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PG Diploma in Forensic Medical Sciences, Academy of Forensic Medical Sciences

Suzie's Background

I was delighted to receive funding to complete a forensic medical sciences diploma from the SAS Development Fund. Without this opportunity it would have been unlikely I would have been able to justify self-funding the diploma.

I recently changed my career path from one in Emergency Medicine to one as a Forensic Physician. Whilst I have had a lot of training in this role, I was eager to expand my knowledge further and this diploma was recommended to me by colleagues.

Training and Learning

Over the course of six months I attended virtual lectures, following which, I completed a dissertation and written exam in order to achieve my diploma. One stand-out, fantastic aspect of this opportunity was the privilege of receiving lectures from world renowned experts in the field. As much of my medical education at university was self-directed this was really enjoyable.

Impact on Practice

As a result, I have been able to advance my knowledge on topics such as ballistics, legal medicine, forensic science and forensic medicine: all subjects difficult to gain experience and exposure to as part of normal training. This has in turn increased my confidence in providing evidence in court, provided inspiration for potential expansion of my current role and has been tremendously rewarding.

Advice to Others

I really recommend applying for funding if you feel inspired to develop your knowledge: The whole process has been really supportive, easy to manage, thoroughly rewarding and inspiring. Many thanks to everyone who has made this possible!