

Grooming healthcare educators

INTERNATIONAL Medical University's (IMU) postgraduate certificate, postgraduate diploma and master's programmes in health professions education are designed to fulfil the needs of the 21st century.

The aim is to enable learners to develop an in-depth understanding of educational theories, principles and values related to contemporary learning environment and assessment.

The postgraduate health professions education programmes equip learners with enhanced skills to pursue career opportunities in health professional education and carry out related research at a higher degree.

The programmes offer a mixed mode of coursework and research training. This blended mode allows students to undertake much of their study online, with some weekend on-campus sessions, giving them flexibility in working towards the Master of Health Professions Education.

The blended mode gives students the accessibility of online learning alongside social and professional interaction.

IMU's e-learning environment (Moodle) offers students access to all study content and technology-enhanced learning facilitated by moderators.

Face-to-face sessions include lectures, workshops, seminars and case presentations. Most of these sessions are scheduled on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays at the IMU Bukit Jalil campus, enabling students to pursue postgraduate studies while working.

Coming from diverse backgrounds, students bring varied talents and experience to the programme. The small intakes foster an excellent learning culture and many opportunities for cooperative learning with a high level of peer support.

Every student undertakes a research study under the supervision of faculty members with established research credentials.

While the formal output of the research semester is a dissertation, students' professional interpersonal skills are also enhanced through one-to-one interaction with their research supervisors, academic and other professional staff.

At the time of writing, students of the first cohort are finalising their research dissertations, marking the last stage of their journey in the master's programme.

Though not its primary purpose, the master's qualification opens up opportunities for more advanced research training, such as enrolling in doctoral programmes.

As befits a university with a 6 Star: Outstanding score in the Rating for Higher Education Institutions in Malaysia, IMU's degree courses are periodically reviewed and re-imagined.

The postgraduate programmes in health professions education are no exception and are currently undergoing a review of content and delivery, aimed at enhancing the learning experience and outcomes.

IMU offers other postgraduate programmes, including taught MSc in Public Health, MSc in Analytical and Pharmaceutical Chemistry, MSc in Molecular Medicine, Master of Pharmacy Practice, Postgraduate Diploma in Implant Dentistry, and MSc and PhD by research.

About IMU

IMU is Malaysia's first and most established private medical and health sciences university, with more than 26 years of dedication in healthcare education.

Established in 1992, IMU pioneered the world's first Partner Medical School programme and has since gained international recognition. It has more than 30 world-class university partners in Australia, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, Canada, Ireland and China.

IMU's main campus is located in Bukit Jalil, Kuala Lumpur, with branch clinical schools located in Seremban, Kuala Pilah, Batu Pahat and Kluang.

In 2010, committed to its brand promise of Delivering the Future of Better Healthcare, IMU became a fully integrated healthcare institution offering education, healthcare services and research to serve and improve the quality of lives.

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