## **Subject Description Form**

Subject Code	ABCT3110
Subject Title	Anatomical Pathology
Credit Value	3
Level	3
Pre-requisite	Nil
Objectives	<ol> <li>Through lectures and practical sessions:</li> <li>to provide students an understanding of the fundamental knowledge of diagnostic technologies and their applications in Anatomical Pathology laboratories;</li> <li>to equip students to perform appropriate laboratory tests; and evaluate histological and cytological results for diagnosis of disease.</li> </ol>
Intended Learning Outcomes	<ul> <li>Upon completion of the subject, students will be able to:</li> <li>a. identify structure of basic tissue types and understand their functions</li> <li>b. recognize the normal microscopic features of major organ tissues</li> <li>c. understand the basic principles of various diagnostic technologies in histology and cytology.</li> <li>d. perform tissue and cellular specimens processing, sectioning, staining and microscopic examination with appropriate skills.</li> <li>e. evaluate histological and cytological test results for diagnosis of disease.</li> </ul>
Subject Synopsis/ Indicative Syllabus	<ul> <li>Normal histology:</li> <li>Normal structure of basic tissue types and their functions</li> <li>Normal tissue structure of major organ systems, such as circulatory, skin, skeletal, respiratory, digestive, lymphoreticular, urinary, reproductive and central nervous system.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Tissue preparation and processing:</li> <li>Fixation and preservation</li> <li>Decalcification</li> <li>Tissue processing</li> <li>Microtomy and cryostat sectioning</li> <li>Mounting</li> </ul> Laboratory techniques to demonstrate tissue structures and elements: <ul> <li>General tissue structure staining techniques</li> <li>Special staining techniques for demonstration of connective tissues, carbohydrates, lipids, nucleic acids, pigments, amyloid, microorganisms, bone, etc.</li></ul>

	<ul> <li>Immunohistochemistry (IHC) and immunocytochemistry (ICC)</li> <li>Enzyme histochemistry</li> <li>Molecular diagnosis in Anatomical Pathology</li> </ul>						
	<ul> <li>Histopathology:</li> <li>Basic concepts in identification of abnormal cells and pathological features in tumours and malignancy</li> </ul>						
	<ul> <li>Cytology:</li> <li>Sample collection and processing</li> <li>Cytological smear preparation and staining</li> <li>Cytological features of normal cellular constituents, common changes shown in cells in relation to disease and associated malignancy</li> </ul>						
Teaching/Learning Methodology	Lecture: to introduce and reinforce knowledge, principles and concepts Practical session: to perform laboratory tests and result evaluation Tutorial: to relate theories to clinical practice through discussion						
Assessment Methods in Alignment with Intended Learning	Specific assessment methods/tasks	Percentage weighting					
Outcomes	1. Laboratory assignments	30%	a ✓	b ✓	c ✓	d ✓	e ✓
	2. Quizzes / Tests	30%	$\checkmark$	✓	~	~	✓
	3. Examination	40%	$\checkmark$	~	~	~	~
	Total	100%					
	<ul> <li>Laboratory assignments will assess students' laboratory skills and the ability to evaluate the test results for diagnosis of disease.</li> <li>Quizzes and tests will assess students' the ability to identify tissue structures and cell elements; the understanding of basic concepts of histological and cytological techniques.</li> <li>Students are required to attend at least 75% of scheduled sessions for subjects. Failure to fulfill the attendance requirement would result in a failing grade in this subject.</li> </ul>						
Student Study	Class contact:						
Effort Expected	Lectures					1	8 Hrs.

	<ul> <li>Tutorials / Laboratory Practical</li> </ul>	21 Hrs.				
	Other student study effort:					
	<ul> <li>Self and Guided Study</li> </ul>	70 Hrs.				
	<ul> <li>Assignments</li> </ul>	20 Hrs.				
	Total student study effort	129 Hrs.				
Reading List and References	<i>Cellular Pathology: an introduction to techniques and applications.</i> (2015) 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ed. Cook J, Warren PJ. Scion Publishing Ltd. Oxfordshire UK.					
	<i>Theory and Practice of Histological Technique</i> . (2013) Suvarna KS, Layton C, Bancroft JD. 7 <sup>th</sup> Ed. Churchill Livingstone: Edinburgh.					
	Practical Principles of Cytopathology Revised. (2007) Demay RM American Society for Clinical Pathology Press: Washington.					
	Wheater's Functional Histology: a text and colour atlas. (2013) Young B, Woodford P, O'Dowd G. 6 <sup>th</sup> Ed. Churchill Livingstone: Edinburgh.					