

Postgraduate Diploma in Aesthetic Surgery 2006-08

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The Centre for Cutaneous Research

The Centre, based at the Royal London Hospital, part of the Barts and the London NHS Trust, has an international reputation for teaching and research in dermatology. The Clinical Dermatology Service serves a large population in East London. In addition, there is a large group of full time clinical and non-clinical research workers in the research laboratories within the Centre for Cutaneous Research. A major research programme has been in place for more than 15 years in collaboration with initially, St Andrew's Hospital Billericay, and more recently, Broomfield Hospital for research in Cell and Tissue Engineering. The CCR was the first to use laboratory-grown skin to treat burns and chronic wounds in the UK in the early 1980s. This has led to the establishment of research fellowships for many young plastic surgeons and they have had some success in acquiring higher degrees, and providing tissue engineered products for patients around London. As a result of this the CCR has now established an academic group of plastic surgeons, who have led the development of a novel postgraduate degree of the University of London for Aesthetic Surgery.

The PGDipAes Surg Course

Who's who

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Course leads

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Contributors

Many UK plastic and aesthetic surgeons

The PGDipAesSurg Course

The Diploma course leads to a postgraduate degree from the University of London: PGDipAesSurg.

It is a:

- Two-year, part-time course
- Web-based distance-learning programme

The maximum intake for the course in the first year is 12 part-time students

The course is designed specifically to provide a core curriculum for established surgeons or surgical trainees, who wish to practise in the field of aesthetic surgery following completion of specialist training. The course starts in October and runs for two academic years.

Course content

This intensive course consists of a mixture of structured distance learning, DVD/theatre-based clinical teaching, and a dissertation. We cover the entire spectrum of aesthetic surgery with an emphasis on fundamental principles and instruction in a wide range of techniques.

Specific topics are covered in a total of eight modules, four per year, each with up to 10 teaching packages comprising:

- On-line text, selected reading, self-assessments, discussion forum, and voiced support.
- DVDs covering filmed discussion and techniques

Clinical training days will be provided for up to four days, with video links to theatre. Candidates are also expected to gain additional experience by attending surgical centres locally.

Assessment

- Each of the teaching packages includes a weekly assignment, of which 80 per cent must be successfully completed
- A 10,000-word dissertation must be submitted based on detailed analysis of five plastic surgery aesthetic patients
- An assessment must be passed at the end of each module and an examination must be passed at the end of the course

The modules

1. Skin Physiology, covering normal biology and disease processes of skin together with the physiology of ageing

2. Medicolegal and Psychiatric Aspects of Plastic Surgery, including consent and anaesthesia

3. Implants and Biomaterials, studying the biology and surgical use of various implant materials including bone, cartilage and alloplasts

4. Specialist Techniques including liposuction, tissue expansion, dermabrasion, lasers, peels, hair colour etc

- 5/6. Plastic Surgery of the Head and Neck, covering diagnostic and surgical management for a wide variety of aesthetic deformities, and non-invasive aesthetic procedures

7. Plastic Surgery of the Trunk and Breast to identify congenital and acquired disorders and their surgical management

8. Dissertation

Entry requirements

Qualification requirements for the course are MBBS; MRCS or equivalent and entry into training for a CCST in surgery/or equivalent.

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