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ONLINE PG DIPLOMA/ MSc IN HUMAN FACTORS IN PATIENT SAFETY

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RCSI's part-time **online programme** in **HUMAN FACTORS AND PATIENT SAFETY** is suited to all global healthcare professionals involved in the care of hospital patients.

Scholars on this programme attend online interactive sessions and **workshops one day per month**. The rest of the multi-disciplinary programme includes didactic teaching, discussion boards, and readings and resources which scholars can access in their own time.

MODULES DETAILS

YEAR 1

- Error and Safety in Acute Healthcare
- Personal Effectiveness and Non-technical Skills
- Leadership of Process and Quality Improvement
- Professionalism and Advanced Communications
- Research Methods

YEAR 2

- Research Dissertation (MSc)

Suitable for: Nurses, Emergency Medicine Doctors, Anaesthetists, Surgery and EM Consultants, Physicians, Obstetricians, Midwives, Surgery and EM Trainees, Pharmacists, Radiologists, Safety and Quality Managers and Hospital Directors.

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COURSE STRUCTURE BY LEVEL AND ACADEMIC YEAR OF DELIVERY

YEAR	MODULE	ECTS	#WKS	SEM	WORKLOAD	ASSESSMENT	QUALIFICATION
1	Error and Safety in Acute Healthcare	15	10	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Weekly discussion board > 3-4 mandatory online resources weekly (articles, videos, etc.) > 3 online days (one every 3/4 weeks) > Group project to prepare for duration of module > Written assignment > Optional additional resources available each week 	Discussion Boards: 25% Group Project: 25% Written Assignment: 50%	Postgraduate Certificate Total credits = 30
	Personal Effectiveness and Non-Technical Skills	15	11	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Weekly discussion board > 3-4 mandatory online resources weekly (articles, videos, etc.) > 3 online days (one every 3/4weeks) > Group project for duration of module > Written assignment > Optional additional resources available each week 	Discussion Boards: 25% Group Project: 25% Written Assignment: 50%	
	Leadership of Process and Quality Improvement	5	5	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > 3-4 mandatory online resources weekly (articles, videos, etc.) > 2 online days (one every 3/4weeks) > Group project for duration of module > Optional additional resources available each week 	Group Project: 100%	Postgraduate Diploma Total credits = 60
	Professionalism and Advanced Communication	15	10	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Weekly discussion board > 3-4 mandatory online resources a week to read or watch (articles, videos, etc.) > 3 online days (one every 3/4weeks) > Group project for duration of module > Written assignment > Optional additional resources available each week 	Discussion Boards: 25% Group Project: 25% Written Assignment: 50%	
	Research Methods	10	6	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > 3-4 mandatory online resources weekly (articles, videos, etc.) > 2 online days (one every 3/4weeks) > Written Research Proposal and preparation of presentation > Optional additional resources available each week 	Research proposal (written)(80%) Research proposal (oral)(20%)	
2	Research Dissertation	30	40	1 and 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > 4 online days (one every 3/4 weeks) semester 1 > 1-2 mandatory online resources weekly (articles, videos) on different research methods > 2 optional online support sessions > Research Protocol to prepare > Background Literature Review to prepare research Article/ Dissertation to prepare > Supervisory meetings 	Research Article/ Dissertation: 60% Background Literature Review: 20% Research Protocol: 20%	Masters Degree Total Credits = 90