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Perdana University's vigorous learning pathway in science and medical fields offers a holistic learning experience.

Pathway to healthcare studies

APART from the global market, the local healthcare industry has undergone dramatic changes in recent years and is one of the Malaysian Government's 12 National Key Economic Areas (NKEAs), which is expected to propel the country towards a high-income status and global competitiveness.

It was reported that 40 healthcare projects announced under the Healthcare NKEA are projected to create 26,966 jobs and generate an income of RM6.59bil, as well as RM4.96bil in new investments by 2020.

If you want to pursue your passion in the healthcare industry, particularly in medicine and occupational therapy, programmes offered by Perdana University (PU) may be of interest to you.

Medical and science degree programmes at PU

PU has set up a complete learning pathway for medical and science degree programmes, which include foundation studies, undergraduate and postgraduate programmes.

Starting with its own Foundation in Science programme, students will opt for either the Medical Degree or Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Occupational Therapy based on their interest. This one-year programme is designed to harness basic knowledge and mastery in science for students with a wide range of transferable skills.

Students may also pursue their studies in the Graduate Entry Programme or Postgraduate Programmes.

The PU-Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland medical degree programme

The Perdana University-Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (PU-RCSI) medical degree programme is the only five-year Irish medical programme done entirely in Malaysia.

RCSI is a Dublin-based college and one of five recognised colleges of the National University of Ireland. It is currently Ireland's largest medical school.

Mirroring the curriculum delivered in the RCSI Dublin campus, the PU-RCSI programme takes five years to complete. It is broken down into four cycles – Junior Cycle and Intermediate Cycle, which take 18 months each and two senior cycles, which take 12 months each.

Graduates will receive the medical degree (MB BCh BAO) of the National University of Ireland (NUI), the historical Licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians in Ireland (LRCP) and the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI).

Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Occupational Therapy

Being a registered occupational therapist takes patience, ingenuity, determination,

common sense, a sound knowledge base and enthusiasm. Most of all, it requires an interest in working closely with people to enable them to lead full and satisfying lives as independently as possible.

Occupational therapists work in hospitals and various community settings. When a course of therapy is completed, the therapist will analyse how effective it has been. There is a global demand for trained occupational therapists and the four-year Occupational Therapy programme is designed to produce highly trained professionals for this field. The skills acquired are those specific for the field and include the relevant soft skills required to function well in a professional and social environment.

Student financial aid

PU has always catered for students' needs, especially in financial support. Apart from its competitive and flexible fees, PU offers financial aid to assist students throughout their studies:

- The Perdana University Scholarship
- The National Higher Education Fund Corporation (NHEFC)

For the PU-RCSI programme, qualified candidates may apply for a scholarship of up to RM300,000.

PU was instituted by the Academic Medical Centre Sdn Bhd as a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) initiative with the support of the Unit Kerjasama Awam Swasta of the Prime Minister's Department.

Capitalising on its strategic alliances with its international links and renowned institutions, agencies and organisations, PU offers top-notch programmes of international standards.

The university continues in leveraging the growth of the local and international higher education market by offering high-quality programmes approved by the Education Ministry and the Malaysian Qualifications Agency as well as other professional accrediting agencies.

PU has established its presence in the world of academia with its six fundamental academic schools.

Enrolment for the September intake is in progress, register now. There are two intakes annually in April and September.

Registration for the September intake is now open and you can register online or walk in to the PU main campus at the MAEPS Building, Serdang, Selangor Darul Ehsan.

Due to limited intake for the PU-RCSI programme, interested students are advised to apply ahead of time. Registration for postgraduate (by research) programmes is open throughout the year.

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