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SPECIALTY-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS (SSR)

(PSYCHIATRY)

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Preface

1. The Specialty-Specific Requirements (SSR) pertain to requirements within each specialty and specify the minimum requirements pertaining to the training curriculum, trainers, educational resources and head of programme.
2. The Specialty-Specific Requirements (SSR) are intricately linked to the MMC Malaysian Standards for Medical Specialist Training 2019, and the Standards and SSR must be read and applied together.

Specialty-Specific Minimum Requirements for Training Curriculum (Based on Area 1.2.4 of Malaysian Standards for Medical Specialist Training) - Psychiatry					
Specialty-Specific Requirements (Reference Standard)	Criteria				
1) Minimum entry requirements for postgraduate training (Standard 3.1.)	1. Fully registered with the Malaysian Medical Council with a current annual practicing certificate 2. Successful entry evaluation into the programme				
2) Minimum duration of training programme (Standard 1.2.4 - Table 2)	Completion of a minimum of 48 months of specialized training in the specialty programme				
3) Structure of training (rotation/modules) (Standard 1.2.4 - Table 3 & Table 4) Training overview Training rotation/modules and case mix	The program should have a clear pathway encompassing phases of training which shall include the basic and advanced components in psychiatry.				
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		Duration (weeks)
General Psychiatry	-	68
Subspecialty rotations Total: 76 weeks	Addiction Psychiatry	12
	Geriatric Psychiatry	12
	Community and Rehabilitation Psychiatry	12
	Child & Adolescent Psychiatry	16
	Neuropsychiatry/ Neurology	12
	Forensic Psychiatry	12
	Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry	12
	Advanced general psychiatry (including Leadership and Administrative Management in Psychiatry, Management in Psychiatry)	
*Duration of training per year is 48 weeks		
4) Assessments	Assessments should i. Employ appropriate methods and levels that are	

<p>(Standard 2.2.1)</p>	<p>well-aligned with learning outcomes. These include a variety of methods and tools such as written assessments, clinical assessments, supervisor’s report, logbook, attendance, training attended, practice diary, research report, formative assessment, communication skills including methods appropriate to assess ethics and professionalism.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii. Include formative and summative assessments throughout each rotation, semester, or year of study. iii. Include clear criteria for progression to next year of study. iv. Include an exit evaluation/assessment.
<p>5) Additional requirements for completion of training</p> <p>(Standard 1.2.4)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Completion of graduate-level research or clinical audit
<p>6) List of competencies to be acquired upon completion of training</p> <p>(Standard 1.1.4)</p>	<p><u>Generic competencies</u></p> <p>Able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Diagnose, investigate and manage common & complex psychiatry cases whilst considering social, health economics and preventive aspects ii. Anticipate and manage complications iii. Work independently and in teams competently and professionally iv. Practice good ethical conduct v. Practice good and effective communication skills vi. Perform critical review, plan and conduct scientific research vii. Exemplify self-advancement through continuous academic and/or professional development including digital health viii. Apply evidence-based medicine in the field of psychiatry ix. Demonstrate exemplary leadership qualities in the multi-disciplinary team management of psychiatry cases

	<p>x. Demonstrate an entrepreneurial mindset, creative problem-solving and resilience</p> <p><u>Specific specialty competencies</u></p> <p>The candidate should be able to diagnose and initiate management in the following areas of psychiatry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Addiction Psychiatryb) Forensic Psychiatryc) Geriatric Psychiatryd) Child & Adolescent Psychiatrye) Community & Rehabilitation Psychiatryf) Consultation-Liaison Psychiatryg) Neuropsychiatry/Neurology
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Note : These criteria represent the minimum standards. Each educational programme provider may exercise their autonomy to state criteria above and beyond these minimum standards.

**Specialty-Specific Minimum Requirements for Training
Centres and Head Programme (Based on Areas 3-6 of
Malaysian Standards for Medical Specialist Training) -
Psychiatry**

Item no	Specialty-Specific Requirements (Reference standard)	Criteria										
4	Trainer-to-trainee ratio (Standard 3.1.3)	1:4										
5	Minimum qualifications and experience of trainers (Standard 4.1.2)	i) Registered with National Specialist Register ii) Completed training-of-trainer course/equivalent										
6	Minimum requirements for educational resource (Standard 5.1.1)	Training centres must collectively provide services, equipment and a case mix as follows: i. Services <table border="1" data-bbox="802 1464 1361 1711" style="margin-left: 20px;"> <thead> <tr> <th align="center" colspan="2">Services</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td colspan="2">Inpatient and outpatient psychiatry services</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Community and rehabilitative services</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> ii. Equipment <table border="1" data-bbox="802 1928 1378 2101" style="margin-left: 20px;"> <thead> <tr> <th align="center">Equipment</th> <th align="center">Quantity</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Electroconvulsive therapy</td> <td align="center">1</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Services		Inpatient and outpatient psychiatry services		Community and rehabilitative services		Equipment	Quantity	Electroconvulsive therapy	1
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		<p>iii. Case Load</p> <p>The case load of the programme training centres must collectively be able to accommodate the following minimum requirements:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Areas</th> <th>Minimum Quantity (cases/trainee/year)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>New psychiatric cases</td> <td>80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Follow up cases</td> <td>160</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Areas	Minimum Quantity (cases/trainee/year)	New psychiatric cases	80	Follow up cases	160
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7	<p>Minimum qualifications and experience of Head of Programme</p> <p>(Standard 6.2.2)</p>	<p>i. 5 years or more of working experience after national specialist registration</p> <p>ii. Experience in administration and/or academic management.</p>						

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