

## Criteria for Registration in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry

Any doctor can apply to be registered in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry if he/she fulfils ALL the following requirements:

1. Fully registered with the Malaysian Medical Council (MMC) and hold a current Annual Practising Certificate (APC).
2. Registered as a psychiatrist in National Specialist Register (NSR).
3. Completed Postgraduate training in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at recognised centres subsequent to completion of training as a psychiatrist (refer item 1 of appendix)

**And**

possess skills in core procedures (refer item 2 of appendix)

4. Holds a recognised postgraduate qualification .

4.1.1) Successful completion of Fellowship in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Malaysia (3 year programme)

4.1.2) Successful completion of Career Postgraduate Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Training Program of Australia or New Zealand.

4.1.3) Subspecialty Certificate in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (listing in the General Medical Council Register, United Kingdom)

**Or**

Certificate of Completion of Specialist Training in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Royal College of Psychiatrists, United Kingdom

4.1.4) Equivalent qualifications from other recognized training programme. These will be given consideration on an individual case basis. Applicants are required to provide details of:

- i. Curriculum of the training programme.
- ii. Supervisors/Trainers' reports.

5. Notwithstanding the above, the SSC may consider applications from applicants who, while not possessing any of the above qualifications, have undergone recognized training before 24 August 2006, subject to satisfactory referees' reports.

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## Appendix

### 1. General Principles of Recognised Training in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry

- i. it should be practical in nature, involving 'hands-on' clinical training with the appropriate clinical responsibility borne by the trainee
- ii. the trainee should be well supervised primarily by child and adolescent psychiatrists with sufficient experience and seniority and with the assistance of other mental health professionals (e.g. clinical psychologists, psychotherapists)
- iii. academic content should cover the appropriate aspects of child and adolescent development, common child and adolescent psychiatric disorders, comprehensive management and multidisciplinary teamwork
- iv. there should be sufficient workload as well as breadth and depth of child and adolescent psychiatry services in the training centres to ensure adequate learning opportunities
- v. training should include liaison with Pediatrics, child abuse management services and other relevant services for children and adolescents

### 2. Core competencies:

- 2.1 Interviewing skills in children and adolescents including communication skills and skills in history-taking and mental state examination
- 2.2 Basic Child and Adolescent Psychotherapy skills including Family Therapy
- 2.3 Psychopharmacological therapy
- 2.4 Psychoeducation and Mental Health Promotion

3. be actively involved in the management of child and adolescent psychiatry patients throughout the age range of 0 – 18 years for significant portions of their daily work schedule

4. satisfy the SSC (as judged from referees' reports) that he/she is able to practice independently as a child and adolescent psychiatrist.

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