



CRITERIA FOR INTERNSHIP TRAINING CENTRES

Internship Training Centers are key components in the training of doctors therefore the hospitals must attain minimum requirements which include:

I. CORE VALUE

Availability of a clear statement on the vision, mission and strategic plan that is relevant to the training and supervision of interns and ensuring evidence based practice

II. FACILITIES

Training Centers should have the following Departments/Services:

1. Mandatory:
 - a. Internal Medicine
 - b. Surgery + Anesthesia
 - c. Pediatrics
 - d. Obstetrics and Gynecology

2. Necessary:
 - e. Outpatient clinics
 - f. Accident and Emergency
 - g. Dental
 - h. Medical Laboratory
 - i. Diagnostic Imaging
 - j. Pharmacy

3. Other desirable :
 - a. Mental health
 - b. Critical care
 - c. ENT
 - d. Ophthalmology
 - e. Dermatology
 - f. Rehabilitation
 - g. Orthopedics and Trauma,
 - h. One stop center and counseling services

**Notice: exception for specific specialties can be made where the center cannot offer the full package*

III. CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Internship Training Centers must be accredited as CPD Provider by the Rwanda Medical and Dental Council with clear functional CPD Program and CPD action plan should be monitored by the accrediting body (RMDC).

III. THE STRUCTURES

The Structures that have to be available include:

- a. A resource center/medical library with internet access
- b. The hospital shall facilitate and make arrangements for suitable and secured accommodation for interns (within the Hospital or close proximity)
- c. The hospital must have a secure duty/call room for interns
- d. Availability of food and communication facilitations (Common User Group) on duty
- e. Medical ward
- f. Surgical ward
- g. Pediatric ward
- h. Neonatal unit
- i. Maternity unit
- j. Gynecology ward
- k. Dental Unit
- l. Functional operating theater
- m. Accident and emergency
- n. Pharmacy
- o. Laboratory
- p. Radiology : x-ray and ultrasound

IV. PERSONNEL

The Training Center should have:

- a. Appointed Internship Coordinator
- b. At least two (2) specialists or Full Time Equivalents* per department (General Surgery, Medicine, Pediatrics, Obstetrics & Gynecology) with adequate anesthesia support. However, for the time being one specialist with a privileged senior medical officer is acceptable as the system works towards having two (2) specialists in each department.
- c. At least one Medical officer in each of the departments
- d. Adequate numbers of technical and support staff.

**Full Time Equivalents: Clinical services coverage 7 days a week. This could be covered by more than one Specialist*

V. PATIENTS VOLUME:

Adequate patients volume as decided by internship committee should be available to provide exposure to Intern Doctors.