



1. INTRODUCING HEALTHCERT

HealthCert is a global company dedicated to saving lives and improving patient outcomes through accredited primary care education.

In collaboration with leading subject specialists, we offer medical courses at professional certificate, advanced certificate and professional diploma levels for General Practitioners, Medical Health Professionals, Nurses and International Medical Graduates. All HealthCert courses are professionally accredited and provide access into multiple Master degree pathways and clinical attachment programs. Thousands of medical professionals across 34 countries have participated in our programs, known for their comprehensive nature and the ability to enable doctors to make a real difference to their patients and their practice.

2. PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

HealthCert is a Professional Education Provider. We provide CPD-accredited **professional development** training for medical professionals. HealthCert professional qualifications are named *Professional Certificate*, *Advanced Certificate* and *Professional Diploma* to clearly indicate the professional nature of the qualifications. We proudly go beyond compliance with the professional standards for education providers set by professional bodies, and we also self-impose reviews by university academics.

3. HEALTHCERT GRADUATE ATTRIBUTES

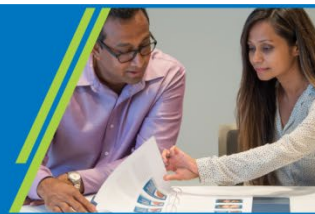
All HealthCert graduates demonstrate the following:

- **GA1. Factual knowledge in a special interest field**
HealthCert graduates demonstrate factual knowledge in a special interest field of professional studies at the appropriate level for the course they have undertaken.
- **GA2. Procedural knowledge in a special interest field**
HealthCert graduates demonstrate knowledge of specific procedures in a special interest field at the appropriate level for the course they have undertaken.
- **GA3. Safe and careful attitudes**
HealthCert graduates demonstrate a safe and careful attitude within a special interest field of professional studies.

4. PROGRAM OUTCOMES FOR PROFESSIONAL DIPLOMA LEVEL

Within a specific field of interest, Professional Diploma graduates will be able to demonstrate all of the following:

- ✓ Comprehensive factual knowledge (A1)
- ✓ Comprehensive procedural knowledge (A2)
- ✓ Theoretical knowledge (A1)
- ✓ Broad cognitive skills to gain information and apply known methods (A2)
- ✓ Broad judgement skills based on evidence (A1)
- ✓ Problem solving skills for complex problems (A2)
- ✓ Identification of limitations and referral to others (A2)



5. COURSE OVERVIEW

This course is designed for medical practitioners who wish to build on the knowledge gained from the Professional and Advanced Certificates of General Dermatology. There will be a greater focus on difficult and complex cases in general dermatology in this course. The importance of accurate screening and the rules to avoid missing melanoma are also essential learning. Submission and analysis of medical practitioners' own cases are a key feature of this course.

This qualification is stage three of the Professional Diploma of General Dermatology. The pathway is (1) Professional Certificate of General Dermatology, (2) Advanced Certificate of General Dermatology, (3) Professional Diploma of General Dermatology.

6. DELIVERY METHOD

This final stage of the Professional Diploma of General Dermatology is designed as a fully online course. There are eight units in a HealthCert Professional Diploma program. The course is delivered in one trimester (15 weeks) with 12 weeks of teaching followed by three weeks for revision and final examinations. The course includes online presentations from experts in the field followed by patient case discussions and decision-making. There is a final webinar where participant questions are answered prior to the examinations.

7. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND COURSE REQUISITES

This course is for General Practitioners and degree-qualified nurses who work under their supervision. The prerequisite for this Professional Diploma course is the successful completion of the HealthCert Advanced Certificate of General Dermatology (or a qualification deemed equivalent). HealthCert also highly recommends successful completion of at least 50 cases of general dermatology prior to enrolment. Professional Diploma courses are the highest level at HealthCert, so there are additional professional requirements and submission of online cases. A literature review must also be completed of journal articles available online (links provided).

8. INCOMING COURSE PATHWAYS

Professionally recognised qualifications and prior studies may be recognised for entry into this course if the learning outcomes match exactly. Please ask a HealthCert Education Advisor for an individual assessment of your prior qualifications and experience to see if they match the learning outcomes of HealthCert courses. If there is not an exact match, HealthCert assessment tasks may need to be completed prior to enrolment.

9. COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the end of this course, participants will be able to:

1. Detect, assess and plan treatment for animal bites, insect bites and snake bites.
2. Plan treatment for a range of pressure ulcers.
3. Diagnose complex pregnancy dermatoses and implement appropriate investigations and management strategies.
4. Diagnose and treat various skin conditions of the oral mucosa.
5. Utilise a stepwise approach to the treatment of chronic urticaria.
6. Detect and manage nutritional dermatoses and delusions of parasitosis.



7. Diagnose and manage patients with various presentations of pigmented lesions on the vulva.
8. Detect the first signs of melanoma of the vulva.
9. Detect sexually transmitted infections and describe appropriate treatment plans.
10. Provide dermatologic evaluation of HIV positive persons.
11. Provide solutions to complex problems of general dermatology.
12. Critically examine general dermatology issues, consider and evaluate them.
13. Perform specialised technical and creative problem solving skills in dermoscopy.
14. Make independent technical judgements in general dermatology at a specialised level.
15. Make independent management judgements in general dermatology at a specialised level.
16. Initiate, plan, implement and evaluate general dermatology.
17. Communicate understanding of theoretical concepts with professional colleagues in general dermatology.
18. Determine personal responsibility and accountability for work tasks and results in general dermatology.
19. Determine responsibility and accountability for work tasks and results of others in general dermatology.
20. Communicate and explain general dermatology knowledge and ideas to different audiences e.g. patients, staff, families and colleagues.
21. Review, analyse and apply knowledge of general dermatology to scenarios of practitioners and patients with problems that require general dermatology.

10. SAMPLE COURSE TRAINING PLAN

Module 1: Bites (animals, snakes and insects)

Module 2: Skin ulcers, pressure sores and wound care

Module 3: Pregnancy dermatoses

Module 4: Oral mucosal diseases

Module 5: Urticaria and drug eruptions

Module 6: Psychocutaneous disorders: prurigo nodularis, delusions of parasitosis, and lichen simplex chronicus

Module 7: Sexually-transmitted infections and HIV

Module 8: Vulvar skin diseases

11. COURSE ACTIVITIES

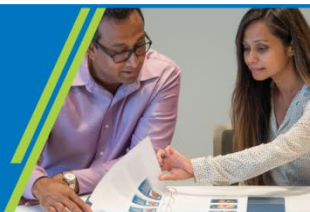
Course participants will:

- Have the opportunity to replay video lectures from medical experts.
- Participate in discussion of patient cases, evaluate and make decisions.
- Receive access to research/readings in the field.
- Participate in course webinar prior to the examinations and ask questions.
- Receive ongoing support post-course through webinars and case review.
- Be able to participate in optional clinical attachments which are available at dedicated dermatology clinics.

12. COURSE PRESENTERS

HealthCert has a high-quality team of exceptional specialists and industry professionals to deliver this course. On rare occasions, presenters may change due to unforeseen circumstances affecting availability.

- **Prof Richard P. Usatine**, M.D., Distinguished Teaching Professor; Professor, Family and Community Medicine; Professor, Dermatology and Cutaneous Surgery; Program Director, Underserved Family Medicine



Dermatology Fellowship, University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio; Medical Director, Skin Clinic, University Health System, San Antonio, Texas; HealthCert Course Chair.

- **A/Prof Caterina Longo**, MD PhD, Scientific Coordinator, Skin Cancer Unit, ASMN-IRCCS, Reggio Emilia, Italy
- **Dr Christopher Ross**, BSc (BiomedSc)(Hons) BMBS FACD. Specialist Dermatologist.
- **Dr Daniel Stulberg** MD, works in Albuquerque, NM, USA. Affiliated with University Of New Mexico Hospital.

13. ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS: ONLINE EXAMINATIONS

There are two online examinations for assessment:

1. 120 knowledge questions based on a scenario of a medical practitioner undertaking special interest training.
 - i. 15 per module

Example: The medical practitioner believes that 10% of the population ... Is he correct? Yes/No
2. 120 authentic scenario based questions based on cases of patient care at a clinic
 - i. 15 per module

Example: A patient arrives at your clinic with this problem ...what should you do? Multiple choice images based on patient cases.

The knowledge-based examination is worth 50 per cent and the application-based examination is worth 50 per cent. The overall pass mark is 80 per cent. It is therefore not possible to pass this course on knowledge alone. Knowledge must be successfully applied to patient cases in order to pass the course.

14. ASSESSMENT MAPPING OF COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

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| 1. Detect, assess and plan treatment for animal, insect and snake bites. | GA1, GA2, A2 |
| 2. Plan treatment for a range of pressure ulcers. | GA1, GA2, A1, A2 |
| 3. Diagnose complex pregnancy dermatoses and implement appropriate investigations and management strategies. | GA1-3, A1, A2 |
| 4. Diagnose and treat various skin conditions of the oral mucosa. | GA1-3, A1, A2 |
| 5. Utilise a stepwise approach to the treatment of chronic urticaria. | GA1, GA2, A2 |
| 6. Detect and manage nutritional dermatoses and delusions of parasitosis. | GA1, GA2, A2 |
| 7. Diagnose and manage patients with various presentations of pigmented vulva lesions. | GA1, GA2, A2 |
| 8. Detect the first signs of melanoma of the vulva. | GA1, GA2, A2 |
| 9. Detect sexually transmitted infections and describe appropriate treatment plans. | GA1, GA2, A1, A2 |
| 10. Provide dermatologic evaluation of HIV positive persons. | GA1, GA2, A2 |
| 11. Provide solutions to complex problems of general dermatology. | GA2, A2 |
| 12. Critically examine general dermatology issues, consider and evaluate them. | GA1-3, A2 |
| 13. Perform specialised technical and creative problem-solving skills in general dermatology. | GA1-3, A2 |
| 14. Make independent technical judgements in general dermatology at a specialised level. | GA1-3, A2 |
| 15. Make independent management judgements in general dermatology at a specialised level. | GA1-3, A2 |
| 16. Initiate, plan, implement and evaluate general dermatology. | GA1-3, A2, PR |
| 17. Communicate understanding of theoretical concepts with professional colleagues in general dermatology. | GA1, PR |



18. Determine personal responsibility and accountability for work tasks and results in general dermatology. GA2, GA3, PR
19. Determine responsibility and accountability for work tasks and results of others in general dermatology. GA2, GA3, PR
20. Communicate and explain general dermatology knowledge and ideas to different audiences. For example, patients, staff, families, and colleagues. GA1-3, PR
21. Review, analyse and apply knowledge of general dermatology to scenarios of practitioners and patients with problems that require general dermatology. GA2, GA3, A2

GA = Graduate Attributes, A = Assessment Examination, PR = Professional Requirement

15. PROFESSIONAL PLANNING REQUIREMENT

There is a mandatory professional requirement for this course.

- Provide an explanation of how the learning from this course will help you with your professional development. In your description refer to:
 - How you will communicate theoretical understanding with professional colleagues in general dermatology.
 - How you will communicate and explain information and concepts regarding general dermatology to different audiences.
 - Your responsibility and accountability for personal work/results in general dermatology.
 - Your responsibility and accountability for the work/results of others in general dermatology.

16. PROFESSIONAL LITERATURE REQUIREMENT

Review and evaluate articles regarding general dermatology from a peer-reviewed medical journal. Select two articles from the three articles provided.

- Title and reference
- Introduction and purpose
- Methods and procedures (if appropriate)
- Findings and results
- Conclusions
- Evaluation

17. PROFESSIONAL CASE FILE

Your HealthCert professional case file

This is a mandatory professional requirement. At the end of this course, you will document your own general dermatology cases as part of a reflective audit and describe selected cases in detail. The cases will be subject to review. Your cases should aim to demonstrate:

1. Critical examination of general dermatology issues, generation of ideas and evaluation of them.
2. Identification and provision of a solution to a complex problem of general dermatology.
3. Performance of specialised technical and creative problem solving skills in general dermatology.
4. Independent technical judgements in general dermatology at a specialised level.
5. Independent management judgements in general dermatology at a specialised level.
6. Initiation, planning, implementation, evaluation and review of general dermatology.



18. HEALTHCERT PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION

Professional Diploma of General Dermatology

From HealthCert – An Accredited CPD provider with university connections.
Quality-assured by Bond University.

19. ONGOING WEB-BASED SUPPORT

After the trimester in which the course is delivered, there will be a minimum of 12 months ongoing web-based support to assist implement learning. This support includes reminders of key learning points, webinars, video clips, updated information and ongoing case discussion with own case submission opportunities. The entire Professional Diploma program can therefore be studied over three trimesters (fastest) or three years (slowest).

20. CPD POINTS AND RECOMMENDED STUDY HOURS

Recommended study hours: 120 hours, including all readings and assessment.
Support: 12 months web-based

Australian CPD points

RACGP: 40 Category 1 QI&CPD points

ACRRM: 30 PRPD points

Active Learning Module

This is a self-submitted activity in various other countries as outlined below; please seek advice from the relevant professional body for more information.

21. PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION AND ACADEMIC REVIEW

This course:

- Is quality-assured by Bond University.
- Provides CPD points from the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP).
- Provides PRPD points from the Australian Council of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM).
- Is recognised by Royal New Zealand College of General Practitioners (RNZCGP). The RNZCGP recognises all courses endorsed by the RACGP. Peer review and audit are compulsory.
- Is recognised by the Hong Kong College of Family Physicians (HKCFP). The HKCFP recognises all courses endorsed by the RACGP. Points are calculated differently.
- Is a self-submitted activity in Dubai. The number of CPD points must be stated on the certificate. Please contact PLD@dhcr.gov.ae for more information.
- Is a self-submitted activity in the UK. CPD events overseas, applicable to a doctor's scope of practice, may be submitted for revalidation. Please confirm with your Responsible Officer.
- Is a self-submitted activity in Canada through the College of Family Physicians of Canada. Category 1 points are reported as certified and Category 2 points are reported as non-certified. Please contact mainprocredits@cfpc.ca for more information.
- Meets World Federation of Medical Education standards.



22. OUTGOING COURSE PATHWAYS

Membership of International Society of Dermatology

HealthCert Course Outlines for all three levels of the Professional Diploma of General Dermatology have been submitted to the International Society of Dermatology. Membership is available with this international dermatology association that has members worldwide. Annual conferences, journals and mentor programs are features of this society that has been in operation since 1959.

Postgraduate Pathway

This pathway is suitable for doctors who are mainly interested in clinical academic study. The **Postgraduate Diploma in Dermatology** is studied through the Rila Institute of Health Sciences and awarded by the **University of Plymouth (UK)**. There are three modules in the Postgraduate Diploma. Medical professionals who successfully complete the HealthCert Professional Certificate, Advanced Certificate and Professional Diploma of General Dermatology will be eligible to apply for Accreditation of Prior Certified Learning (APCL) for module 3 of the Rila Institute/Plymouth University Postgraduate Diploma in Dermatology.

The Postgraduate Diploma is mainly online. No practical workshops will be required due to the APCL from the HealthCert qualifications. Overall there will be a time saving of 40 per cent of the postgraduate program due to the APCL. When the Postgraduate Diploma has been successfully completed, medical professionals can apply for credit from the Postgraduate Diploma to the **MSc in the specialism** awarded by the **University of Plymouth**.

Participation in research

HealthCert alumni have opportunities to participate in research projects conducted by leading experts in the field who teach at HealthCert. Past research projects include a study by Monika Janda on the use of teledermoscopy by GPs, the DermaChallenge project by Professor Harald Kittler and his team, and a research study by The University of Sydney exploring the management of patients with melanoma in primary care in Australia. Research projects and surveys are shared via the HealthCert blog which is available to HealthCert alumni.

23. CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FEEDBACK

Participant feedback in the form of course evaluations and focus groups enable us to continuously improve. Thank you for contributing to this process. We keep detailed records of course feedback and use it to improve the course for the next time it is delivered.

24. HEALTHCERT PROFESSIONAL DIPLOMA COURSE FEES

Please ask a HealthCert Education Advisor for full details of course fees, payment plans, discounts and scholarships or go to www.healthcert.com.

25. COURSE MANAGER CONTACT DETAILS

If you have questions related to this course, contact a HealthCert Education Advisor at courses@healthcert.com.



26. BIBLIOGRAPHY: GENERAL DERMATOLOGY

Supplementary readings will be identified.

| Version number | Version date | Authorised officer | Amendment details |
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| 1 | 9/11/2017 | C Guyler | Added this table to track amendments |
| 2 | 15/1/2018 | C Guyler | Included postgraduate pathway to PU |
| 3 | 26/02/2018 | C Guyler | Included omitted learning outcomes and edited mapping accordingly |

All changes must be approved by the Head of Course Development/Curriculum.