical problems / Case discussions / teaching to transfer skills such as ECG, X-ray interpretation/ discussions on ethics, / Transfer of procedural skills.	July 2016 (6 Days)	CMC Vellore
2.	Contact Session – II	Discussions on Approach to clinical problems / Case discussions / teaching to transfer skills such as ECG, X-ray interpretation/ discussions on ethics, / Transfer of procedural skills. Examination – I Theory & Practical Examination	February 2017 (6 Days)	CMC Vellore
3.	Contact Session – III	Examination – II Theory, Practical exam and Project Presentation	July 2017 (2 Days)	CMC Vellore

Contact program timings:

The time schedule for each day for the contact program is 8 am to 6 pm with a one hour break for lunch. Saturdays 8 am to 1pm and Sunday holiday.

The purpose of the contact programs is to:

1. See a wide range of clinical cases
2. Learn some specified skills (both procedural and clinical skills)
3. Imbibe attitudes which will improve professional conduct
4. Augment knowledge base
5. Clarify doubts
6. Present project work and meet with project guide
7. Facilitate student networking and meeting with faculty

ABSENCE DURING CONTACT SESSIONS

A candidate who is unable to attend a contact session will have to complete the same session during the following year.

ASSESSMENT

1st Examination

This will be conducted during Contact Session2 at CMC, Vellore. (February 2017).
Based on subjects covered in Modules 1- 15 (see Appendix I)

- a) Theory MCQ (Multiple Choice Question): 100 marks
- b) OSCE (Objective Structured Clinical Examination): 10 stations: 100 marks

The following would be the content of the OSCE stations: X-rays/ ECG, Pictorial Material (Either hard copy or on computer), Patient Management Problems, Instruments, Communication Skills, History-Taking Stations.

2nd Examination

This will be conducted during Contact Session 3 at CMC (August 2017).
Based on Modules 16-27 (see Appendix I)

- a) Theory: MCQ (Multiple Choice Question): 100 marks
- b) OSCE (Objective Structured Clinical Examination): 10 stations: 100 marks

Project implementation and Presentation

The student will be permitted to take the respective examinations only after completion of the following:

- 1) Full Attendance at all contact sessions
- 2) Submission of **all assignments**, and obtaining a satisfactory grade. (50%)
- 3) Submission of Project Plan and Final Project at the stipulated time

AWARD OF DIPLOMA

The Diploma will be awarded by CMC to candidates who fulfill the following criteria:

- A score of not less than 50% in theory and practical separately.
- 100% attendance in contact sessions
- Satisfactory completion of Project work
- Satisfactory completion of the tutor-marked assignments with $\geq 50\%$ of marks.
- The course should be completed within a maximum period of 3years.

PAYMENT OF FEES

The total fee for the entire course is Rs.12,000/- **payable in one installment** to be paid on admission to the course by **23rd March 2016**. This amount is subject to change.

Course fee, and any other payments, must be paid only by Demand Draft drawn in favor of **'Christian Medical College Vellore Association' payable at Vellore.**

Kindly write your name and the course name at the back of the demand draft.

ADMISSION PROCEDURE

Application

The application form can be downloaded from the CMC website: <http://www.cmcvellore.edu/> or can be collected in person from the Department of Medical Education, CMC, Bagayam, Vellore- 632002. **The selection process will depend on the written application. Hence the candidates are advised to fill in the application carefully. The last date for submission of completed application is 15th February 2016.**

Announcement of Selections and subsequent formalities

The list of selected candidates will be published on the CMC website on **3rd March 2016. The Selected Students should submit their acceptance letter to the Department of Medical Education and make the payment of fees (Rs. 12,000/-) by 14th March 2016. (A signed and scanned softcopy of the acceptance letter should be sent by email by 10th March 2016).**

Selected candidates will be called for a one day orientation program available on **19 March 2016 (Saturday). Participation in the orientation program of the CMC interns who have registered for the PGDFM for recent MBBS Course is mandatory, for others it is desirable to attend the Orientation Program. Arrangement to participate through Telephone can be made on request for those who are unable to attend.** On admission, the candidates will be allotted a **unique admission number**. This number will be used as a unique ID of the candidate for all purposes related to the course. The candidates must quote their admission number in all their correspondence with the Department of Medical Education After joining their respective hospitals of work, the candidate should send in the Needs Assessment Form and the Project Work Form within 6 weeks. The last date for submission of these forms is **30 May 2016.**

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Change in address

Any change in your address or phone no. or email ID should be intimated to us immediately by E-mail or Post.

SIGNIFICANT DATES

Activity	Dates
Last date for submission of filled in application	15 February 2016
Publishing of the list of selected candidates on the CMC website	03 March 2016
Submission of acceptance letter and payment of fees(1 st Installment)	14 March 2016
Orientation Session	19 March 2016
Submission of Needs assessment form and the project work form	30 May 2016

Appendix - I
Contents of Distance Education Modules

Module #	Module Name
1	Ambulatory Obstetrics
2	Emergency Obstetric Care
3	Anesthesia Obstetric Emergencies
4	Common Pediatric Problems
5	Pediatric Emergencies
6	Neonatology
7	Surgery
8	Primary Trauma Care
9	Orthopedics
10	Rheumatology
11	Infectious Diseases
12	Poisoning
13	ENT
14	Eye
15	Respiratory Problems
16	Palliative Care
17	Endocrine Problems
18	Rational use of Medicine
19	Psychiatric Care
20	Preventive Health
21	Medical Ethics
22	TB with Emphasis on HIV Infection
23	Nervous System
24	Cardiovascular
25	Geriatrics
26	Renal Syndromes
27	Hematology

Course Faculty Details

#	Name(Dr.)	Department
1	Abhi Manesh	Medicine
2	Abhilash	Emergency Medicine
3	Ajith Kumar Surin	Rheumatology
4	Albert Abinay Kota	Vascular Surgery
5	ArathiSimha	Ophthalmology
6	Balaji V.	Microbiology
7	Betty Simon	Diagnostic Radiology And Imaging
8	Beulah Roopavathana	Vascular Surgery
9	Debasish Danda	Rheumatology
10	Debasish Das	PICU
11	Dhayakani Selvakumar	Medical Education
12	Dincy Peter	Dermatology
13	Ebor Jacob Gnananayagam	PICU
14	Elsy Thomas	Obstetrics and Gynecology
15	ElvinoBarreto	Plastic Surgery I
16	Gibikote Sridhar V	Diagnostic Radiology And Imaging
17	Hema Paul	Medicine
18	Indira Gupta Agarwal	Pediatrics II
19	JachinVelavan	Distance Education
20	Jasmine Prasad	Community Health
21	Jennifer Jeba	Palliative Care
22	Jiji Elizabeth Mathew	Obstetrics And Gynecology V
23	John Jacob	Community Health
24	John Mathew	Rheumatology
25	John Mathew	ENT II
26	Jolly Chandran	PICU
27	Joy John Mammen	Transfusion Medicine And Immuno-haematology
28	Kala Ebenezer	PICU
29	Kingsley Paul M.	Plastic surgery
30	Kiruba Vasantha David	Low Cost Effective Care
31	Kishore Kumar Pichamuthu	MICU
32	Kurien Anil Kuruvilla	Neonatology I
33	Leni George	Dermatology II
34	Manivachagan	PICU
35	Mary Anju Kuruvilla	Psychiatry
36	Mary Korula	Anesthesia
37	Minnie Faith	Medical Education
38	Moses Kirubairaj	Family Medicine
39	Myla Yacob	Surgery

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40	Nelby George	Neonatology
41	Noel Malcolm Walter	Forensic Medicine
42	Peter J. V.	Medicine ICU
43	Pradeep Mathew Ponnose	Orthopedics II
44	Prince Christopher R. H.	Family Medicine
45	Prince James	Pulmonary Medicine
46	Ramya I.	Medicine III
47	Reginald George Alex. T	Emergency Medicine
48	Reuben Kurien	Gastroenterology
49	Riya Babu Daniel	Radiology
50	Riya Jose	Anesthesia
51	Ronald Albert Benton Carey	Medicine III
52	Roshna Paul	ENT
53	Ruchika Goel	Rheumatology
54	Sajith	Gastroenterology
55	Sajitha Praveen M.F.	Family Medicine
56	Samuel George Hansdak	Medicine IV
57	Shalini Anandan	Microbiology
58	Shantidani Minz	Community Health
59	Shubhanker Mitra	Accident and Emergency
60	Smitha Jasper	Ophthalmology
61	Sneha Deena Varkki	Pediatrics
62	Sowmya Sathyendra	General Medicine III
63	Subrangshu	Cardiology
64	Sudha Jasmine	General Medicine II
65	Suma Susan	ENT
66	Sunil J. Holla	Medical Education
67	Surekha Viggeswarpu	Geriatric Medicine
68	Tarun K. George	Medicine
69	Thambu David Sudarsanam	Medicine II
70	Uday George Zachariah	Gastroenterology
71	Venkata Raghava	Community Health
72	Venkatesan	LCECU
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