

PACIFIC PARAMEDICAL TRAINING CENTRE

HEALTH TECHNOLOGY FOR THE PACIFIC REGION



Pacific Paramedical Training Centre POLHN Diploma in Medical Laboratory Science. Selection Criteria and Programme regulations 2015 - 2016

1. To qualify for WHO funding, the applicant must be from the Western Pacific Region.
2. Applicants must be currently working in a Diagnostic Routine Medical Laboratory and have had full time practical laboratory experience for at least 12 months prior to enrolment in the programme.
3. Applicants must be on rotation through the appropriate laboratory sections so as sufficient practical opportunity is provided in order to complete all the modules constituting the Diploma.
4. Applicants must complete the first module (Laboratory Technology) before enrolling for Haematology.
Haematology must be completed before enrolling for Biochemistry.
Biochemistry must be completed before enrolling for Microbiology.
Microbiology must be completed before enrolling for Transfusion Science.
Transfusion Science must be completed before enrolling for Laboratory Quality Management.
5. Applicants must complete all six modules and log books within the 2 year cycle (i.e.) within the stipulated 2 year time frame and successfully pass the end of year examinations in order to be awarded the PPTC Diploma of Medical Laboratory Science.
6. Applicants must inform PPTC via email if he or she requires an extension to complete the module currently enrolled in. An acceptable time frame will be considered by the PPTC and will be determined on a case-by-case basis.
7. If an Applicant registers for a module and subsequently receives from the PPTC all the appropriate study material but **makes no attempt to commence the study programme offering no valid explanation** for this noncompliance, the applicant will be required to personally pay the PPTC the sum of **\$NZ 150** for the module before sponsorship is given by WHO for future study.
8. If an Applicant registers for a module and subsequently receives from the PPTC all study material, **commences but makes no attempt to complete the study programme offering no valid explanation** for this noncompliance, the applicant will be required to personally pay the PPTC the sum of **\$NZ433** for the module before sponsorship is given by WHO for future study.
9. If an applicant fails to financially compensate the PPTC for noncompliance within an acceptable timeframe as determined by the PPTC, that student will be disqualified from any future study with the POLHN PPTC programme.

10. Although students are permitted to keep all study material (CD's and Log Books) for future reference once the course is complete, the said study material continues to remain the property of the Pacific Paramedical Training Centre and must not be published, copied, shared or otherwise disclosed to others, for personal benefit, to the detriment of the Pacific Paramedical Training Centre.
11. Modules that were completed from the previous version of the Diploma (pre 2011) cannot be transferred or contributed towards the newly revised Diploma programme (2011 onwards). If a pre 2011 Diploma remains incomplete, modules that were successfully passed are now deemed expired, and students wishing to re-commence study will be required to restart the entire programme.
12. All applications will be jointly considered by the PPTC and the POLHN WHO office, Suva, Fiji and the PPTC and POLHN WHO office reserve the right to approve or decline an application.
13. Priority for entering the Diploma programme will always be given to applicants who wish to complete the six modules that constitute the Diploma.
14. In terms of professional development, students wishing to participate in the study of **only one** module or in fact a selection of modules (a number **less** than the six modules necessary to complete the Diploma) at no cost to them, will be allowed to proceed provided that funding is available and permission is granted by WHO and the PPTC. The granting of permission to proceed will be at the discretion of both the PPTC and WHO. Such modules will be offered to students as they become available according to the Diploma sequence within the 2 year cycle. Once the requirements of the theoretical and practical content have been fulfilled, a Certificate of Completion will be awarded by the PPTC for each completed module. Students will not be permitted to study module theoretical content only. Both theoretical and practical log book requirements must be fulfilled before a certificate is awarded.
15. It is important to note that unless the six Diploma modules are completed, students will not qualify for the Diploma of Medical Laboratory Science.

If you have any questions or need further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.



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