



Certificate in Geriatric Medicine & Diploma in Geriatric Medicine

Question & Scenario Writing Group Job Advert

The Royal College of Physicians (RCP) operates an ongoing recruitment process for the Certificate in Geriatric Medicine (CGM) question writing group and the Diploma in Geriatric Medicine (DGM) Scenario Writing Group.

The CGM and DGM are developed and delivered by the Royal College of Physicians (RCP) Assessment Unit on behalf of the RCP and British Geriatrics Society. The CGM is a knowledge-based assessment (KBA) consisting of 200 questions split over four papers; each containing 50 questions and each 90 minutes in duration.

The DGM is a four station OSCE held at the RCP's bespoke assessment centre in Liverpool.

Remit

The Question Writing Group (QWG) and Scenario Writing Group (SWG) have the responsibility for generating new questions and scenarios and reviewing current content for the CGM and DGM. The groups utilise the [CGM & DGM curriculum](#) to ensure new and existing content is appropriate for use in the CGM and DGM.

The QWG and SWG work on the following areas:

- Generating new questions that are appropriate for the CGM and new scenarios suitable for the DGM, in line with the curriculum and relevant style guide
- Generating content relevant to the care of older people from across a range of healthcare settings
- Ensuring content flagged for review by the CGM/DGM exam board or CGM Question Paper Review Group remains clinically relevant, amending questions/scenarios as appropriate
- Ensuring questions and scenarios test knowledge in line with current guidelines across all four nations of the United Kingdom.

Benefits

We offer the opportunity to network with colleagues, keep your knowledge up to date, take part in challenging discussions, be involved with the next generation of healthcare professionals working with older people, promote multidisciplinary working and continuing professional development.

By getting involved you can shape the future of the CGM and DGM.

This is a non-salaried position, though all reasonable expenses and travel costs will be met by the Education Department in line with the RCP expenses policy.

The tenure of the appointment is three years, and renewable after review by the DGM KBA Lead and (in respect of continuing eligibility) by the RCP Assessment Unit¹. Extensions of tenure may also be approved in cases of long-term absence (illness or parental leave, for example), or to ensure orderly succession planning. Any extensions will be at the discretion of the RCP Assessment Unit.

Time Commitment

The groups meet regularly throughout the year via two-hourly meetings, conducted via Microsoft Teams. Members would be expected to attend a minimum of two full days (eight meetings) over a rolling two-year period.

Criteria

Applicants must meet the following criteria to be eligible to apply:

1. Hold current statutory registration with the relevant regulator - normally the General Medical Council (GMC), Nursing & Midwifery Council (NMC) or Health & Care Professions' Council (HCPC)
2. Be in good standing with their regulatory body
3. Be actively employed in the United Kingdom
4. Be able to demonstrate the following level of clinical experience:
 - a) Doctors should hold MRCP(UK)/MRCGP/MRCPsych (or equivalent) and be working as a consultant, senior specialty trainee or other specialty doctor in Geriatric Medicine, an old age psychiatrist or a general practitioner. Working with older people should account for a significant proportion of both their current clinical workload and clinical workload over the last two years.
 - b) Advanced clinical practitioners should have completed a relevant qualification (a masters degree or equivalent). Working with older people should account for a significant proportion of both their current clinical workload and clinical workload over the last two years since obtaining advanced practitioner status.
 - c) Physician assistants should have completed a relevant qualification (a masters degree or equivalent). Working with older people should account for a significant proportion of both their current clinical workload and clinical work over the last four years.
5. Be actively engaged in the training of junior practitioners to provide high quality person-centred care for older people.
6. Be up to date as appropriate with relevant national guidelines, CPD requirements, employer's equality and diversity training and appraisal process.

Previous experience of writing and reviewing examination content is desirable but is not essential.

How to apply

Individuals are welcome to apply for the QWG, the SWG, or both groups. Applicants should note the anticipated time commitment in terms of attendance before applying.

Applications, including a CV and short statement outlining your suitability for the post(s), should be submitted for the attention of Steven Ansty via Assessment.Unit@rcp.ac.uk. This is an ongoing

¹ Decisions on the renewal of membership may be referred to the DGM Senior Examiner where appropriate

recruitment process which will be reviewed regularly and may close without prior notice. Those interested in the advertised role(s) are advised to apply as soon as possible.

For an informal discussion regarding the role please contact Steven Ansty, Head of Development & Standards on the above email address, or via 0151 318 1888.

The RCP positively encourages applications from suitably qualified and eligible candidates regardless of sex, race, disability, age, sexual orientation, transgender status, religion or belief, marital status, or pregnancy and maternity.