

Course Information Sheet for entry in 2022-23: PGDip in Paediatric Infectious Diseases



About the course

The Postgraduate Diploma (PGDip) in Paediatric Infectious Diseases is a part-time course directing students through the syllabus required in Europe for clinical training in the subspecialty. The course is appropriate for those in Europe.

Worldwide, two-thirds of the deaths of children under five years of age are caused by infectious diseases, and the prevention and treatment of infections in children is the number one priority for global health. Thus, the department believes that professionally-oriented education in paediatric infectious diseases is essential in the training of clinicians and clinical academics who will provide the future leadership in this key area for global health.

The Postgraduate Diploma is a two-year, part-time course taught primarily online (with some residential components), providing you with an in-depth understanding of both the theoretical and practical aspects of paediatric infection. It also places the practice of paediatric infectious diseases in the broader context of applied sciences, such as pathogenesis, population biology and epidemiology.

The course will appeal to doctors who have experience in paediatrics, including trainees in paediatrics who have a specialist qualification equivalent to the Membership Examination of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (MRCPCH), specialist trainees in paediatric infectious diseases or relevant medical subspecialties, and clinical research fellows.

The syllabus covers the following topics:

- infectious syndromes
- therapeutics and infection control
- epidemiology, immunity and immunisation
- bacterial infections
- viruses
- imported tropical disease and mycobacterial infection
- congenital and neonatal infection, sexually transmitted diseases and parasitic disease
- the immunocompromised host
- fungal infections
- PentaTr@ining: 'HIV & Other Congenital Infections' Course

The majority of the teaching takes place online through a virtual learning environment (VLE), with online teaching discussions, interaction with tutors and other students, and access to an extensive resource library. Tutors will lead online discussions of the syllabus topics during timetabled weeks (on average three to four weeks per topic) which will be followed by study weeks to allow you to carry out self-directed study. This enables students from around the world to participate in the programme.

In addition to the online teaching, you are also required to attend three residential courses during the two years – two Infection and Immunity in Children (IIC) residential courses held in Oxford and one PENTATr@ining: 'HIV & Other Congenital Infections' three-day residential course in Rome. The PENTATr@ining: 'HIV & Other Congenital Infections' course takes place every other year. Students commencing the PGDip in September 2022 will therefore need to complete the 2024 HIV course during year two in order to meet the requirements of the PGDip prior to the 2024 Examination Board for this cohort. Alternatively, students commencing the PGDip in September 2022 who have already completed the PENTATr@ining: 'HIV & Other Congenital Infections' 2022 course may have this participation counted towards their PGDip.

The course is a result of a close collaboration between the University of Oxford Department of Paediatrics, the Department for Continuing Education and the European Society for Paediatric Infectious Diseases (ESPID).

The international panel of tutors is led by Professor Sir Andrew Pollard, Professor of Paediatric Infection and Immunity at the University of Oxford, and Honorary Consultant Paediatrician at the Children's Hospital, Oxford.

Supervision

The allocation of graduate supervision for this course is the responsibility of the Department for Continuing Education and it is not always possible to accommodate the preferences of incoming graduate students to work with a particular member of staff. Under exceptional circumstances a supervisor may be found outside the Department for Continuing Education.

Assessment

To complete the PGDip in Paediatric Infectious Diseases, you will need to:

- complete three 4,000-word written assignments, a short oral presentation, and an examination consisting of multiple-choice questions;
- attend two Infection and Immunity in Children (IIC) residential courses, held in Oxford;
- attend the PentaTr@ining: 'HIV & Other Congenital Infections' course in Paediatric medicine, held online;
- attend the PentaTr@ining: 'HIV & Other Congenital Infections' consolidating three-day residential course in Rome.
- participate in seven ESPID Online Case Rounds; and
- participate in six online quizzes, Self-Assessment Questions (SAQ's).

Changes to courses

The University will seek to deliver this course in accordance with the description set out above. However, there may be situations in which it is desirable or necessary for the University to make changes in course provision, either before or after registration. These may include significant changes made necessary by a pandemic (including Covid-19), epidemic or local health emergency. For further information, please see the University's Terms and Conditions (<http://www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/terms>) and our page on changes to courses (<http://www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/coursechanges>).

Expected length of course

	Part Time Only
Expected length	2 years

Costs

Annual fees for entry in 2022-23

Fee status	Annual Course fees
Home	£5,790
Overseas	£9,495

Further details about fee status eligibility can be found on the fee status webpage (<http://www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/feestatus>).

Course fees are payable each year, for the duration of your fee liability (your fee liability is the length of time for which you are required to pay course fees). For courses lasting longer than one year, please be aware that fees will usually increase annually. Information about how much fees and other costs may increase is set out in the University's Terms and Conditions (<http://www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/terms>).

Course fees cover your teaching as well as other academic services and facilities provided to support your studies. Unless specified in the additional cost information (below), course fees do not cover your accommodation, residential costs or other living costs. They also don't cover any additional costs and charges that are outlined in the additional cost information.

Additional cost information

This course requires participation in two instances of the Infection and Immunity in Children (IIC) course in Oxford, an internationally known residential course run jointly by the University of Oxford and the European Society for Paediatric Infectious Diseases (ESPID). The IIC course fee is approximately £640 to £850 for each instance, however enrolled students on the University of Oxford Postgraduate Diploma in Paediatric Infectious Diseases can apply for a bursary towards the course fees. You will also need to meet your own travel and accommodation costs in attending this course.

It is also a requirement that students participate in attend the online PentaTr@ining: 'HIV and Other Congenital Infections' course in Paediatric medicine and the consolidating 3-day residential course in Rome. This course runs every two years and you will need to attend at some stage prior to or during the two years of your Postgraduate Diploma. The costs for undertaking the online PentaTr@ining: 'HIV and Other Congenital Infections' is between £465 and £515. The costs for undertaking both the online course and the consolidating 3-day residential course in Rome is between £800 and £850. Please be aware that costs will usually increase annually.

The Department for Continuing Education offers a contribution towards these costs to Home students in the form of a reduction in the annual tuition fee of £1,250 per annum.

Living costs

In addition to your course fees, you will need to ensure that you have adequate funds to support your living costs for the duration of your course.

If you are studying part-time your living costs may vary depending on your personal circumstances but you must still ensure that you will have sufficient funding to meet these costs for the duration of your course.

The likely living costs for 2022-23 are published below. These costs are based on a single, full-time graduate student, with no dependants, living in Oxford. We provide the cost per month so you can multiply up by the number of months you expect to live in Oxford.

Likely living costs

	Likely living costs for 1 month		Likely living costs for 9 months		Likely living costs for 12 months	
	Lower range	Upper range	Lower range	Upper range	Lower range	Upper range
Food	£290	£410	£2,610	£3,690	£3,480	£4,920
Accommodation	£680	£810	£6,120	£7,290	£8,160	£9,720
Personal items	£135	£260	£1,215	£2,340	£1,620	£3,120
Social activities	£45	£120	£405	£1,080	£540	£1,440
Study costs	£45	£100	£405	£900	£540	£1,200
Other	£20	£55	£180	£495	£240	£660
Total	£1,215	£1,755	£10,935	£15,795	£14,580	£21,060

When planning your finances for any future years of study at Oxford beyond 2022-23, you should allow for an estimated increase in living expenses of 3% each year.

More information about how these figures have been calculated is available at www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/livingcosts.

Document accessibility

If you require an accessible version of the document please contact Graduate Admissions and Recruitment by email (graduate.admissions@admin.ox.ac.uk) or via the online form (<http://www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/ask>).