Outline of Accreditation for Smear Takers

To be accredited as a smear taker, the applicant should
1. Be holder of nursing or medical qualification recognized by the Hong Kong Nursing Board or the Hong Kong Medical Council respectively.
2. Pay HK$ 300.00 assessment fee
3. Submit a log book on clients seen during training and certified by a trainer
4. Submit a certificate of completion of training on a training programme that fulfills the minimum standards as follows:

Programme Objectives:
• Understand the pathophysiology of the female genitalia especially normal and abnormal cervix
• Know how and when to take a good quality smear
• Understand the meaning and management of an abnormal cytology
• Be able to provide sufficient information on request form for interpretation by the pathologist
• Be able to provide counselling and explanation in a compassionate manner
• Be able to self evaluate and update with recent advances

Contents and Characteristics of Training Programme
• A trainer-led competency based structured theoretical and practical programme
• No less than 10 hours of lectures on Pap smear related topics approved by the HKSCCP
• Taking of 20 smears under direct supervision
• Taking of 30 smears under indirect supervision
• Completion of the logbook detailing clients seen consecutively during the training period.
• Has assessment on clinical and communication skills of trainee.
• The maximum duration of training is 9 months.

* Trainer should be experienced in smear taking and are endorsed by the head of the institution or approved by the HKSCCP.

Reaccreditation

Reaccreditation every 3 years is required.

*Accredited nurse smear takers are qualified to do cervical cell sampling but not providing cervical cancer screening services independently. They should work together with a medical doctor in cervical cancer screening.*