

Certificate Course in Infertility Counseling (Spring, 2018)

Co-organized by
Department of Social Work and Social Administration, HKU
The Hong Kong Society for Reproductive Medicine



Health care professionals are playing an increasingly important role in reproductive medicine due to technological advances and recognition of the complex psychosocial issues faced by infertility patients. As a result, there is a growing need across different countries for the skills and services of trained infertility counselors to assist patients and staff. Infertility counseling includes psychological assessment, psychotherapeutic intervention, and psycho-educational support of individuals and couples who are experiencing fertility problems.

The prospective course will be co-organized by the Department of Social Work and Social Administration, HKU and the Hong Kong Society for Reproductive Medicine. In 2010, we have started the first certificate course as a pilot scheme. This is the **fifth Certificate Course on Infertility Counseling for local healthcare professionals** working on assisted reproduction technologies.

After completing the course, each participant will be presented a certificate of attendance issued by the Department of Social Work and Social Administration, HKU and the Hong Kong Society for Reproductive Medicine. The course structure is developed from the guidelines offered by the Mental Health Professional Group of the American Society for Reproductive Medicine. This is to help determine the qualifications and training for mental health professionals working in reproductive medicine.

Objectives

- ❖ To equip healthcare professionals with the medical, psychosocial, legal and ethical perspectives as well as their implications towards infertility and assisted reproduction technologies
- ❖ To introduce different approaches intervening with clients undergoing various types of assisted reproduction technologies
- ❖ To enrich professional and personal competence in working as helping professionals

Format

The course will be comprised of twelve 2.5-hour lectures with one half-day workshop.

Course Coordinator

Dr. Celia Chan

Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work and Social Administration

Associate Director, Centre on Behavioral Health,

Counselor-in-charge, Centre of Assisted Reproduction and Embryology, QMH-HKU,

The University of Hong Kong

Course Structure (Every Tuesday from 27/2/2018 to 22/5/2018, half-day retreat on 28/4/2018)

Session	Date	Duration (hour)	Topic
Contemporary issues in infertility & ART			
1	27/2/2018	2.5	Introduction to reproductive psychology and fertility counselling
2	6/3/2018	2.5	Medical aspects: pregnancy, infertility and third party assisted reproduction
3	13/3/2018	2.5	ART in contemporary China
4	20/3/2018	2.5	Legal & ethical aspects of infertility and ART
Infertility counseling in practice			
5	27/3/2018	2.5	Support and therapeutic counselling
6	3/4/2018	2.5	Fertility awareness & cultural issues
7	10/4/2018	2.5	Mind-body approach in infertility counselling
8	17/4/2018	2.5	Working with couples & family
9	24/4/2018	2.5	Third party ART & implications counselling
10	28/4/2018	4	Half-day reflective retreat*
Special topic in fertility counselling			
11	8/5/2018	2.5	Crisis intervention & alternative family building
12	15/5/2018	2.5	Perinatal bereavement
13	22/5/2018	2.5	Evidence based infertility counselling
Total no. of Hours:		34	

* This session is a half-day retreat. More details will be announced later.



Schedule

Lectures

Time: Tuesdays, 19:00 - 21:30

Venue*: Centennial Campus, The University of Hong Kong

Workshop

Time: 9:30 – 1:00pm, 28/4/2018

Venue*: Centennial Campus, The University of Hong Kong

*Exact classroom number will be emailed to students 1 week prior to Lecture one.

Assessment

Written examination

Course requirement

Participants are expected to make their utmost effort to be present in each session in this course. With 80% or above attendance, participants will receive a Certificate of Attendance.

Participants are invited to fill in a self-administered questionnaire before and after the training course.

Credits on Continuing Education

Continuing Nursing Education – 14 points

Continuing Medical Education – 1 point for each hour of complete course

Fee and payment method

Course fee: HKD \$12,000

Early bird rate: \$10,000 before 19 Jan 2018

Please send complete registration form with crossed cheque payable to “The Hong Kong Society For Reproductive Medicine Limited” to the following address: 12/F Central Tower 28 Queen's Road Central Hong Kong [Please specific “Re: Certificate Course in Infertility Counselling (Spring 2018)”] The deadline of registration is 13 Feb 2018.

Registration & Enquiry

Should you have enquiries, please contact the course administrator, Miss Dorothy Yu

Email : ycesd@hku.hk

Tel : 852-3917-1160

Fax : 852-2585 7604

Certificate Course in Infertility Counseling (Spring, 2018)

Co-organized by
Department of Social Work and Social Administration, HKU
The Hong Kong Society for Reproductive Medicine

*** Enrolment Form ***

Name : _____ (English)

Gender : Male / Female

Professional : _____

Post : _____

Department : _____

Clinic / Hospital : _____

Telephone : _____ (Office) _____ (Mobile)

Email : _____

Years of Experience in Reproductive Medicine: _____ Years

=====

Fee and payment method

Course fee: HKD \$12,000

Early bird rate: \$10,000 before 19 Jan 2018

Please send complete registration form with crossed cheque payable to "The Hong Kong Society For Reproductive Medicine Limited" to the following address: 12/F Central Tower 28 Queen's Road Central Hong Kong [Please specify "Re: Certificate Course in Infertility Counselling (Spring 2018)"] The deadline of registration is 13 Feb 2018.

Registration & Enquiry

Should you have enquiries, please contact the course administrator, Miss Dorothy Yu

Email : ycesd@hku.hk

Tel : 852-3917-1160

Fax : 852-2585-7604