

In the Name of God

Islamic Republic of Iran
Ministry of Health and Medical Education
Deputy for Education

Family Medicine
Degree: Specialty

Program Description (Introduction):

According to the dictionaries of Epidemiology “General Health” is the science and art of disease prevention, life Longevity and health promotion through society organized efforts.

General health provision is the responsibility of health system including the spectrum of policy makers to health service providers. Among this group, physicians have the most important role in health service provision, and based on WHO programs family medicine specialists are the cornerstone of health service provision.

Family medicine program approach is health based, comprehensive responsive holistic Medicine for all families and community.

Graduates of the program will provide curative, health protective, preventive services and will promote community health.

Nowadays, family medicine specialty is presented in developed and developing countries such as the USA, UK, Canada, Scandinavia, France, and some Middle East countries (Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Qatar, and UAE. In 2010, Islamic republic of Iran decided to provide this specialty program

Definition and Duration of the training Program:

The graduates will provide comprehensive, continuous First level health care services. This specialty is an integration of different aspects of medical sciences including biologic, psychological, social and spiritual; and render services to genders, ages, races, and those from different socio-economic classes without any discrimination.

The gradates, acknowledging economic, social and cultural characteristics of the community, will provide needs oriented services in disease prevention, health promotion , diagnosis, disease treatment, rehabilitation, management, education and research.

The program is a combination of clinical and distance learning.

Program duration: 4 years

Admission Requirements

- Holding an MD degree
- Having passed the National Entrance Exam

Expected Competencies at the End of the Program

General Competencies* 

Specific Competencies and Skills

Internal Medicine:

Diagnostic Tests

(Chevostek, Phalen, Caloric Test, Cerebellar Function Test, Babinski reflex, Kerning, Brudzinski)

Instrumental Examination:

Endoscopy

Gate Analysis

Heart Auscultation

Competency in Laboratory and Para clinical Results Analysis (CBC, ABG,EKG, Echocardiography, ECT,.....)

Procedural Skills (Torachocentesis, EkG, LP, Defibrilation, FNA, Holter Monitoring, Endoscopy, Helicobacter respiratory Tests....)

Management of Different Aspects of Internal Medicine (Anemia, Burns, Asthma, DKA, ...)

Neonatal and Pediatrics :

Essential and basic diagnostic, management and interventional Skills

Emergency Medicine

Including diagnostic and managerial basic competencies

Urology /Surgery

Essential and basic diagnostic, management and interventional Skills

Obstetrics/Gynecology

Essential and basic diagnostic, management and interventional Skills

Orthopedics

Essential and basic diagnostic, management and interventional Skills

Ear, Nose & Throat

Essential and basic diagnostic, management and interventional Skills

Community Medicine

Essential and basic diagnostic, management and interventional Skills

Psychiatry

Essential and basic diagnostic, management and interventional Skills

Educational Strategies, Methods and Techniques* 

Student Assessment (Methods and Types)

Assessment Methods:

OSCE

Portofolio

Log Book

Assessment Periods:

Continuous

Final Exams

End of Each Rotation

Ethical Considerations* 

*Note: The related document(s) can be found at <http://hcmep.behdasht.gov.ir/>.

The overall structure of the course:

Educational Field	Duration
Community Medicine	2 Months
Family Medicine Clinic	1Months
Internal Medicine	3 Months
OB/Gyn	2 Months
Pediatrics	2 Months
Family Medicine Clinic	2 Months
Psychiatry	2 Months
Urology/Surgery	2 Months
Orthopedics	1 Month
Emergency Medicine	1 Month
Ear ,Nose & Throat	1 month
Family Medicine Clinic	2Months
Radiology	During the Course
Final Project	During the Course
Total	21

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