Keele University and FSRH Postgraduate Course in Medical Education
Keele / FSRH Equivalency

Terminology & abbreviations: see the website document General Training terminology

Introduction: Individuals who wish to use a current qualification in medical education to gain FSRH Faculty Registered Trainer (FRT) status need to demonstrate equivalency with the current Keele University and FSRH Postgraduate Course in Medical Education requirements.

Instructions: Applications should be addressed in writing to the Chair of the General Training Committee (GTC), at the above address, and should demonstrate evidence that the qualification and experience held by the applicant is equivalent to that of the Keele University and FSRH Postgraduate Course in Medical Education. Applicants are required to obtain the support of a sexual health teaching colleague who is well known to the applicant and able to verify appropriate details in the application. Such a colleague will usually be a General Training Programme Director (GTPD) and is termed the ‘Sponsor’ below.

Applicants should be aware that equivalency relates to both a knowledge and grasp of the principles of medical education in addition to meeting the FSRH standards of an understanding of the Diploma qualification. These include competence as a trainer for the practical sessions and the assessments required for ACP and RDCP which constitute the additional FSRH requirements to apply for Faculty Registered Trainer status, over and above passing the Keele University and FSRH Postgraduate Course in Medical Education.

The Chair of the GTC reserves the right to refer the application to the Masters Programme Director (Medical Education) at the University of Keele for a decision about the alignment of the qualifications.

Background details: FSRH agreed the overall learning outcomes for the Keele University and FSRH Postgraduate Course in Medical Education in 2011. Individuals who gain the Keele University and FSRH Postgraduate Course in Medical Education will be able to:

1. Provide effective support and facilitate the development of individual trainees.
2. Accurately use relevant assessment techniques.
3. Ensure their practice is informed by relevant educational theory and by principles of equality and diversity.
4. Engage in regular and effective self-directed professional development as a teacher.
These four essential learning outcomes have been supported by the structure of the Keele University and FSRH Postgraduate Course in Medical Education. The course design and its assessments are aligned so that participants are able to demonstrate all the abilities of an effective teacher, namely scholarly activity, reflective practice, teaching skills and feedback skills. These are demonstrated through the assignment (planning and undertaking some teaching, receiving feedback on the teaching and changing practice as a result of the reflection and research into the subject) and the portfolio (active reflection on their teaching practice). The learning outcomes of Modules 1 and 2 of the Masters in Medical Education at Keele University form the core of the qualification together with FSRH specific competencies to confirm knowledge and the ability to assess candidates for Diploma of Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare.

The details below aim to help applicants determine the alignment of the course they have completed with the current Keele University and FSRH Postgraduate Course in Medical Education.

**Module 1 (15 (CAT) Credits) Introduction to Medical Education**

Learning Objectives: students will be expected to –

Develop Core knowledge in:

- The appropriate methods for teaching and learning in the subject area and at the level of their academic programme.
- The models of how students learn, both generically and in their subject.
- The use of learning technologies appropriate to the context in which the teaching will be undertaken. The methods for monitoring and evaluating your own teaching. The implications of quality assurance for practice.

Develop Professional Values:

- Demonstrate a commitment to scholarship in teaching, both generally and within own discipline.
- Demonstrate respect for individual learners and for their development and empowerment.
- Demonstrate a commitment to the development of learning communities, including students, teachers and all those engaged in learning support.
- Demonstrate a commitment to encouraging participation in higher education and to equality of educational opportunity.
- Demonstrate a commitment to continuing reflection and evaluation of their own practice with consequent improvement on their own practice.

**Module 2 (15 (CAT) Credits) Teaching Methods and Theories of Learning**

Learning Objectives: Students will be expected to –

- Critically evaluate some of the important theories and principles of learning and integrate elements of these theories into their own teaching practice.
- Demonstrate how they have synthesised this learning to enhance their teaching practice.
- Demonstrate self-direction and originality in tackling and solving problems, and be able to act autonomously in planning and implementing tasks at a professional or equivalent level.

Students undertaking Module 2 also complete a 3000 word essay based on two peer observed teaching sessions. Students should demonstrate how the theoretical approaches which underpin the lesson plan design have been selected in relation to the overall purpose of the lesson.

Students are also asked to submit a Portfolio of their teaching experience. Within the portfolio, particular emphasis is placed on developing educational environments and student support for learning, in the context of clinical teaching.
Applicants should run through the checklist and complete the right hand column to indicate evidence towards supporting competency in the relevant area. Such evidence is likely to be found largely in the course details and breakdown of their previous medical education qualification, details of which and a copy certificate should be provided with the application. Applicants may self-certify where indicated (self/cert) and may seek the signed support of a colleague in other areas.
Application Form for completion

CORE INFORMATION

Please complete clearly in black ink

Name of Applicant: 

GMC/NMC No: 

Address: 

County: 

Postcode: 

Current Post: 

Main Employer: 

Faculty Qualification(s) held:

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Details of currently held qualification in medical education (to include year of qualification, basic course content and what assessments took place during the course) -

Experience as a sexual health teacher – please detail
The applicant should attach hard copies of their experience in each area together with written reflections and observer comments.

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<td>Good standard of spoken and written English</td>
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<td>Completion of e-learning modules for FSRH Diploma (DFSRH/NDFSRH) within 12 months of this application</td>
<td>Self-certification</td>
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<td>Attendance at and understanding of Course of 5 FSRH Diploma</td>
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<td>Current Educational Personal Development Plan</td>
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<td>Examples (at least 4) of teaching experience in the last 12 months.</td>
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<td>Participation in sexual health service delivery in the last 12 months</td>
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<td>Undertake a small group teach (ideally at Course of 5)</td>
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<td>Undertake teaching a practical skill (could be at Course of 5)</td>
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<td>Demonstrate awareness/experience of a difficult trainee/difficult training situation</td>
<td>A personal written reflection about the episode should be submitted as evidence.</td>
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DETAILS of SPONSOR

The sponsor would usually be a local General Training Programme Director (GTP/D). Where this is not the case, the Sponsor should outline details of which GTP the applicant would join if successful in this application and verify that the GTPD is aware of the application.

| Name of Sponsor (usually a GTPD): |________________________________________|
| LoC Med / Keele University and FSRH Postgraduate Course in Medical Education No DI/FI: |
| General Training Programme (GTP) reference: |
| Sponsor contact telephone number: |
| Name of local GTPD___________________________ TP Number_____________ |
| Contact e-mail of GTPD___________________________ |
| Comments by the Sponsor |

SPONSOR’S DECLARATION

I certify that I know the applicant professionally and am able to assess the teaching competency of the applicant for equivalency for FRT status. I confirm the candidate has undertaken the specified requirements and that I have examined and verified the evidence and documents in full and believe it to be true.

PRINT NAME: _______________________
SIGNATURE: _______________________
Date: ____________________________

The PGA Lead or representative will wish to speak to the sponsor personally as part of the review process. Please complete contact details with an e-mail address and mobile number as above

Email: ____________________________
Mobile: ____________________________

The Data Protection Act (1998) requires organisations or agencies collecting personal data on individuals to gain their consent before collecting, storing, publishing or analyzing their data. By completing and signing this application form you are giving your consent for your data to be stored on databases used by the Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare (FSRH) of the RCOG for the purposes of administrating its membership database. All data will be treated with the strictest confidence and will only be used for legitimate FSRH purposes.

The applicant confirms that he / she hold both registration and a licence to practise with the UK GMC or that nurses applicants are on the UK NMC register (excluding RN Level 2).
APPLICANT

Probity statement:

• I am not currently the subject of any serious managerial or clinical complaints and agree to inform the FSRH should such an event arise.

☐ I accept the professional obligations placed on doctors in Good Medical Practice in relation to probity, confidentiality and personal health (Doctors).

OR

☐ I accept the professional obligations placed on nurses by the Nursing and Midwifery Council (Nurses).

All clinicians, teachers and assessors are expected to work within their professional standards and guidelines.

You are referred to the statements on probity and teaching and training, appraising and assessing in the ‘Good Medical Practice’ document published by the General Medical Council (http://www.gmc-uk.org/guidance/good_medical_practice/teaching_training.asp)


PRINT NAME: 

SIGNATURE: Date:

On completion of the form, the applicant should send

   a) The Application Form duly completed
   b) Copy of previous medical education qualification certificate
   c) Copy of current Educational Personal Development Plan
   d) Appropriate evidence as agreed with the sponsor to assist the General Training Committee in making a decision.

The relevant evidence as detailed above, along with a cheque for £50 made payable to the "Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare", should be submitted to the address below. The fee is to cover administrative costs and is non-refundable, irrespective of the outcome of the application.

The Certification Manager
Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare
of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists
27 Sussex Place
Regent’s Park
London NW1 4RG

It is advisable to take a photocopy of the completed form prior to its dispatch.