

FELLOWSHIP SYLLABUS ON REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH & FP – GCPS

Introduction: The fellowship in Reproductive Health and Family Planning (FP) of the Ghana College of Physicians and Surgeons (GCPS) is a 2-year fellowship programme and is in 2 parts:-

A year's Master's programme in Public Health and a second year spent in reproductive health and family planning. The syllabus is designed for residents who desire to advocate, design and practice reproductive health and FP at both the District / Regional as well as the Teaching Hospital and national levels.

1. OBJECTIVES:-

ON COMPLETION, THE Trainee should have sound knowledge and practice in the following:

A.

- (1) Clinical Training in reproductive health and FP in particular
- (2) Anatomy and physiology of the reproductive system of both sexes.
- (3) All methods of contraception currently available and under investigation
- (4) All methods of pregnancy termination

- (5) Ultrasonography related to contraception and abortion
- (6) All diagnostic methods to confirm uterine and tubal pregnancy
- (7) Anesthesia and pain control
- (8) Treatment of complications of termination of pregnancy and contraception
- (9) Psychosocial Aspect of Contraception Use and Abortion
- (10) Gynaecologic screening and surgery for premalignant lesions
- (11) Reproductive tract infections
- (12) Practices, policies and research relating to reproductive health and family planning.

B. They will also undertake a 2-month district rotation in a FP clinic.

C. Research – (i) Presentation of dissertation proposal

(ii) Presentation of dissertation for the final examination

2. SELECTION OF TRAINEES

To qualify to join the training programme, applicants must have practiced at the district level healthcare delivery for at least one year in the past and / or at least one year after obtaining the membership in obstetrics and gynaecology of the GCPS.

Other candidates with a registrable membership or fellowship in O&G from other colleges may also be considered.

An interview will be conducted for the final selection of applicants into the programme.

3. SYLLABUS

The programme will run in accordance with the learning guide in Reproductive Health & FP of the University of Michigan which is attached.

This program is subject to modification from time to time to suit peculiar Ghanaian national or West Africa conditions.

4. MENTORSHIP

Selected faculty members in the two departments of O & G at the training institutions (i.e. the Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital and the Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital) who have interest in reproductive health & FP and have been practicing it will act as local mentors for the trainees.

5. PROGRAM OF TRAINING

The first year of training leading to the award of an MPH will be run by the school of Public Health at the University of Ghana. An MPH from another school of public health recognized by the GCPS may be considered in lieu of the MOH programme run by the school public health of the University of

Ghana. The MPH dissertation should preferably be on a topic pertinent to reproductive health.

For the second year of training at either KBTH or KATH, the focus of training will be on the 12 objectives listed above, a 2-month rotation in a FP clinic at a district hospital as well as research. All through the training programme, a logbook will be kept by the trainee documenting all his training activities.

6. RESEARCH

- Presentation of proposal at end of first year
- Presentation of dissertation for final examination.

7. ASSESSMENT FOR CERTIFICATION

- LOGBOOK – Activities and procedures witness, assisted and performed.
- Quarterly assessment by faculty including a review of the logbook.
- a 15-minute presentation of the dissertation to an examining panel, which should include an external examiner who is a reproductive health practitioner.

Oral examination on the dissertation by the panel.