

Regional Professional

DIPLOMA

IN FAMILY MEDICINE

**TWO
YEARS**


Eight Modules



Introducing The Regional Professional Diploma in Family Medicine

Primary health care is essential for a strong health care system and a healthy population, and family practice is essential for effective primary health care. Family physicians can play a pivotal role in improving coverage and quality of care. The World Health Organization therefore promotes family practice as part of efforts to achieve universal health coverage. However, there are not enough family physicians in the Eastern Mediterranean Region and Arab countries. The number of qualified practitioners falls well below the international standard of at least three family physicians per 10 000 population.

The Regional Professional Diploma in Family Medicine aims to address this gap by giving general physicians practicing in the Region a convenient route to become family practitioners. It is designed to give participants the knowledge, skills and attitudes they need to provide comprehensive, continuous and appropriate health care to individuals and families. The content has been developed by family physicians affiliated with renowned academic institutions in the Region, and the curriculum is based on the competencies of Family Medicine/General Practitioner doctor as defined by the World Organization of Family Doctors (WONCA), the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) and the College of Family Physicians of Canada for the specialty of Family Medicine.



The Diploma is delivered by the Arab Board of Health Specializations (ABHS) and the WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean in collaboration with WONCA's regional office, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

Benefits

of the Regional Professional Diploma

- You can study for the Diploma while you work.
- You will update your medical knowledge and clinical skills.
- You can meet other doctors from different countries and share experiences.
- After successfully completing the Diploma, you have the opportunity to become a recognized Specialist in Family Medicine by completing two further years of supervised clinical work and passing the ABHS's certifying examinations.



Study methods

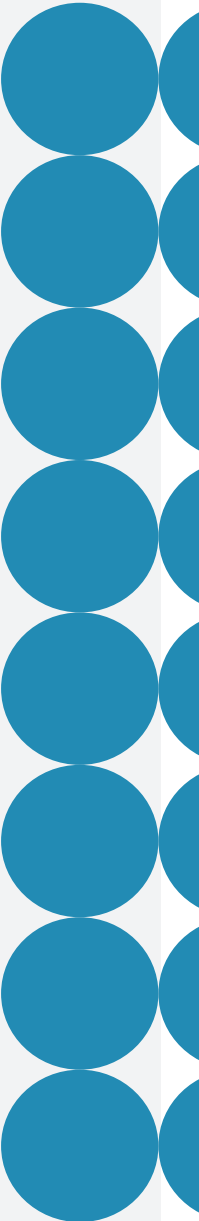
The training is delivered in a blended format through a mixture of online learning (including self-directed study, instruction and discussion) and face-to-face clinical training (teaching and discussion) with academic and supervisory support by tutors who are experts in family medicine. The online component is delivered through the Moodle learning management system and the Zoom platform. Face-to-face training is conducted in training centres accredited by the ABHS or national boards.

Duration

The Diploma takes two years (24 months). It is divided into eight terms with two six-week blocks per term.

Programme outline

The training programme is designed to give primary care physicians the appropriate knowledge, skills and attitudes to deliver compassionate, effective and evidence-based health care to individuals within their families and communities.






Learners need to complete eight core modules:

1. Family Medicine Concepts and Practice
 2. Noncommunicable Diseases
 3. Mental Health
 4. Adult Health: Common Medical and Surgical Problems
 5. Women's Health
 6. Child and Adolescent Health
 7. Elderly Health
 8. Family Medicine in Special Contexts
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Eligibility criteria

The Diploma is open to general physicians who have:

- at least five years of experience after earning medical degree;
 - at least three out of those five years practicing in primary health care centres accredited by ABHS or approved by the local/national government (ministry of health);
 - a valid license to practice medicine;
 - proficiency in English language; and use of computer.
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Admission process

Applicants need to:

- Complete the online registration form: www.emro.who.int/rpdfm/register.html.
- Submit the following documents: curriculum vitae, personal statement, certified original copy of their medical degree, valid medical practice license, employment/reference letter, a copy of their identification card and a personal portrait photo.

A committee composed of experts in family medicine will review all applications. Accepted applicants will then need to register through an accredited training centre in their country.

Tuition fees

Tuition fees for the Diploma are **US\$ 2300**. This covers registration, online access, training materials, webinars, clinical supervision and mentoring, and examination fees. Scholarships are available for a limited time.

Accreditation and recognition

The Diploma is recognized by the Arab Board of Health Specializations.

Study cohorts

There are two intakes of participants per year for the Diploma, in April and October.

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