

DAS – Diploma of Advanced Studies

Health Care and Management [HCM]: From Research to Implementation

25 March – 28 June 2019 at Swiss TPH, Basel / Switzerland



Do you want to launch a career in international public health?

The 14-week Health Care and Management (HCM) course provides participants with the core competencies for understanding and reacting to health challenges at a world-leading institute in global health.

HCM participants acquire a range of skills and knowledge needed to work as a member of a health management team, particularly in low-income societies. With a focus on practical application and interactive training, HCM participants benefit from engaging with experts from various fields and with a diverse student body to advance their position in the health sector.

Swiss TPH can help!

To find solutions to today's global health challenges, interdisciplinary partnerships are essential; a fact recognised by the Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute (Swiss TPH), an associated institute of the University of Basel and part of the global tropEd-network. Drawing from its global network and its experience in research, service provision, and education and training, Swiss TPH offers a unique study environment for those looking to improve international health and well-being.

About the HCM course

The course is composed of four main modules:

| Module 1 | Module 2 | Module 3 | Module 4 |
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| Introduction | Concepts and research methods | Health challenges | Health systems management |
| Understanding global health challenges | Basic tool kit (statistics, epidemiology and quantitative methods) Applied epidemiology | Laboratory skills and parasitology Clinical presentation of important diseases Reproductive and child health | Intercultural communication Management strategies System thinking |
| Contact time: 20 h | Contact time: 120 h | Contact time: 140 h | Contact time: 95 h |

Teaching / Learning Methods

To achieve an optimal learning experience, HCM employs a diverse spectrum of educational methods, such as field exercises and visits, individual and group work, laboratory practical work, lectures, seminars, demonstrations and tutorials, among other activities.

The study stay is also enriched by a lively exchange of experiences, ideas and mutual learning among participants and facilitators, alike. The HCM students and teaching team reflect various disciplines, countries and experiences at local, national and international levels.

"The course has allowed me to be exposed to different institutions, countries and dozens of inspiring international professionals. Coming from a different field, I have begun to immerse myself in this world, start my career in Global Health and, so far, I have enjoyed every second of it."

Carmen Sant Fruchtmann, Switzerland [Biotechnologist]

Participants

The course is open to participants from various backgrounds and countries. Participants are mostly trained health professionals (medical doctors, nurses, midwives, pharmacists, veterinarians), though participants from other disciplines (business or social science, for example) also contribute to class diversity.

Certification

At the end of the 14th week, upon successful completion of the programme, participants are awarded the DAS, accredited by the University of Basel. HCM also serves as the core course for the tropEd network, the European Network for Education in International Health, and is mandatory for those who wish to pursue a Master in International Health (MIH).



Over **25** years of HCM **600** participants from more than **70** countries and over **80** different professional backgrounds

Admission Criteria

- Candidates must have a first professional qualification and at least two years' professional experience
- English requirements: TOEFL Paper 550 /TOEFL Computer 213/ TOEFL internet 79 – 80/IELTS 6.0 or native speaker or completed higher education in English (with written proof)

Scholarships

A very limited number of scholarships are reserved for participants from resource-constrained countries working or aspiring to work in primary health care, public or global health, or district-level health services. Candidates must have a very good command of English, and have adequate academic or other training. The full scholarship includes the HCM tuition fee, international return flight, insurance, and accommodation and living costs for the 14-week period.

Application Procedure

Applicants should submit a completed application form and photocopies of all required documents via post to the Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute. For detailed information, please see application form.

Application deadline

Scholarship applicants: 31 August 2018

Self-paying applicants: 31 October 2018



“Being a health worker, my passion has always been to help our community. Because of this course, I acquired an understanding of how I work as a team leader as well as a community member in our society. The social-cultural exchange with facilitators and other participants was very helpful.”

Zainab Mbarak, Tanzania [Medical Specialist]

Practical Information

Course Fees

The 14-week HCM course fee is CHF 7000*. This sum includes a non-refundable registration fee of CHF 500.

The total fee must be paid six weeks before the start of the course. If cancellation is less than four weeks before the beginning of the course, an additional fee of CHF 1000 will be charged.

*The course fee does not include insurance, accommodation or other personal living costs during the stay. Participants are responsible for making these arrangements directly.



Non-discrimination Policy

As a matter of policy, law and commitment, Swiss TPH does not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, colour, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, age, national or ethnic origin, political beliefs or disability in selection and admission of participants for the courses.



"The HCM made a great change in my life. I have learned a lot about health system management and I met interesting colleagues and lecturers from different corners of the world, with whom I am still in touch – since 2012."

Gatete Mahava, Tanzania [District Medical Officer]

Disclaimer

In case of an insufficient number of participants, the course can be cancelled up to four weeks prior to the course start date. Swiss TPH is not responsible for any costs related to flight bookings, etc.



For further information

For more information about the course and its content, visit our website: www.swisstph.ch/en/courses/hcm/ or contact courses@swisstph.ch.

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Bernadette Peterhans, RN, MPH

"I learned a lot from the expertise of the other students... Important for me is that I now feel that I have not only better knowledge, but also the skills to perform better in my job. I can highly recommend this course!"

Anthony Sikyatta, Uganda [Medical doctor]

Personal details

(Names as written on your passport)

Family name: _____

Given name(s): _____ F ☐ M ☐

Date of birth: _____ Marital status: _____

Place of birth: _____ Nationality: _____

Highest study degree: _____

Profession: _____

Address

(Please give a reliable and permanent address)

Street, number: _____

P.O. Box: _____ City: _____

Province: _____ Postal code: _____

Country: _____ Fax number: _____

Phone number: _____ Mobile number: _____

E-mail: _____

Courses attended recently: date and description

Present or most recent position

Name of employer: _____

Type of organization: _____

Place of work: _____

Year of entry: _____ Year of leaving (if not still there): _____

Position held: _____

Main duties: _____

Previous working experiences

(Please mention mainly your assignments in resource constrained countries):

Mark if you wish

☐ To register for the MIH programme

Are you employed in a resource constrained country or do you have a contract for an assignment there?

Employed ☐ yes ☐ no

contract for assignment ☐ yes ☐ no

Organization: _____ Period: _____

References (professional and / or personal), Name / Address

- 1) _____
2) _____

Source of funding for fees and expenses

- ☐ myself
☐ my employer
☐ other _____
☐ I apply for a scholarship (see description)

Required documents (photocopies)

- 1) Filled application form
2) Professional Diploma(s)
3) Curriculum Vitae (typed or computer printout)
4) Handwritten explanation why you would like to attend the HCM core-course and how this course will help you in your work and career (1–2 pages)
5) English proof (see description)
6) 2 Photographs (passport-size)

For scholarship applicants only

- 7) Contract for an assignment in a resource constrained country
8) Agreement of employer

Please indicate where you learned about the Swiss TPH courses

- ☐ colleagues ☐ advertisement ☐ Swiss TPH homepage ☐ tropEd ☐ other

**Please return completed form with all required documents by postal mail only!
Incomplete applications and applications sent by e-mail will not be considered!**

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Please return completed form to

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In case you are not selected for admission

- ☐ The Swiss TPH shall send back the documents
☐ Documents shall be destroyed by the Swiss TPH

Date

Signature