

University of Manchester courses and training/examination structures for the Faculties of Occupational Medicine (London & Ireland)

The University of Manchester (UofM) is a long standing provider of postgraduate education in occupational health, for both non-specialist (e.g. DOccMed and LFOM) and specialty training (e.g. MFOM and MFOM-I).

At national levels, education and training in occupational medicine is the responsibility of the Faculties of the Royal Colleges, namely:

- The Faculty of Occupational Medicine of the Royal College of Physicians (FOM-London): <http://www.facocmed.ac.uk/>
- The Faculty of Occupational Medicine of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland (FOM-I) : <http://www.rcpi.ie/Faculties/Pages/FacultyofOccupationalMedicine.aspx>

The UofM's educational material covers the Faculties' curricular specifications, and the UofM's courses are compatible with the requirements of FOM-London and FOM-I (summarised in the tables below).

FOM-London: Requirement	UofM: Provision/Award
<p><i>Diploma level (DOccMed)</i></p> <p>DOccMed examination DOccMed portfolio</p>	<p>UofM: Module 1 & Module 2 UofM: Portfolio section (in Module 3)</p>
<p><i>Specialty training</i></p> <p>(1) Knowledge base MFOM London part 1 examination MFOM London part 2 examination</p> <p>(2) Research competency *Dissertation/published research</p>	<p>UofM: Module 1 & Module 2 UofM: Modules 1-8 AWARD = Advanced Diploma</p> <p>UofM: Module 3 & Module 7 include material which allows preparatory work for the research competency. The UofM's Dissertation is undertaken after successful completion of Modules 1-8. AWARD = MSc</p>

- * MFOM London candidates are required to undertake and complete a piece of primary or secondary research or substantial audit and present their findings as a dissertation of prescribed format - a UofM's MSc thesis may be submitted for this purpose.

FOM-I: Requirement	UofM: Provision/Award
<p><i>Licentiate (LFOM)</i></p> <p>LFOM examination</p> <p>LFOM portfolio</p>	<p>UofM: Modules 1-8 AWARD = Advanced Diploma</p> <p>UofM: Portfolio section (in Module 3)</p>
<p><i>Specialty training</i></p> <p>(1) Knowledge base MFOM-I examination</p> <p>(2) Research competency Dissertation / published research</p>	<p>UofM: Modules 1-8 AWARD = Advanced Diploma</p> <p>UofM: Module 3 & Module 7 include material which allows preparatory work for the research competency. The UofM's Dissertation is undertaken after successful completion of Modules 1-8. AWARD = MSc</p>

Please note that it is very important for any candidate to look at the specific requirements of FOM-London or FOM-I, for example in relation to specialty training, submission of case studies, and examinations (processes / procedures / formats).