

PUBLIC HEALTH AND CRISIS COURSES

29 May - 23 June 2017

Global Health Programme, Faculty of Public Health,
Thammasat University Rangsit Campus, Thailand
Public Health in Emergencies, Asian Disaster
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Background

Natural and constructed hazards, new and re-emerging pathogens, conflict and rising inequity are all contributing to an ever increasing burden of mass human suffering worldwide. These threats put exposed populations at a much higher risk of new diseases, new disabilities and early death, and drain much needed resources away from development in countries which can least afford it. Other global factors such as climate change, aging societies, urbanisation, globalisation, antibiotic resistance, mass migration and the politics of isolationist nationalism complicate the context in which humanitarian and first responder agencies have to operate. More than ever, innovative public health approaches to populations in crisis are needed.

Location of the course

The course will be held at the Faculty of Public Health of Thammasat University Rangsit campus, just outside Bangkok. Participants will have full access to most University facilities, as well as some facilities at the nearby Asian Institute of Technology.

About the course

In 2017, the international Global Health programme of the Faculty of Public Health at Thammasat University in Thailand will open its course on Public Health and Crisis to external candidates. This 4-week course is an elective component of the Faculty's MPH (Global Health) curriculum. The course consists of 4 linked modules, and external candidates have the opportunity to join the whole course or to choose specific modules which suit their needs.

The dates for the courses are:

1. Public Health and Natural Hazards **29 May - 02 June**
2. Public Health and Conflict **05 June - 09 June**
3. Outbreaks and Epidemics **12 June - 16 June**
4. Public Health, Technological Hazards and Mass Casualty Management **19 June - 23 June**



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Who are the trainers?

Course sessions are facilitated by experts in public health and emergencies from the Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC) and faculty from Thammasat University. Guest facilitators from international humanitarian agencies based in Thailand will also facilitate sessions or join panel discussions/round table events.

Language and teaching methods

The course is offered in English only. Facilitators use a mix of self learning, problem based learning and team based learning methodologies. In course work, participants are expected to apply their experience to thinking about problems set by the course facilitators and to develop logical, evidence based arguments in defence of their proposed solutions to those problems.

What is the cost?

- **Full course: \$740 (THB26,500)** for 4 weeks tuition only
- **Selective package: \$185 (THB6,625) per 1 week module** for tuition only

Participants are expected to make their own travel arrangements and to choose their own accommodation. Options for accommodation in and near the campus will be provided and assistance given with making reservations. Participants should also ensure that they have good travel insurance cover.

Each module has a requirement for a minimum number of external candidates. If an insufficient number of applications are received, the Faculty of Public Health and ADPC reserve the right to cancel the course for the current year. Candidates who have already been accepted will be informed as soon as the decision is taken, and offered a place in the following year if desired.

What is the application procedure?

It is best to apply electronically. Please email your application form and copy of your CV to janette@adpc.net and copy to nattayaporn.s@adpc.net Once accepted, applicants will receive detailed registration information and procedures for payment. *Please apply at least one month prior to the date of the course you wish to attend.*

Who should take this course?

- Experienced humanitarian professionals who already have practical knowledge and organisational skills in the course subject areas and who are planning to move to a teaching or research career;
- Professional staff working for humanitarian agencies, public health agencies or first responder agencies who are looking for courses which will enhance career development opportunities for senior posts;
- Candidates of other academic courses, particularly part time and web based courses, who are looking for accredited short courses to enhance their degree.

By the end of the course, participants will be able to:

- Critically review the quality and appropriateness of key public health interventions in humanitarian settings, mass casualty events and epidemics;
- Recognise gaps in the evidence base for current knowledge and practice in public health interventions in humanitarian settings, mass casualty events and epidemics;
- Identify research opportunities to expand the evidence base and address gaps in current knowledge and practice in public health interventions in humanitarian settings, mass casualty events and epidemics;
- Explore and explain the strengths and weaknesses of published articles and research papers on public health interventions in humanitarian settings, mass casualty events and epidemics.



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