

FAQ - COMMUNITY CARE – GP PARTNERSHIP TRAINING AWARD

A	ABOUT THE TRAINING AWARD
Q1	Why is there a need for the Community Care – GP Partnership Training Award?
A1	The Community Care – GP Partnership Training Award aims to help the Community Care sector ramp up its manpower capabilities to meet the needs of our ageing population. It also enables General Practitioners (GPs) who are interested in serving the needs of senior to link with and serve in the Community Care sector leading towards seeding a longer-term relationship between the GPs and the Community Care institutions.
Q2	What programmes are supported by the Community Care – GP Partnership Training Award?
A2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduate Diploma in Palliative Medicine (GDPM) • Graduate Diploma in Geriatric Medicine (GDGM) • Graduate Diploma in Family Medicine (GDFM)
B	APPLICATION
Q1	Who is eligible to apply for this training award?
A1	<p>The training award is open to GPs who meets the following criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Singaporean or Permanent Resident (PR); b) Gained admission to the GDPM or GDGM or GDFM programme offered by the National University of Singapore – Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine; c) Sponsored by an Community Care institution; and d) Not receiving funding support from any other sources.
Q2	Can locum doctors apply?
A2	Yes, the locum doctors are eligible as long as he/she has a sponsored institution.
Q3	Is the training award open to doctors working in public healthcare sector?
A3	The training award is only open to GPs in private practice. The award is not open to doctors working in the polyclinics and restructured hospitals.
Q4	Is the training award open to doctors working in the Community Care sector?
A4	Doctors working in the community care sector should apply for funding under

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	the SHMDP-ILTC Fellowship scheme.
A5	How do I submit my application for this training award?
Q6	Application for Community Care – GP Partnership Training Award must be endorsed and submitted by a sponsoring Community Care institution.
Q6	When is deadline for the training award application?
A6	Duly completed application form and all supporting documents must be received by AIC on or before 31 December.
Q7	What if I have not found a sponsoring institution before the start of the programme?
A7	Applications can be submitted on or before 31 December. You can continue to look for a sponsoring institution even after you have started your programme.
Q8	How do I know if my application is approved?
A8	AIC will inform both the sponsoring institution and the GP of the outcome once the decision has been finalised.
Q9	Are there any restrictions to the number of GPs per sponsoring Community Care institution?
A9	There are no restrictions at this point in time.
Q10	Is the training award limited to one Graduate Diploma per candidate?
A10	Former awardees will not be eligible to apply for the training award within 3 years from the year of previous award.
C	FUNDING
Q1	What does the funding for the Community Care – GP Partnership Training Award cover?
A1	The Community Care – GP Partnership Training Award covers 70% of the programme and exam fees only.
Q2	Can the sponsoring Community Care institution tap on the Community Silver Trust like the other study awards?
A2	Sponsoring Community Care institutions that qualify for Community Silver Trust (CST) may use it to cover the remaining 30%.

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Q3	Does the Community Care – GP Partnership Training Award cover expenses such as repeat fees or study allowance, etc.?
A3	The Community Care – GP Partnership Training Award does not cover repeat fees or study allowance.
Q4	Is Goods & Services Tax (GST) covered by the training award?
A4	Goods & Services Tax (GST) shall not be funded if the sponsoring Community Care institution is a GST-registered entity.
D	BOND
Q1	Are successful applicants of the training award required to serve a bond with the sponsoring institution?
A1	No, Community Care – GP Partnership Training Award awardees are not required to serve a bond. However, we recommend GPs and their sponsoring institutions work through a mutually agreeable working arrangement before submitting the application for the training award.
Q2	Are there any guidelines on the minimum number of hours I need to dedicate to the sponsoring Community Care institution? Is there a need for a specified number of hours in my contract? My current contract is on a per visit basis. Is there any issue with this?
A2	At this point in time, the policy does not stipulate terms and conditions for the service arrangements between the GPs and their sponsoring institutions.
Q3	Does AIC track the number of hours clocked by the locum / GP?
A3	AIC does not track the number of hours clocked by the GP. However as part of the post training report, sponsoring institutions are required to provide information on the number of hours clocked by the GP.
Q4	What happens if the institution pays upfront and GP does not complete the programme?
A4	AIC strongly recommends that the sponsoring institution and GP work through a mutually agreed upon terms and conditions before submitting the application for the training award.
E	REIMBURSEMENT / CLAIM
Q1	I have enrolled and paid in full for the programme. How will I be reimbursed for the programme fees?
A1	For successful applications, AIC will reimburse the sponsoring institution the

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	<p>70% programme costs upon the successful completion of the programme.</p> <p>AIC recommends that the mutually agreed terms and conditions for the sponsorship be worked out between sponsoring institution and the GP before the submission of the application.</p>
Q2	When can we submit the claim for the reimbursement?
A2	Sponsoring Community Care institution needs to submit an AIC claim form within 3 months upon the GP's completion of the programme.
Q3	Do we need to attach the receipt / invoice to the claim form?
A3	You do not need to attach the receipts to the claim form. However, please attach a copy of the transcript and the certificate to the claim form.
Q4	What happens if the GP fails the exam and does not receive the certificate?
A4	The GP is allowed to retake the exam at the next course intake but the re-examination fee will not be reimbursed.
Q5	What happens if the GP defers the exam and does not complete the programme within the validity period of the award?
A5	Although NUS allows for up to 2 exam deferrals, for the purpose of the training award, AIC will allow for one exam deferral and the GP is required to successfully complete the programme within 2 years before claims can be submitted for reimbursement.
F	POST AWARD FOLLOW UP
Q1	Are there any post award follow up?
A1	The supported GP and the sponsoring Community Care institution shall complete and submit a post training survey that will be conducted by AIC six (6) months after the completion of the programme.
G	QUERIES
Q1	Who can I contact if I have queries on this training award?
A1	You can email the CCGPTA Secretariat at ccgpta@aic.sg .