



# BASIC SURGICAL PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE CERTIFICATE (BSPP)

**OVERVIEW:**

The Basic Surgical Principles and Practice Certificate (BSPP) for NCHDs has been specifically designed for surgical doctors who are not currently on a formal surgical training programme. The purpose of the programme is to provide educational support in a structured way based on the blueprint of the Intercollegiate Core Surgical Curriculum and the MRCS examination syllabus. The programme covers the broad areas of:

1. Core Knowledge and Clinical Judgement
2. Clinical Skills
3. Technical skills
4. Non-Technical Skills
5. Professionalism and Patient Safety

Completion of this programme equates to 50 CPD points.

**AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAMME:**

This programme offers a comprehensive educational support system for NTSDs across Ireland. This support system will be delivered online primarily and will be housed on Moodle. This certificate course will be a high-quality structured programme which will deliver both live (synchronous) and asynchronous education episodes on a regular basis throughout the academic year.

**TEACHING AND LEARNING STRATEGIES**

This programme will utilise a fully on-line approach to teaching. The predominate teaching methodology will be through Moodle. Technical skills training will be delivered face to face on campus.

Most of the on-line sessions will be live (synchronous) with Faculty present in the class and some classes will be previously recorded (asynchronous) followed by a live question and answer session.

Pre-course reading and post course exercises will be required to be undertaken on top of attending classes.

**DURATION**

The Basic Surgical Principles and Practice Certificate is a one-year programme delivered between September 2023 and June 2024. Those who complete this successfully will become eligible for the next stages of the programme "Intermediate" and "Advance" due to be launched in 2024.

**SCHOLARS WILL GAIN:**

- High-quality, consultant delivered education sessions.
- Flexible learning, incorporating a blend of both synchronous and asynchronous learning to fit in with busy clinical schedules.
- Syllabus-based education. (Core Surgical Curriculum and MRCS syllabus)
- A blend of clinical, technical and non-technical skills.
- A focus on clinical judgement and decision-making.
- Education and learning which is geared towards the skills needed to provide safer and better-quality care for patients.
- Access to a "community of learners" to enhance cohesion and collegiality among the NTSD group across Ireland.
- Achieve alignment with RCSI as a training buddy.
- Pastoral care through access to personal wellbeing /career coaching and mentorships from a team of surgical and coaching experts.



## **MODULE 1 - CORE KNOWLEDGE AND CLINICAL JUDGEMENT**

Case Based Discussions: A Consultant Surgeon will discuss a surgical topic which is highly relevant to clinical practice and will cover not only Clinical Surgery but also the basic sciences, including relevant Anatomy, Physiology and Pathology.

Planned 10 x 1-hour monthly sessions, giving 10 CPD points.

This programme will include surgical “themes of the month” and participants will have access to discussion boards to network and discuss case management with your peers.

## **MODULE 2 - CLINICAL SKILLS**

Simulated Virtual Ward Rounds are an important means of clinical skills training and form important learning outcomes in the new Intercollegiate Surgical Curriculum Program (Capabilities in Practice). These teaching sessions will include a blend of pre-course work and online classes.

Planned 10 x 1.5-hour sessions per year, giving 15 CPD points.

## **MODULE 3 - TECHNICAL SKILLS**

These will be face-to-face skills sessions in No 26 with surgical faculty, based on Basic Surgical Skills course and including Theatre Etiquette.

Planned 2 days per year to give 15 CPD points.

## **MODULE 4 - NON-TECHNICAL SKILLS**

These sessions will be based on Human Factors curriculum and will include a blend of pre-course work and online learning. Sessions will focus on Communication (Clinical Handover, Teleconsultation, Open Disclosure and Consent). These sessions will be integrated within the virtual ward round sessions in MD 3 clinical skills.

## **MODULE 5 - PROFESSIONAL BEHAVIOURS AND PATIENT SAFETY**

Professionalism and Patient Safety: Each month, you will be given a module to complete from the RCSI online course “Professionalism in 21st-Century Medical Practice”. You will be required to complete a module and submit a certificate of completion at the end of each month equating to 10 CPD credits per year. The principal focus of this session will be to enhance your awareness and understanding of issues around Patient Safety. This module will be based on the Professionalism in 21st Century Medical Practice course. Students

## **PASTORAL SUPPORTS**

This course will include sessions on “Caring for yourself in surgery and “Life style medicine”.

All students will be offered monthly group drop in sessions with a Consultant Surgeon and Surgical Educationalist to consolidate learning from the clinical theme of the month.

Access to Surgical Mentorship/Career Coaching/Personal Wellbeing Coaching/Educational Progression Coaching will be provided by an expert Team consisting of a Surgeon/Life Coach, Surgical Educationalist/Life Coach and a Psychotherapist/Coach.



## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

To be considered eligible for the programme, you must be:

1. Registered on Continuous Professional Development Support Scheme (CPD\_SS)
2. Work within the Public Health Service
3. Surgical SHO

## FEES

€990 is covered via the NCHD CPD funding which will be claimed back directly from the HSE on behalf of the NCHD's.

Candidates will need to pay the remaining balance of €1,250 which can be paid in three instalments. NCHDs can claim the €1,250 fee back directly from their hospitals as this certificate is approved by HSE NDTP under the Training Support Scheme (TSS).





**RCSI** Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland  
Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland  
123 St Stephen's Green, Dublin 2, D02 YN77, Ireland.

Tel **+353 1 402 XXXX**  
Email **xxxxxx@rcsi.com**  
**rcsi.com/surgery**