



THE UNIVERSITY  
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Post Graduate Programme  
Faculty of Medical Sciences



## **Diploma in Family Medicine DM Family Medicine**

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A face-to-face residency postgraduate Family Medicine degree has been offered by Cave Hill since 1981. Despite its popularity, enrolment is restricted so to facilitate the training of a greater number of doctors a non-resident programme was added in 2004. Using distance teaching methods, plus the requirement that students attend specified supervised clinic sessions, the programme has accommodated the training of doctors in and outside of Barbados. Doctors from Barbados, Dominica, St. Lucia, Antigua, and St. Vincent have been enrolled.

### DIPLOMA IN FAMILY MEDICINE

The Diploma is designed to be completed in 2 years and eligible candidates must be working in Family Medicine or an approved post in Primary Care either in the private or public sector. Candidates are required to complete the academic modules as well as the clinical work to be entitled to sit the Diploma exam.

A preceptor is assigned to supervise each student who will be required to attend 50 clinic sessions supervised by specialists in various fields and complete 120 hours of supervised Family Practice clinic sessions. The modalities employed for the teaching of non-resident students are:

- (1) Blackboard Collaborate: Via multimedia technology, lectures are delivered and tutorial groups are conducted. To participate, students will need a computer, internet connection, microphone and speakers.
- (2) myeLearning: This software is similar to WebCT and allows students to access course materials, submit assignments, and participate in asynchronous tutorials.

### MODULES

The following twelve 6-week academic modules are completed over the 2 year Diploma programme:

- Teaching and Learning in Primary Care,
- Evidence Based Medicine,
- The Consultation and Communication,
- Medical Ethics and the Doctor-Patient Relationship,
- Health Promotion, Screening and Risk Assessment,
- Chronic Disease in Primary Care,
- Human Sexuality and STDs,
- Child Health,
- Gender Issues / Women's Health,
- Care of the Elderly,
- Mental Health / Counselling; and
- Medico-legal issues.

Candidates who are successful at the Diploma may apply for the DM.

The programme covers further modules and clinic attachments as well as a course in Research Methods and a research project.



## DM FAMILY MEDICINE

The Faculty also offers a four year resident DM Family Medicine programme. To be considered for entry to the DM, applicants must have a post at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital (QEH) and be attached to the General Practice Unit, situated within the Edgar Cochrane Polyclinic or a designated Ministry of Health post at the Branford Taitt Polyclinic. These clinics are teaching units supervised by a university lecturer. The DM programme requires rotations at the QEH in Medicine, Surgery, Paediatrics, Obstetrics & Gynaecology and Psychiatry, and there is the opportunity for a 3 month elective. Day release sessions are done in Orthopaedics, ENT and Ophthalmology and Dermatology.

During the first three years, DM residents attend the same online teaching sessions, complete the

same modules, and do the same examinations as the non-residents. In the fourth and final year of the DM, students are required to complete a research project or submit a casebook.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

To be considered for entry, applicants should possess a MBBS degree or its equivalent, have successfully completed their internship, and have an appropriate job in primary care.

## COST

For current costs of the programme and University fees, log on to the website for the School for Graduate Studies and Research at [www.cavehill.uwi.edu/gradstudies](http://www.cavehill.uwi.edu/gradstudies).

Programme Fees and University Registration fees are subject to change.

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Business Administration

Masters in Entrepreneurship  
and Innovation



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