

# APPENDIX

## Diploma in Psychiatric Practice (DPP)

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Postgraduate psychiatric training has traditionally, in most parts of the world, been based on an intensive individual case-taking model which is difficult to apply in those many places where time for detailed case-taking may not be available, or where it is very difficult to see the individual patients apart from their families.

Also, traditional post-graduate psychiatric training often pays limited attention to the impact of cultural and social factors on mental disorders, and rarely prepares the trainee for the realities of practice intimately involved with management, organizational, and even political issues.

Senior staff at Ain Shams University, Cairo, and the United Medical and Dental Schools (Guys and St. Thomas' Hospital) London, have designed a new qualification, the Diploma in Psychiatric Practice (DPP), which aims to train students for the realities of modern mental health practice, especially in developing countries, using modern educational methods for teaching and assessment.

The qualification involves two parts, each of four modules (the parts can be taken in any order). The first part covers the content of traditional psychiatry including definition of disorder, the principles of classification, examination, and treatment.

Part B has modules on cultural aspects of mental disorder, planning, organization, and management of services, quality control, audit, and service evaluation, and team building and team working and the maintenance of morale.

Courses and examinations are held in Cairo and in London. The first examination for part A was held in Cairo in July 1994. Candidates are working in different settings in the Arab world; but the principles underpinning the course and qualification apply everywhere and applications are invited from doctors working anywhere, especially in a developing country.

Interested doctors would write for further information to the secretary to the DPP conjoint Board, Dr. Mohammed Abdel Mawgoud, Medical Director, Al Amal Hospital, PO. Box 5054, Dammam 31422, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

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