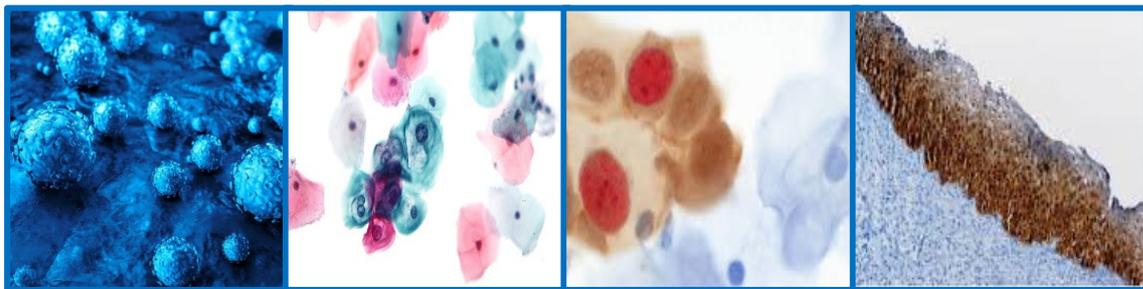


# CPD Certificate in Molecular Cervical Cytopathology (Level 9)

Joint Programme of the School of Biological and Health Sciences, Technological University Dublin, and the Cellular and Molecular Cytopathology Training School, Coombe Women and Infants University Hospital in partnership with CervicalCheck.



## Programme Overview

The aim of this programme is to upskill the cytologist in the area of molecular cytopathology in the context of moving towards HPV primary screening. Students will participate in a series of one-day teaching sessions covering a range of topics including: HPV testing, HPV vaccination, molecular biomarkers in cervical screening, epidemiology and pathogenesis of cervical cancer, new screening algorithms, quality assurance, health economics and the psychosocial impact of screening. Students will complete a significant practical component to include both self-directed (based on student's own practice) and directed teaching sessions across a number of topics including biomarker interpretation, complex cytology cases and presenting complex cases at multi-disciplinary team meetings. Students will complete an evidence-based portfolio to document their learning and reflection on their cytopathology practice and regular tutorials will be scheduled to support students with completion of their portfolios and case study assignments.

**Course Duration: 6 months**

**European Credit Transfer System: 15 credits**

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**Applicants for the CPD Certificate in Molecular Cervical Cytopathology must meet the Entry Requirements for the Programme as outlined in brief below and in detail in the Application Form:**

All applicants for the CPD Certificate in Molecular Cervical Cytopathology are required to hold an appropriate honours degree in Biomedical Science or equivalent. In addition, applicants require to be employed as a Medical Scientist, or equivalent post, in an accredited laboratory that has approval for the provision of cytology services as part of an organised screening programme.

- The applicant must be eligible to practice as either:
  - a) a Medical Scientist in Ireland and be eligible for registration with the Medical Scientist Registration Board, CORU
  - or
  - b) a Medical Scientist (or equivalent role) and be a member of the relevant national statutory regulatory body for Medical Scientists and/or professional body in their own country.
- The applicant must have a **minimum of three years post-qualification experience** working as a Medical Scientist (or equivalent role) in a Cytopathology Laboratory preferably accredited to Irish National Accreditation Board (INAB) or Clinical Pathology Accreditation (CPA) UK standards, or their international equivalent relevant to the applicants country of practice, within the last 10 years.
- The applicant must have a written agreement from a named Trainer Cytopathologist in the hospital or laboratory in which they are employed, confirming support and facilities available for the duration of the Molecular Cervical Cytopathology CPD training. In addition the applicant must have written agreement from the Trainer Cytopathologist that they will supervise the necessary proficiency training in Molecular Cervical Cytopathology in accordance with the programme documentation.

**All applications will be reviewed based on the Entry Requirements detailed in the Application Form and approved by the Programme Committee.**

**The programme is due to commence early February 2020.**

**Closing date for applications is Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2020**