



## Merck Foundation Corona Virus Response Program

### **Eligibility Guidelines for Postgraduate Diploma in Respiratory Medicine**

Duration: 1 - year online learning platform

- Eligibility:
  1. Bachelor's degree in Medicine and Surgery (Primary Medical Qualification) (e.g.: MBBS or MBChB)
  2. Candidates working within a public sector clinical setting. (Preferably)
  3. Recommendation from the Ministry of Health or Office of The First Lady (For Asian Countries- Recommendation letter from The Ministry of Health or Vice Chancellor/Dean/Rector of the Medical University or President of respective Society or Medical Association)
  4. Proof of English language proficiency
  5. Accessibility to stable internet connection
- Candidate needs to be given minimum 1 day off per week (by the Ministry), so that he/she can have adequate time for the course (to complete the modules within time).
- Candidate who wants to enroll for the course should have a good internet connection, since the course is online program. Candidates who do not have good internet connection should get good internet connection before joining the course.
- Candidate should be regular and sincere to ensure timely completion of modules. (Since the course is time bound, if not completed within time, course link will get deactivated)
- Candidate should be followed up and encouraged by Ministry of Health periodically to ensure candidate's compliance with modules.
- It is mandatory for the candidate to regularly update results of each modules to Ministry of Health and Merck Foundation till completion of the course.
- Candidate needs to provide and update his/her active contact details to Ministry of Health and Merck Foundation.

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- Candidate should provide name and contact details of his/her tutor assigned by the University to the Merck Foundation.
- Candidate needs to complete all the activities and the examination associated with the module, (Since assessment of module depends upon: Clinical case scenarios with case-based discussion - 40%, Individual learning portfolio - 10%, Group/individual activity - 20%, Case based examination - 30%; There will be total 6 modules in the course)
- Mentors from Merck Foundation will support the candidate throughout the Course and candidate should approach them in case of any difficulties.
- If candidate fails any module, he/she can resit that module with the next batch. University will allow resit for maximum 2 modules free of charge. Any further failures in modules (more than 2) requiring resit of modules will need to be paid by the student at a cost of £650/module. Merck Foundation will not be sponsoring any additional failed modules.
- If a candidate fails any two consecutive modules, his/her enrollment will be cancelled.
- Candidate needs to complete Diploma program within 12 months.
- Candidate can resit any failed module in the next available batch. Intake of new batch will be on March and September of each year.
- After completion of the Course, candidate should mentor and support the enrolled PG Diploma candidates with knowledge and experience he/she has acquired during the PG Diploma Course to enable candidates to complete the Course successfully and to support Healthcare Capacity Building across Africa & Developing Countries.
- Ministry of Health should ensure that all the candidates who successfully completes Diploma Program would be benefiting their communities either through establishing a Respiratory Medicine Clinic in their attached hospital or by setting up a Respiratory Medicine Clinic.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

