

Prospectus: Doctor of Medicine in General Medicine and Board Certification General Medicine (effective from June 2016)

Sections: 3 & 4.2

Current Section 3: Eligibility for Entry into Training Programme

To be eligible to sit for the Medicine Selection Examination and to be selected for admission to the Programme, a candidate should fulfill all of the following eligibility criteria:

1. Hold a medical degree registered with the Sri Lanka Medical Council (SLMC).
2. Complete an internship recognized by the SLMC.
3. Complete one year work experience in Sri Lanka, after internship
4. Have six (6) months of experience in general medicine as an intern house officer, and/or six (6) months of experience as a full-time medical officer after internship (consecutively or in total), with both in-ward and out-patient care, with first-on-call commitments, under the supervision of a full-time specialist, in general medicine or in cardiology, clinical oncology, dermatology, gastroenterology, nephrology, neurology, respiratory medicine, or rheumatology.
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6. Comply with any other PGIM regulations.

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Section 4.2

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The practical component consists of an Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE)-type practical examination. It has 12 stations, each lasting 5 minutes. Each station will have two examiners assessing the candidates. Assessment at these stations will be domain-based. The domains assessed in the examination are:

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- Plus: One Station devoted to Basic and Advanced Life Support (BALS) skills

Apart from the BALS Station, any given station may assess any number of domains, and for each assessed domain the candidate will be graded as Unsatisfactory (0 mark), Borderline (1 mark) or Satisfactory (2 marks). The number of marks available for each station will vary according to the number of domains assessed. The total number of marks in any one domain as well as for the whole practical component will also vary. The total mark will be brought to a final mark of 100. In addition, the total mark for each domain will also be calculated separately.

The competencies tested in the practical component are given in Annex 2.

To be successful at the practical component, a candidate must:

1. Obtain a Pass in the BALS station
2. Obtain a minimum mark of 40% of available marks in each domain (A-G)
3. Obtain a minimum overall mark of 50%.

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