

Subject Description Form

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Subject Code	SN6006
Subject Title	Information Technology in Healthcare
Credit Value	3 (Compulsory for 06003, Elective for 06001)
Level	6
Pre-requisite / Co-requisite/ Exclusion	Nil
Objectives	To equip students with basic yet essential knowledge of various (and state-of-the-art) information technologies that can be applied to healthcare and medicine applications, and to enable them to understand and participate in the design, development and implementation of healthcare applications by making use of these information technologies.
Intended Learning Outcomes	Upon completion of the subject, students will be able to: a. Understand basic yet essential knowledge of various (and state-of-the-art) information technologies that can be applied to healthcare and medicine applications, and understand and participate in the design, development and implementation of IT in their work places; b. Acquire a theoretical background in relevant aspects of basic scientific and healthcare disciplines that interact with the application of information science and technology for health-related and healthcare domains, in both health education and research and in patient care; c. Deal with and evaluate healthcare issues with insights from the perspective of IT and scientific methods, and engage in the design of information systems and experiments to tackle the issues; d. Understand the scientific basis of IT problems encountered in healthcare fields and have a better understanding of the use of IT.
Subject Synopsis/ Indicative Syllabus	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Electronic health records: terminology standards, information exchange standards, usability and evaluation2. Machine learning and medical image analysis: automatic medical image enhancement, detection, segmentation, registration, and basic knowledge of deep learning techniques and its applications in medical image analysis3. Virtual reality technology and application in health care4. Mobile and wearable applications in health care5. Clinical decision support systems: clinical decision making process, categories of clinical decision support system, knowledge-based and non-knowledge-based systems, active, semi-active and passive systems6. Health data privacy and security: security and privacy issues, security tools and solutions, data encryption methods7. Basic knowledge of bioinformatics8. Basic knowledge of public health informatics

Teaching/Learning Methodology	<p>Lectures:</p> <p>Lectures are given to introduce the application of information technology and technologies at large in healthcare and medicine, the fundamental concepts of the enabling technologies, and the design and implementation issues.</p> <p>Case study /Tutorial:</p> <p>Students are guided to discussed and criticize case studies concerning the research, design, and implementation of healthcare applications that employ information technologies or other technologies, in order to reinforce the concepts and principles introduced during the lectures.</p>																																	
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