

The Hong Kong Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology

Outline of Accreditation for Smear Takers

To be accredited as a smear taker, the applicant should

1. Be holder of nursing or medical qualification recognized by the Hong Kong Nursing Board or the Hong Kong Medical Council respectively.
2. Pay HK\$ 300.00 assessment fee
3. Submit a log book on clients seen during training and certified by a trainer
4. Submit a certificate of completion of training on a training programme that fulfills the minimum standards as follows:

Programme Objectives:

- Understand the pathophysiology of the female genitalia especially normal and abnormal cervix
- Know how and when to take a good quality smear
- Understand the meaning and management of an abnormal cytology
- Be able to provide sufficient information on request form for interpretation by the pathologist
- Be able to provide counselling and explanation in a compassionate manner
- Be able to self evaluate and update with recent advances

Contents and Characteristics of Training Programme

- A trainer-led competency based structured theoretical and practical programme
- No less than 10 hours of lectures on Pap smear related topics approved by the HKSCCP
- Taking of 20 smears under direct supervision
- Taking of 30 smears under indirect supervision
- Completion of the logbook detailing clients seen consecutively during the training period.
- Has assessment on clinical and communication skills of trainee.
- The maximum duration of training is 12 months.

* Trainer should be experienced in smear taking and are endorsed by the head of the institution or approved by the HKSCCP.

Reaccreditation

Reaccreditation every 3 years is required.

Accredited nurse smear takers are qualified to do cervical cell sampling but not providing cervical cancer screening services independently. They should work together with a medical doctor in cervical cancer screening.