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Okay, here's the revised course recommendation document incorporating your feedback and the provided source materials. I've focused on maintaining a supportive, practical tone suitable for GPSA/HPSA.

### \*\*COURSE RECOMMENDATION: Supervising IMGs for Impact\*\*

The supervision of International Medical Graduates (IMGs) is vital for a skilled and diverse healthcare workforce in Australia, especially in rural and remote general practice. Effective supervision requires clinical knowledge, cultural sensitivity, regulatory awareness, and sound pedagogical principles [1]. A structured course is essential to equip supervisors to support IMGs transitioning to the Australian healthcare system, fostering professional growth and better patient outcomes. Breaking the topic into modules allows deeper exploration of cultural safety, feedback techniques, and addressing underperformance, enhancing learning and retention [2].

This module breakdown suits both clinical supervisors and administrators by addressing practical, day-to-day supervision and broader systemic considerations. Modules build progressively, starting with the IMG experience and advancing to coaching, feedback, and managing challenges [3]. Understanding registration (Module 2) informs learning plan development (Module 4). This ensures participants gain a comprehensive understanding of IMG supervision [4].

The course targets clinical supervisors and healthcare administrators. Supervisors gain practical skills in feedback, coaching, and assessment. Administrators develop a better understanding of systemic challenges and support structures needed for successful IMG integration [5]. This fosters a shared understanding and collaborative approach to IMG supervision within the practice.

The value of this course lies in equipping supervisors and administrators with the knowledge and skills to effectively support IMGs, leading to improved IMG retention, enhanced patient care, and a more sustainable healthcare workforce [6]. Completing this course and demonstrating competency provides a valuable micro-credential, demonstrating a commitment to best-practice supervision and enhancing professional credibility [7]. This

micro-credential can contribute to CPD points and demonstrate expertise in IMG supervision [8].

**\*\*RECOMMENDED MODULES:\*\***

1. **\*\*Understanding the IMG Journey to Australian General Practice:\*\***
  - \* Explores the unique challenges and opportunities faced by IMGs transitioning to the Australian healthcare system. Covers pre-arrival preparation, cultural adjustments, and common stressors.
    - \* Practical applications include developing empathy and tailoring support to individual IMG needs.
2. **\*\*Registration and Regulatory Requirements for IMGs:\*\***
  - \* Outlines the AHPRA registration process, RACGP and ACRRM requirements for IMGs, and relevant Medicare provider number regulations.
    - \* Practical applications include navigating the registration process and ensuring compliance with all regulatory requirements.
3. **\*\*Cultural Safety and Indigenous Health in General Practice:\*\***
  - \* Explores the principles of cultural safety, with a specific focus on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health. Covers cultural awareness, anti-racism, and strategies for providing culturally appropriate care.
    - \* Practical applications include developing culturally safe practice protocols and engaging with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.
4. **\*\*Developing Effective Learning Plans for IMGs:\*\***
  - \* Focuses on creating individualised learning plans that align with the IMG's experience, learning style, and career goals. Covers setting SMART goals, identifying learning resources, and providing regular feedback.
    - \* Practical applications include developing a sample learning plan and conducting a learning needs assessment.
5. **\*\*Providing Constructive Feedback and Coaching:\*\***
  - \* Explores effective feedback techniques, including providing timely, specific, and actionable feedback. Also covers coaching strategies for helping IMGs overcome challenges and achieve their full potential.
    - \* Practical applications include role-playing feedback scenarios and developing a coaching plan.
6. **\*\*Assessment for Learning: Tools and Techniques:\*\***
  - \* Covers various assessment methods used in general practice, including case-based discussions, mini-CEX, and DOPS. Focuses on using assessment to promote learning and identify areas for improvement.
    - \* Practical applications include conducting a mini-CEX and providing feedback on performance.
7. **\*\*Addressing Underperformance and Managing Difficult Situations:\*\***
  - \* Provides strategies for identifying and addressing underperformance in IMGs. Covers performance management processes, documentation, and communication skills.
    - \* Practical applications include developing a performance improvement plan and role-playing difficult conversations.
8. **\*\*Supervisor Wellbeing and Self-Care:\*\***
  - \* Addresses the importance of supervisor wellbeing and self-care strategies to mitigate burnout and maintain effective supervision practices.

\* Practical applications include identifying personal stressors and developing a self-care plan.

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