

Selection Criteria for entrance into the Master of Neurosurgery programme

Below are the minimum requirements. Candidates must:

1. possess a medical degree (MD, MBBS, MBBCh or equivalent medical qualification).
2. be registered for medical practice by the Malaysian Medical Council (MMC) under the Medical (Amendment) Act 2012 and Medical Regulations 2017.

Non-Malaysian candidates must obtain a Temporary Practicing Certificate from MMC.

3. fulfill the criteria set by their sponsoring body eg Ministry of Health, Universities etc.
4. achieve an acceptable level of English proficiency as defined by each university.
5. successfully complete the following postings as a fully registered medical officer in any hospitals/institutions recognized by the University or Ministry of Health
 - a. SIX (6) months of General Surgery posting
 - b. TWELVE (12) months of Neurosurgery posting
 - c. SIX (6) months of any surgical or surgical-related posting such as intensive care or anaesthesia
6. pass the Medical Specialist Pre-Entrance Examination (MedEx) for Neurosurgery with band 4 to 6 as defined by the Specialty Board. Those obtained lower bands, should resit the examination. The MedEx certificate for Neurosurgery is valid for a period of 3 years.

For foreign or non-Malaysian candidates: they are also required to pass the MedEx and normally, they are also internally assessed by the respective university for a period of 3-6 months with satisfactory evaluation before being accepted into the programme.

7. Those with unrecognised undergraduate degree in Medicine must pass the Malaysia Quality Examination (MQE) before proceeding to the 2nd year of the programme.
8. Pass with good ranking on the VIVA assessments conducted by the Specialty Board. The assessments are again based on the syllabus stated in MedEx for specialty Neurosurgery.

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