



Course Information Sheet for entry in 2020-21

PGDip in Paediatric Infectious Diseases

About the course

The Postgraduate Diploma (PGDip) in Paediatric Infectious Diseases is a part-time course designed to provide a variety of different teaching methods, both face-to-face and online, directing students through the syllabus required in the EU for clinical training in the subspecialty. The course is appropriate for those outside the EU.

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 via a blend of online and 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
- PENTA-ESPID Tr@inforPed Paediatric HIV Infection 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. 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 IIC in Oxford and one PENTA TrainforPedHIV course. The PENTA TrainForPedHIV course takes place every other year. Students commencing the PGDip in September 2020 will therefore need to complete the 2022 HIV course in order to meet the requirements of the PGDip prior to the 2022 Examination Board for this cohort. Alternatively, students commencing the PGDip in September 2020 who have already completed the 2018 or 2020 TrainForPed courses may have this participation counted towards their PGDip.

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 PENTA-HIV (Tr@inforPedHIV) residential training course in paediatric HIV medicine, held in Rome;
- complete the online PENTA-ESPID (Tr@inforPedHIV) module and online case discussion in paediatric HIV medicine;
- participate in seven ESPID Online Case Rounds; and
- participate in six online multiple choice sessions.

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 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.

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. For further information, please see the University's Terms and Conditions.

Expected length of course

Mode of study	Part Time Only
Expected length	2 years

Costs

Annual fees for entry in 2020-21

Fee status	Annual Course fees
Home/EU (including Islands)	£5,350
Overseas	£8,780

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.

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 involves 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), and also participation in and attendance at the online PENTA-ESPID HIV course and the associated residential component in Rome (3 days).

The IIC course fee is approximately £675 to £800 for each instance, however students in training posts can apply for a bursary towards the course fees. Please consult the IIC website for more information about trainee bursaries. The costs for undertaking the online PENTA-ESPID HIV course and the residential component in Rome are approximately £700 for the 3-day residential and online course combined, and £500 for the online course only (it is a requirement of the Postgraduate Diploma that students undertake both the residential and online components, but they do not necessarily have to be undertaken at the same time). These fees are set by the respective course organisers. You will also need to meet your own travel and accommodation costs in attending these courses.

The Department for Continuing Education offers a contribution towards these costs to Home and EU 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 2020-21 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 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	£270	£385	£2,430	£3,465	£3,240	£4,620
Accommodation	£630	£760	£5,670	£6,840	£7,560	£9,120
Personal items	£130	£245	£1,170	£2,205	£1,560	£2,940
Social activities	£45	£110	£405	£990	£540	£1,320
Study costs	£40	£95	£360	£855	£480	£1,140
Other	£20	£55	£180	£495	£240	£660
Total	£1,135	£1,650	£10,215	£14,850	£13,620	£19,800

When planning your finances for any future years of study at Oxford beyond 2020-21, 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.