

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

LI KA SHING FACULTY OF MEDICINE

Department of Microbiology

Postgraduate Diploma in Infectious Diseases (PDipID)

Credit Unit Statement

The two-year Postgraduate Diploma in Infectious Diseases (PDipID) curriculum consists of three different types of courses according to the modes of learning. Taking reference from the norm for a 3-credit course as to embrace 60 – 90 hours of student learning activity (including both contact hours and all other forms of student learning activity), the six compulsory courses range from 3 to 18 credits. Assessment is based on a combination of continuous assessment comprising quizzes, microbiology laboratory rounds, bedside consultations, case discussions and oral presentations (0-100%). Students are required to submit a clinical research project and a topical literature study (Literature review). The three categories of courses of the PDipID courses are summarized as follows:

1. Lecture courses (9 credits)

MICR6001-MICR6003 Infectious Diseases Updates I/II/III

These course(s) focus on the discussion of up-to-date issues of Infectious Diseases. Topics of epidemiology and cases of infectious diseases will be delivered by staff members of the University and practicing medical professionals in various hospitals in Hong Kong. A total of six lectures will be delivered over a period of two years. Students will be assessed by 6 written quizzes (100%) after completion of each individual course.

Total learning hours: 180-240 hours

2. Clinical course (15 credits)

MICR6004 Infectious Diseases Clinical Attachment

The clinical course provides an opportunity for students to reinforce the clinical skills in managing patients with infectious diseases through supervised clinical consultations, ward and laboratory rounds, case discussions and presentations. The mode of assessment is continuous assessment covering performance in ward/laboratory rounds (30%), case discussion (30%) and presentations (40%).

Total learning hours: 300 - 450 hours

3. *Clinical Research Project Courses (36 credits)*

MICR6005 Infectious Diseases Research Project (18 credits)

A clinical and/or laboratory surveillance project will be conducted over a period of at least 3 months in the candidate's affiliated hospital in collaboration with the Department of Microbiology, HKU on a topic of his/her clinical practice/sub-specialty so that the candidate can better understand the skills of epidemiological surveys. The candidate, under the supervision of staff member(s) of the Department of Microbiology, has to collect data/information from his/her own affiliated hospital for his/her selected topic. The output may include a clinical research project with at least 2,000 words (Assessment: 100%).

Total learning hours: 360 - 540 hours

MICR6006 Infectious Diseases Literature Studies (Literature Review) (18 credits)

A comprehensive summary on an assigned topic related to infectious disease should be submitted. Candidates are required to conduct a literature search and review all the relevant medical publications extensively on the assigned topic. The output may include a topical project with at least 1,500 words (Assessment: 100%).

Total learning hours: 360 - 540 hours

The following table summarizes the details of the three categories of courses under the PDipID curriculum:

Nature of courses	Course	Credits	Learning hours	Output	Assessment
Lecture courses	MICR6001 Infectious Diseases Updates I	3	60-80	Quizzes, topical project (1,500 words), clinical research project (2,000 words), presentations and case discussions	100% written quizzes
	MICR6002 Infectious Diseases Updates II	3	60-80		100% written quizzes

	MICR6003 Infectious Diseases Updates III	3	60-80		100% written quizzes
Clinical Course	MICR6004 Infectious Diseases Clinical Attachment	15	300 - 450		100% continuous assessment
Clinical Research Project Courses	MICR6005 Infectious Diseases Clinical Attachment	18	360 - 540		100% project report
	MICR6006 Infectious Diseases Literature Studies (Literature Review)	18	360 - 540		100% project report
Total learning hours:			1200 - 1800		