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Requests for Expressions of Interest to complete Advanced Education in Primary Care Dermatology 2020/2021

EOI RELEASED:	15 October 2020
DEADLINE FOR QUESTIONS:	12pm 10 November 2020
DEADLINE FOR RESPONSES:	12pm 12 November 2020
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SECTION 1: BACKGROUND

Many dermatological conditions are chronic and require ongoing management. In many cases, these can be managed through shared care protocols with primary care. Training of general practitioners and community nurses in the management of both acute and chronic dermatological conditions is key to providing a sustainable service for patients.

Whilst the intention is to continue to upskill Primary Care across Canterbury, it is apparent that we should in addition to this, develop a network of practitioners in primary care that have extended dermatology knowledge. We are now actively supporting the development of a network of GPs and Nurse Practitioners (as appropriate) with an enhanced interest in Dermatology across Canterbury to support the care of dermatology patients within their area and to act as local educators to their GP teams and primary care colleagues both within and outside of their immediate practice.

These Practitioners would be expected to provide a service across a number of GP practices within their wider community; encouraged to take an active role in supporting and educating their primary care colleagues, which may include online peer forums sharing and providing guidance on dermatology cases. Practitioners have the opportunity to volunteer with SMOs at a free skin check day later in 2021.

SECTION 2: KEY INFORMATION

We are particularly interested in promoting the medical aspects of dermatology and not just surgical procedures. For this reason, we are looking to support the following training options for GPs / NPs.

HealthCert

Professional Certificate of General Dermatology

- This online 8 module course is for 12 weeks with 3 cohorts each year. It is followed by a revision opportunity of 3 weeks prior to the assessment.

In order to meet the requirements of professional and academic learning, the course assessment includes

- Writing a one-page report of how you will use the learning from the course in your professional work.

- Two online assessments.

More details may be found here: <https://www.healthcert.com/professional-certificate-of-general-dermatology>

In 2019 / 2020:

6 general practitioners are doing HealthCert General Dermatology courses and have given very positive feedback about the course structure and content.

SECTION 3: OUR REQUIREMENTS

We are looking for individuals who have a commitment to complete the HealthCert Professional Certificate of General Dermatology during 2021

In order to enhance the medical dermatology knowledge within primary care in Canterbury.

Whilst this course is normally aimed at GPs, there are also opportunities for Nurse Practitioners (NPs) to apply. All applicants must be actively engaged in clinical practice and regularly seeing patients with skin conditions to be suitable for the course.

Successful candidates will be appointed following review of the applications and will be reimbursed for their course costs on a monthly basis through invoicing to the Canterbury Initiative. Invoices received by the 3rd of the month will be paid on the 25th of the same month. All course fees will be covered; personal clinical time to complete the course and backfilling of clinical practice will not be covered.

Successful applicants would be expected to complete the Registration Form and pay fees, with reimbursement being issued as stated above.

We are looking for Practitioners who:

- are currently embedded within their community and have the ability to deliver to an enrolled population
- have a strong foundation to work from;
- have ability to influence care in culturally diverse populations
- are able to demonstrate they have experience of influencing their colleagues and peers across local and or regional networks;
- have experience of teaching / mentoring and supervision;
- are capable of working within a strong team with good local connections.

Geographical spread across Canterbury is important, therefore we will be looking for a range of candidates who can provide coverage across the Canterbury region and selecting GPs or NPs who can cover geographically within a region will be one of the selection criteria.

These GPs/ NPs must become networkers, provide dermatology support for their community and take an active role in the continued support and upskilling of their colleagues and peers. As part of this commitment we expect that GPs / NPs will:

- take referrals from other GPs for medical dermatology;
- undertake second opinion consults for their neighbours etc. and take a continuing interest in dermatology as a GP / NP;
- actively contribute to peer groups / education sessions and participate in the review of Community HealthPathways and HealthInfo as appropriate.

SECTION 4: OUR EVALUATION APPROACH AND SELECTION PROCESS

We welcome questions and discussions from interested candidates prior to the EOI closing date.

We require all applicants to complete the form below and return to ciadmin@cdhb.health.nz **no later than 12pm Thursday 12 November 2020**. Applicants will be evaluated on their merits according to capacity and capability for the role as described in Section 3.

Successful applicants will be invited for interview. We will be looking to recruit up to 6 GPs/NPs a year for the next 3 years, so this may affect your decision to apply at this point in time. We are happy to discuss this with you prior to the closing date.

Successful candidates will be informed and expected to complete the Registration Form and apply for the course with reimbursement of costs made on a monthly basis. Completion of the course must be within 1 year of start date.

EOI FOR ADVANCED EDUCATION IN PRIMARY CARE DERMATOLOGY RESPONSE FORM

Please complete all sections:

Name	
Practice	
Practice address	
Correspondence address / email	
Email address	
Phone number	
Additional contact information	

Q1. Please summarise your ability to deliver to an enrolled population in Canterbury including cultural diversity.

Q2. Please demonstrate with examples your experience of influencing local / regional practice

(this might include peer groups; small group leader experience; mentoring / teaching; providing supervision to students / colleagues; working in a strong team with local / regional connections).

Q3. Please outline your leadership experience and experience of developing / designing new initiatives

(this might include for example the implementation of shared protocols for methotrexate; designing new models of care; initiating new treatment regimens for colleagues; participation in health pathways design).

Q4. Additional information relevant for your application

Q5. Completed responses to be sent to

Name	Ciadmin@cdhb.health.nz
Closing date	12pm Thursday 12 November 2020