

Paediatric Rehabilitation Training Program for Physiotherapist and Occupational Therapist

Introduction

The Society for the Relief of Disabled Children (The Society) and the Hong Kong West Cluster, Hospital Authority (HKWC/HA) aim at maximizing knowledge and expertise for professionals in physiotherapy and occupational therapy for the benefit of paediatric patients with orthopaedic problems such as scoliosis, spinal deformities and cerebral palsy as well as children with neuro-developmental disorder, neurological and degenerative diseases. Paediatric Rehabilitation Training Program for Physiotherapist and Occupational Therapist, a pilot program co-organized by the Society and HKWC/HA, has been developed for practising Physiotherapists and Occupational Therapists who have strong interest in further developing in the area of Paediatric Rehabilitation.

Applications are now open from practising Physiotherapists and Occupational Therapists in Hong Kong in attending the Program. Upon completion of the Program, successful applicants would be able to apply their acquired expertise gained through the training to work independently in the field of Paediatric Rehabilitation, serving both in HA hospitals and the community.

Details of Program

The Program will be a structured practical training in the hospitals of the Hong Kong West Cluster in 6 months duration on full time basis. Successful candidate who cannot undertake full time training may be considered for part-time training of 3 days a week for a period of 12 months.

Curriculum related to physiotherapy will include:

- (i) Neonatal and Paediatric in-patient care
- (ii) Paediatric Orthopaedics (spine, upper & lower limbs, cerebral palsy, deformities)
- (iii) Neurodevelopmental and Neurorespiratory in & outpatient training
- (iv) Paediatric aquatic therapeutic program
- (v) Instrumented Gait Analysis evaluation

The training areas related to occupational therapy will include:

- (i) Developmental Assessment/Treatment
- (ii) Ventilator Dependent Program
- (iii) Oro-motor Rehab Program
- (iv) Paediatric Orthopaedics
- (v) Paediatric Burns
- (vi) Seating Services
- (vii) Cerebral Palsy Rehab
- (viii) Acute in-patient paediatrics
- (ix) Paediatric group programmes

Details of the curriculum may be tailored for successful candidates in line with individual experience and background. The training format will include clinical attachments, mentoring, case conferences/ward rounds, participation in study or research, and visits.

Training Sponsorship

Training subsidy of \$6,000 per month will be sponsored to each full-time trainee or on pro rata basis to part-time trainee, who is released in attending the Program without pay or who is not currently employed. For trainee with paid salary in attending the Program, the training subsidy will be allocated to sponsor the employing organizations.

Eligibility

Applicants who are practising Physiotherapists and Occupational Therapists in Hong Kong currently registered under the relevant Professional Board and with working experience may apply. Preference will be given to those therapists with experience in child patients.

Application Procedure

Application should be submitted in writing and reach the following office not later than 31 August 2004:

General Manager (Operations and Support)
The Duchess of Kent Children's Hospital at Sandy Bay
12 Sandy Bay Road
Pokfulam, Hong Kong

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