

MASTER COURSE ON ADVANCED EMERGENCY MEDICINE

Emergency medicine defines the knowledge and skills required for prevention, diagnosis and management of acute illness and injury in patients of all ages. It also encompasses the development of pre-hospital and in-hospital emergency medical systems.

The master course is a two - year course offered by Scandinavian Society of Anaesthesiology and Intensive care medicine (SSAI). The number of participants will be 20 on each course, with one course every second year. Applicants are specialists in anaesthesiology and members of the SSAI, who are working or are planning to work in advanced emergency medicine in the pre-, inter-, and/or in - hospital setting. After fulfilling the course the candidate will be entitled AEMP, Advanced Emergency Medicine Physician. AEMPs should serve as course directors and teachers for other personnel (anaesthesiology trainees, paramedics, ambulance staff). Research and development as well as quality assurance activities within the domain of emergency medicine have priority. Further AEMPs should act as consultants on organisation and development of emergency care at the local, regional or national level. Further candidates from this course will be recruited as collaborators in major disasters within or outside Scandinavia.

CONTENT AND FORMAT

The master programme includes four residential courses and a distance-learning programme interspersed between courses (Figure 1). The distance-learning programme serves as preparation for the courses and follow-up on course learning and its application in clinical practice. Various assignments will be included in the distance-learning programme as a means to foster reflection on practice and scholarly proficiencies. In addition participants shall do one major project reported in a master thesis.

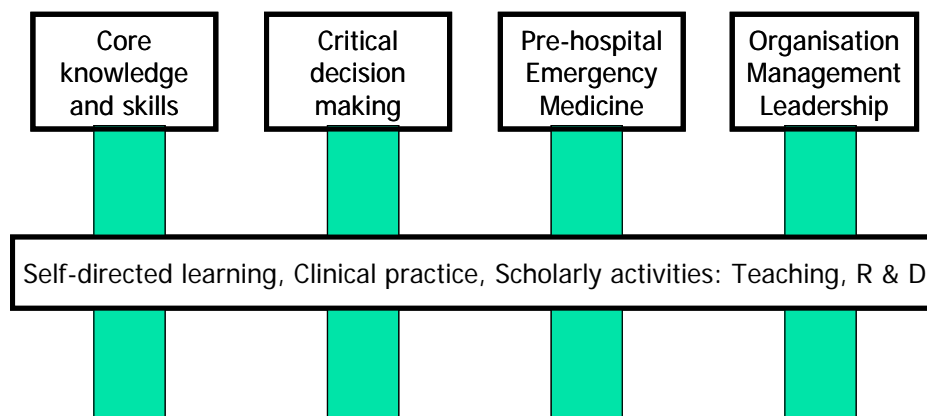


Figure 1

The teaching strategies at the residential courses include:

A variety of simulation-based scenarios

Hand-on exercises

Case-based teaching

Mini-lectures

Group discussions

The teaching strategies of the distance-learning programme include:

Written course material

Net-working among participants

Support from mentors and supervisors according to course content

ORGANISATION

1. Introduction course Finland
2. Critical decision-making, Denmark
3. Pre-hospital care, Norway
4. Leadership and management, Sweden
5. Distance learning program, Iceland

SUPPORT

Course mentor and local mentor

FUTURE PLANNING

We hope that the programme will be approved by the SSAI board on the board meeting the 4th of September 2007. There will be information on the programme during the Congress. The first course is expected to start in January 2008. The application form will appear on the web shortly. There will also be an advertisement in AAS, hopefully in the October issue of the journal.

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