1. What is Dubai Residency Training Programme (DRTP)?

The DRTP program is a structured system of training and education which extends from the undergraduate medical course into career positions. It is based on learning objectives where the participants proceed through the training program by demonstrating competence rather than by passage of time.

2. What are the specialties offered by DRTP for the Academic year 2010-2011?

The specialties offered are: Internal Medicine, General Surgery, General Pediatrics, Family Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Family Medicine and Psychiatry.

3. Who is eligible to apply to DRTP?

- All doctors who have obtained their basic degree from a recognized university and who have either successfully completed or are about to complete a recognized 1-year internship programme.
- UAE Nationals are given priority.

4. What documents do I need to attach in the online application form?

- Photocopy of passport
- Recent CV
- Medical school transcripts and graduation certificate (diploma)
- Certificate of completion of Internship or an official letter of completing the internship in before Sept 2010.
- Statement of Purpose Personal Statement, one for each specialty for which you are submitting.

5. Why is Personal Statement important?

- It is the only part of your application that is not based on test scores or other people’s perception of you. For this reason committees place a heavy emphasis on the personal statement.
- These are usually divided into three paragraphs that address:
  1) What got you interested in the field that you have chosen
  2) What are you looking for in a residency program; and
  3) What are you expected goals in the field you have chosen
- Your personal statement should fit onto one page only.
6. What is Pre-Entry Evaluation Examination?

It is made up of two Parts.

- Written Examination
  There is 120 question MCQ paper covering the broad topics of undergraduate medical curriculum and set at a level of difficulty approximating the MCCE but in the USMLE format.
- Oral Interview
  Only candidates who achieve the passing score in the MCQ paper are invited for the Oral Interview.

7. Do all candidates who pass the written exam and the Interview get training positions?

No. The number of applicants far exceeds the number of training slots available. Admission is competitive.

8. Do I get to know my scores?

Yes. Your scores in the written exam, but not the interview (because this is ranked) will be made available to you.

9. Can I carry over my performance scores in the MCQ till next admission if I passed but am not selected on this occasion?

Yes. You can carry over your scores in the MCQ but not in the interview. All the scores are valid for one year. However, you will need to attend the interview again.

10. If I have passed the written exam in 2009 and did not get accepted for the program, how can I apply for this year?

You can apply through the E-Job application, attach all document required. You have to note in the form that you have passed the written Exam in 2009 and your last year reference number.

11. How many years is this DRTP Programme?

It’s of Four to Six Years duration, depending on the Specialty.

12. What is the remuneration and how many days of leave are given for the DRTP.

For UAE Nationals:
  Grade 11 Point 1 of Dubai Government Pay Scale.

For Expatriates:
  Starting Point A monthly remuneration of Dhs.7000/=.

The annual leave is the same for residents and is 22 days of five day working week.

13. How many intakes are there in a year?

There is one intake in a year.
14. What are the main criteria for selection of DRT?
   a. DHA Needs
   b. Appraisal of Internship
   c. Career Choice
   d. Success at Pre entry Evaluation Examination.

15. Does a clinical attachment help in getting a seat in the DRT program?
   No.

16. Do all applicants who apply have a right to be interviewed?
   No. A shortlist of applicants is prepared by the selection committee after the written examination.

17. When should the specialty be chosen?
   The applicant should make a choice at the time of application via eJob link at http://www.dohms.gov.ae/. This is important for all the applicants because the number of places allocated to each of the disciplines is fixed according to the perceived requirements of DOHMS.

18. Can the specialty be changed?
   No.

19. Can we apply for specialty, such as Ophthalmology, Radiology, etc., which is not available at DHA?
   No, you should apply for one of the 6 specialties offered (see q.2)

20. Can we continue the DRT program outside the country?
   No.

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