Postgraduate Certificate Surgical Science and Practice

New Course

With effect from 1 October 2011

1 In Examination Regulations 2010 p 1026 line 22 insert

Surgical Science and Practice

1. The Divisional Board of Medical Sciences, jointly with the Continuing Education Board, shall elect for the supervision of the course a Standing Committee, which shall have the power to arrange lectures and other instruction.

2. Candidates must follow for at least three terms, a part-time course of instruction in the theory and practice of Surgical Science and Practice, which shall normally take place over a period of no more than four years. The Postgraduate Certificate is only available to students admitted for the degree of MSc in Surgical Science and Practice.

3. Every candidate will be required to satisfy the examiners in the following:

   (a) Active participation, to the satisfaction of the Course Director, in any three of the modules selected from either Schedule A or Schedule B below.

   (b) Written assignments related to each of the modules selected from Schedule A, each of not more than 4,000 words in length.
(c) Assignments consisting of multiple choice questions or structured short questions, online project working and practical tests related to each of the modules selected from Schedule B.

The assignments set out in clause 3(b) and 3(c) shall be forwarded, usually through a specified electronic submission system, to the examiners c/o Registry, Department for Continuing Education, 1 Wellington Square, Oxford OX1 2JA, for consideration by such date as the examiners shall determine and of which they shall notify candidates.

4. Candidates may be required to attend a viva voce examination at the end of the course of studies at the discretion of the examiners.

5. The examiners may award a distinction to candidates for the Postgraduate Certificate.

6. Candidates who fail to satisfy the examiners in any of the assignments under 3(b) and 3(c) may be permitted, normally within one year of the original failure, to resubmit work in respect of the part or parts they have failed on not more than one occasion for each assignment without being required to repeat attendance at the relevant module or modules under 3(a).

7. The Standing Committee shall have the discretion to permit any candidate to be exempted, in exceptional circumstances, from attendance at any module under 3(a) and from submitting the associated assignment required under 3(b) and 3(c) above, provided that the Standing Committee is satisfied that such a candidate has undertaken equivalent study, or has appropriate work experience to an equivalent standard.

Schedule A

The practice of evidence-based health care
Quality improvement science and systems analysis
Introduction to surgical management and leadership
Becoming a medical educator
Any other module as defined by the Course Director and approved by the Standing Committee.

Schedule B

Human factors, teamwork and communication.
Surgical technology and robotics