



## Postgraduate Diploma in Healthcare Quality & Patient Safety

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### Information – 2025/26 Intake

Postgraduate Diploma in Healthcare Quality & Patient Safety (PGDipHQPS) is a one-year online program, conducted by the Department of Medical Microbiology and Immunology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo. It is designed for all healthcare professionals. It aims to train healthcare professionals about patient safety, including how systems impact the quality and safety of healthcare. It also addresses the issues related to communication, medication errors, teamwork, infection control, and safety culture. The expert resource persons will discuss ways to manage these challenges and how to develop strategies to prevent errors using real-time case scenarios.

#### Entry Criteria:

- Basic degree in any field related to health and worked for at least one year in a health care setting; **OR**
- Professional qualification in health from a recognized professional body acceptable to the faculty board of FMUC with three years' work experience in any sector of a healthcare setting; **OR**
- Any other Diploma from a recognized University/ Institution or an equivalent qualification related to health and recognized by the Faculty Board of FMUC with five years' work experience in a healthcare setting; **AND**
- Currently employed in a healthcare institution.

#### Selection criteria:

Candidates will be selected based on their qualifications, performance in an interview, and a competency assessment examination (computer literacy and English knowledge). The interview and the selection examination will be held online.

#### Course details:

<b>SLQF Level</b>	: 8
<b>Credit Hours</b>	: 32
<b>Duration</b>	: 12 months (two semesters)
<b>Course Delivery</b>	: Online



### **Teaching and Learning:**

Lectures will be conducted online on Saturdays. All lectures will be recorded and uploaded to the Post Graduate Learning Management System of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo.

Apart from lectures, there are online discussions as well as self-directed learning.

There is a panel of experts including University lecturers, the Ministry of Health consultants, and consultants from independent organizations/ private sector.

### **Course outline:**

The course has eight modules: Introduction to Patient Safety and Healthcare Quality, Principles of Quality Healthcare, Management of Quality of Care, Clinical Audit, Patient Safety Culture, Principles of infection control, Effective teamwork in healthcare systems and Problem-solving methodology, and Common medical errors.

### **Assessments:**

- Continuous assessment (CA) – Each module will have an assignment which is mandatory to be eligible for the final examination. Assignments can be in different forms, including essays, reports, literature reviews, and clinical audits.

40% of the summative mark will be contributed to these assignments.

- End of course examination - End of course examination would consist of a two-hour MCQ paper and a three-hour essay paper. This will be held on-site at the Faculty of Medicine premises.
- The final summative assessment mark constitutes 60% of the end-of-course examination and 40% of the continuous assessment.

**Fee:** Please refer to the advertisement.

**Refunds:** If a student decides to leave the course fees will normally be refunded. The student will need to submit a written request with their original signature to the course coordinator requesting the refund. The refunds are considered on a case-by-case basis and the refund will be calculated according to the student's registration/ participation in course activities etc.