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**CERTIFICATE COURSE IN
SEXUALLY TRANSMISSIBLE INFECTIONS AND HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY
VIRUS/ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME
(STI & HIV/AIDS)
DISTANCE LEARNING**

**(Course Development and Coordination supported by AusAID grant
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Course Duration: 6 Months

Offered by: Indian Institute of Public Health-Delhi

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BACKGROUND

HIV/AIDS poses a huge challenge to the developmental gains achieved in the past few decades. Sexually Transmissible Infections (STIs) and HIV are closely interlinked and therefore, there is a need to develop comprehensive response that deals with all the aspects of STIs and HIV. This calls for the need of skilled human resources working to prevent, control and treat STIs and HIV. The number of skilled professionals needed are large while matching training programs to strengthen the skills are adhoc or inadequate. The Certificate course in STI & HIV/AIDS intends to fill up the existing gap by building capacity of variety of professionals ranging from medical doctors, nurses, counsellors, health educators, trainers, consultants, social workers, program managers, faculty of health-related institutions, researchers to policy makers, by providing necessary training to acquire knowledge, skills and attitude for the prevention and control of STIs and HIV/AIDS.

OBJECTIVES

The course aims to equip the professionals working in or intending to work with STI and HIV/AIDS prevention, control and/ or treatment programs with enhanced knowledge, necessary skills and attitude to provide services, implement programs and conduct training & research in STIs and HIV/AIDS.

COURSE DESIGN AND DURATION

The Certificate course in STI & HIV/AIDS was launched on 1st February 2014. It is designed for a period of six months of coursework through distance learning using computer based online program. The online lectures will be complemented with printed study modules.

ELIGIBILITY

The course welcomes eligible candidates with following criteria: Applicants should have a graduate/ post-graduate degree in medicine, AYUSH, dental, nursing, pharmacy, health sciences, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, natural/ life sciences, management, social sciences, social work or any equivalent qualification. Applicants with work experience in health/ development sector; Applicants currently engaged in STI and/ or HIV/AIDS programs, research or trainings in health systems or NGOs; Applicants with relevant qualification who have an interest to work in STI and HIV but do not have relevant work experience.

COURSE OUTLINE

This course will provide inter-professional, multidisciplinary, program management-led certificate that meets the needs of students working in a range of disciplines related to sexual health and STIs/ HIV, including public health professionals, medical doctors, nurses, counsellors, educators and program managers. This course will explore the social, public health and medical aspects of HIV and common sexually transmissible infections. Emphasis will be placed on the way in which they impact on society, present to clinical services, and can be prevented and effectively managed. Students will develop an awareness of all aspects of sexual health, including the importance of multidisciplinary approaches and the sexual rights of all individuals. The potential geographic, societal, cultural and political challenges faced in the delivery of effective health care for sexual health, STIs and HIV will be discussed. The program will be strongly research-led and provide the student with an understanding of the importance of evidenced-based practice. Broadly, the course will cover introduction to Sexual health, Epidemiology of STIs and HIV, essential biological and clinical aspects of STIs and HIV, Public Health aspects of STIs and HIV, and Health promotion, Legal, Policy and Advocacy strategies, Program management and Monitoring and Evaluation. These will be discussed with a focus on STIs and HIV epidemic in India and will cover the national response to STIs and HIV.

TEACHING AND ASSESSMENT METHODS

The distance learning course will employ a blended online teaching/ learning methodology. This methodology comprises virtual recorded lectures by faculties from the University of Sydney, Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI) & Indian Institute of Public Health- Delhi (IIPH-D), interactive online computer-based sessions and online assessments. The learning opportunity and pedagogic structures provide an environment where students across various professional backgrounds come together to solve complex problems in a cross - disciplinary team environment. Assessment will include a combination of MCQ, written assignments, case based discussions.

COURSE FEE

The course fees will amount to ₹18,000 (INR) for Indian candidates; \$ 300 (USD) for South Asian candidates and \$ 600 (USD) for other International candidates.



SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

- Internet Bandwidth: 1 Mbps
- Processor: Intel Pentium 4 or equivalent and above
- RAM: 512 MB and above (1 GB recommended)
- Supported browsers: recent Google Chrome, recent Mozilla Firefox, Safari 6, Internet Explorer 9
- Latest Adobe Flash Player
- Supported Operating Systems: Windows XP, Windows Vista, Windows 7, Mac OS, Linux, IOS, and Android etc...
- Headset with microphone (web camera - optional)

EVALUATION

The students will be evaluated based on:

- Online Examinations
- Assignment submission

At the end of three months and six months, respectively, online examination in the form of multiple choice questions (MCQ) will be held. Additionally, students will be required to submit one assignment upon completion of six months of teaching sessions. The assignment will be given to the students before completing last module and the students will have to upload their assignment online. Only students who successfully complete the course requirements will be awarded with the online certificate.

The other programs offered by PHFI at the various IIPs are listed below:

Masters in Public Health (MPH)

MPH program has been designed to meet the unique needs of public health in India and it is sensitive to global influences in the field of public health. The program is structured on a multi-disciplinary curriculum, including public health management, epidemiology and biostatistics, demography, social sciences, health promotion, health economics and policy, and other important disciplines. At the end of the course, the participant will acquire skills to examine and respond to current public health challenges

Post Graduate Diploma in Public Health Management (PGDPHM)

The program aims to bridge the gap in the public health managerial capacity amongst health professionals in the country. It is designed to enhance the capacity of the public health managerial workforce and to impart knowledge and skills to address and resolve key health management challenges. A major strength of the program is, providing participants with opportunities to apply learning directly within the community setting.

Integrated Msc & PhD in Clinical Research

Integrated MSc & PhD in Clinical Research is a full time program being offered jointly by Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI) and Academy of Scientific and Innovative Research (AcSIR) at the Indian Institute of Public Health - Delhi. This multi-disciplinary program focusses on the scientific, ethical and operational issues related to clinical research. This Clinical Research program is a blend of principles of basic and advanced research and its application in health sector.

Integrated Msc & PhD in Health Informatics

Integrated MSc & PhD in Health Informatics is a full time program being offered jointly by Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI) and Academy of Scientific and Innovative Research (AcSIR) at the Indian institute of Public Health-Hyderabad. This multi-disciplinary program focusses on applications of informatics and technologies in public health. It aims to bring the best in health care and technology based on research and innovations on one platform for students across India and South Asia.

Post Graduate Diploma in Public Health Nutrition-Distance Learning (PGDPHN-DL)

This course aims to provide comprehensive training in public health nutrition in a global setting with the choice of specializing in a number of topics and in a range of contexts. It provides an integrated program covering dietary, epidemiological, public health, social and biological aspects of nutritional science.

Post Graduate Diploma in Epidemiology-Distance Learning (PGDEPI-DL)

This course will offer modules on six focus areas: Basic epidemiology, Practical epidemiology, Computer based statistics, Communicable diseases, Non-Communicable diseases and Writing research papers.

Post Graduate Diploma in Management of Reproductive and Child Health Programs-Distance Learning (PGDMRCH-DL)

The course will equip the potential students to apply the principles of management in their practice. The course aims to enhance capacity and skills of participants to manage reproductive and child health programs.

Post Graduate Diploma in Health Promotion-Distance Learning (PGDHP-DL)

The program aims to build public health capacity of the participants to enhance the understanding of health promotion and enhance their skills and proficiency in designing and implementation of health promotion programs.

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Post Graduate Diploma in Public Health Services Management-Distance Learning (PGDPHSM-DL)

The program aims to develop in depth understanding of public health issues, analyse various health system models and policies and health seeking pattern and behaviour of individuals and communities. It also aims to develop capacity in planning, implementing, monitoring and evaluating health service delivery through various approaches and methods for effective and efficient public health service delivery.

Certificate/Post Graduate Diploma in Public Health and Hospital Management for Nursing and Allied Health Professionals-Distance Learning (PGDPHMH-DL)

The objective of this certificate and diploma course is to provide an opportunity to students and in-service nursing and allied health professionals in public and private bodies to assist them to upgrade their knowledge and skills in responding to the changing health needs of society. The course will motivate them to enter the field of public health, to develop administrative and research skills and to promote personal and professional growth.

Other Certificate/ Short Term Programs offered by PHFI at various IIPhs are listed below:

Name of Course / Program	Duration	Mode
Short course in Basic Data Analysis for Health Sciences	3 months	On campus
Associate Fellow of Industrial Health	3 months	On campus
Certificate Program in Research Methodology	6 months	Distance Learning
Certificate Course in Managerial Effectiveness for Healthcare	6 months	Distance Learning
Certificate Course in Public Health Surveillance	6 months	Distance Learning
Certificate Course on GIS Application in Public Health	6 months	Distance Learning
Certificate Course in Managing Human Resources for Health in India	6 months	Distance Learning
Certificate Course on Monitoring & Evaluation of Health Programs	6 months	Distance Learning
Certificate Program in Health, Safety & Environment Management	4 months	Distance Learning
Short Term Course on Tobacco Control	3 months	Distance Learning

Prospective Programs

Distance learning:

- Certificate Course in Clinical Facility and Hospital Management.
- Pharmaceutical Economics with focus on Supply Chain Management.
- Certificate Course on Bioethics.
- Executive Course for Medical Officers to improve health centre performance (Certificate/Diploma)
- Certificate Course in Essentials of Health Informatics.
- Certificate Course in Public Health Planning and Research for Disability.
- Public Health Development Program for ICDS Professionals.
- Post Graduate Diploma Course in Clinical and Public Health Laboratory Practice.
- Post Graduate Diploma in Health Economics, Health Care Financing and Health Policy

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