



Professional Certificate in Medico-Legal Aspects of Healthcare

COURSE AIMS

The main aim of the course is to equip students with the vital general and specialist knowledge relating to the main and core medico-legal aspects of healthcare. The course also aims to enable students to present their ideas coherently and with confidence especially in relation to the professional aspects of medical law and medico-legal aspects of healthcare.

COURSE FEATURES

Blended learning including lectures, seminars, workshops and case studies. Taught by professionals and experts working in the fields of law and medicine. Students will have the opportunity to hear and interact with senior members of the Bench (judges) and Bar (barristers) and with specialist solicitors at lectures and panel discussions.

Covers medico-legal aspects of healthcare:

- an introduction to clinical risk management and risk management in practice
- issues of patient safety and quality
- introduction to the legal system
- medical negligence, health and safety issues in healthcare
- patient consent, confidentiality and privacy, beginning and end of life issues, medical research, medico-ethical aspects of law and medical ethics
- medical litigation issues
- Plaintiff and Defendant perspectives
- the Coroner's Court
- Fitness to Practice and professional regulation
- practical aspects of expert witness and evidence in cases, and approaches to medical litigation.

Emphasises practical application of this knowledge and training in healthcare and medico-legal settings.

Students who have successfully completed the Professional Certificate in Medico-Legal Aspects of Healthcare can continue into Term 2 and complete the Graduate Diploma in Healthcare Risk Management and Quality and are then eligible to apply for a one year part-time MSc in Healthcare Risk Management and Quality.

COURSE DETAILS

Major code	X673
Duration	4 Months (Sept - Dec)
Schedule	Part-Time
Next intake	September

WHO IS THIS COURSE AIMED AT

This course provides training for healthcare providers, doctors, dentists, nurses, physiotherapists, radiographers, other healthcare professionals and personnel, hospital managers, clinical risk advisors/managers, hospital managers/directors, administrators and other professionals working directly or indirectly in the fields of patient quality, safety and clinical risk management, and will also be direct professional interest to healthcare lawyers and those involved in claims management.

WHAT WILL WE LEARN?

The course will provide training for clinical and managerial healthcare professionals and lawyers involved in the medico-legal aspects of healthcare and in the areas of clinical risk management - leading to the award of a Professional Certificate in Medico-Legal Aspects of Healthcare. This is an appropriate qualification for professionals practising in the medico-legal fields of healthcare, clinical risk management and patient safety in addition to, or as part of, their work.

The skills learned will provide the basis for participation in claims for healthcare and legal professionals and clinical risk management, risk management and patient safety committees and for further training as a risk /patient safety advisor/manager. The knowledge acquired will be applied to the improvement of patient safety and care, to the prevention and management of legal claims and to healthcare delivery in general. The qualification may also be suitable to those in the fields of claims management and those specialising in healthcare law.