

The Aga Khan University
FamMed Essentials
Department of Family Medicine
FAQs

Course Information:

1. Why should I take this course?

FamMed Essentials has been created to provide an opportunity for the busy physicians and postgraduate students to update their knowledge and skills using evidence-based medicine. It will also facilitate preparation for any postgraduate examination.

2. When and where is the course taught?

Orientation will be on March 28th, 2021 and the first module will begin from March 29th, 2021. The course is hosted by the Department of Family Medicine, Aga Khan University. It is a blended learning format, based on internet availability, is easily accessible through a virtual platform (Moodle) anytime and anywhere - from home, work place etc.

3. How much time do I need to devote to this course?

Two topics are introduced every week as voice-over power point presentations. There are accompanying resource and skill folders to facilitate in-depth learning (*Completion of 1 topic takes approximately 6 hours*).

4. How do I communicate with my instructor and other students?

There are 2 ways to communicate with faculty and other students: through a monthly time-limited discussion board and the monthly online/zoom sessions.

5. How will I be assessed?

There are 4 components of assessment:

- Completion of Pre and post-test in each module
- Active participation in face-to-face/zoom sessions (as evidence of understanding the course content)
- OSCE/CSA (Observed Structured Clinical Examination/Clinical Skills Assessment) after hands-on skills training at CIME
- Impact on practice will be assessed by
 - Grading of two video-clips in clinical settings
 - Reflective notes on five changes you have made in your practice. Five Reflections depicting how your practice have changed five reflections, one at the end of each module depicting change in your practice.

6. Will I get a certificate after completing this course?

Participants who successfully complete all aspects of the assessments will receive a FamMed Essentials course certificate issued by the Department of Continuous Professional Education, Aga Khan University

7. What is CIME?

CIME is a state-of-the-art Center for Innovation in Medical Education. The simulation center is for all levels of undergraduate and postgraduate students, and practitioners, across all the health professions of medicine, dentistry, nursing and allied health, safeguards ethics, promotes patient safety and provides excellent opportunity for hands-on experience.

8. What is Need Assessment Survey?

Needs Assessment is a questionnaire survey to get an idea about the participant's expectation from the course. It is compulsory to fill the survey before getting enrolled into the course.

For Registration:

1. How do I register for this course?

After completing the needs assessment survey from the link, fill the registration form from the website and submit. All relevant documents must be e-mailed at (FamMed.Essentials@aku.edu).

2. After registration how do I enroll myself into the course?

The participant will receive a notification email containing the URL, user name and password, for accessing the course website.

3. Is there an orientation for participants?

Yes, we will be arranging a zoom orientation. You will be informed of the date and time via email. Yes, an orientation will be arranged on zoom .The details of the date and time will be provided later.

Technical Requirements for online course:

Prior to the start of course, students will be sent course website URL (to the email address they provide upon registration) with a "user ID" and a "password" as well as instructions to access course. Course participants will need basic computer skills, Proficiency with web browser software and sending/receiving e-mail

Computer and Internet Connection:

You will need regular access to a computer with an internet connection. High speed broadband access (LAN, Cable or DSL) is highly recommended for the optimal learning experience.

A Macintosh or PC system with these minimum requirements:

PC

Compatible Operating System: Windows XP, Vista, 7, 8, 8.1

Web Browser: Chrome (Recommend) Firefox, Internet Explorer 10 or higher

Mac

Compatible Operating System: OS X

Web Browser: Firefox, Chrome, Safari

Software:

In some instances, it may be necessary for some users to upgrade their Adobe Reader, Flash or Java versions.

Other Devices:

Tablets, smartphones and other mobile devices may allow for some completion of coursework, however they are not guaranteed to work in all areas. Please ensure you have a PC or Mac based computer available to complete coursework.

We recommend that students do not attempt quizzes when using a mobile device, such as a smartphone or tablet, due to compatibility issues.

For online meetings ensure that your webcam, microphone, and speakers are in working order.

Web Browser:

A graphical browser is required. In some instances, it may be necessary for some users to upgrade their web browser programs.

Please note: Technical assistance is not available.

Payment method:

1. What is the cost of this course?

There is a one-time cost of *PKR 100,000/ for National/Local Participants (or) US\$ 952 applicable for international participants*. Please note SST @ 5% is separately with the fees.

Currency	Course fees	SST
PKR	100,000	5000
US\$	952	48

2. What are the modes of payment?

Payments will be submitted via Cash office AKUH (*or*) Visit: <https://payonline.aku.edu/>.
For online payment kindly mentioned “*FAMMED2021*” in tracking ID and purpose of payment ““*FamMed Essentials-One-year Certificate Course in Family Medicine*”