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INMED Professional Diploma in International Medicine & Public Health (DIMPH) Syllabus

Program

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Overview:

This professional diploma is designed for healthcare professions and healthcare profession learners in the clinical fields who wish to complement their education with both academic skills and clinical experience in international medicine. Equipped in this way, recipients of the INMED Diploma in International Medicine & Public Health (DIMPH) will be prepared to lead comprehensive disease intervention and health promotion efforts in low-resource and cross-cultural communities.

For full Diploma Program details please visit:

<http://www.inmed.us/diplomas/international-medicine-public-health/>

Competency Objectives:

At the completion of the INMED Professional Diploma in International Medicine & Public Health learners will be able to demonstrate through actual professional practice:

- Management & prevention of the leading diseases of poverty
- Management & prevention of HIV infection
- Care for the health of pregnant women and newborns

- Proficiency in clinical skills useful in low-resource settings
- Skill in community-wide health promotion and death/disability prevention
- Culturally appropriate healthcare
- Proficiency in disaster mitigation and response
- Design and implementation of team-lead healthcare interventions
- Transfer of healthcare skills to other personnel

Academic Credit:

Completion of all the DIMPH requirements earns a total of fifteen credit hours of academic credit.

Application Requirements:

This Diploma is open to healthcare professionals and healthcare profession students in the fields that routinely diagnose and treat disease, including physicians, dentists, physician assistants, pharmacists, resident physicians, and students of these health professions. Applicants must have completed a baccalaureate degree prior to making application.

Educational Components:

Professional Diploma in International Medicine and Public Health participants will achieve the program’s learning objectives through the following two educational components, complete in sequence.

Professional Diploma in International Medicine & Public Health



1. Professional Certificate Course in International Medicine & Public Health:

This Professional Certificate Course includes 8 weeks of structured learning and assignments due each Sunday night. Each week includes a required virtual class with the faculty for discussions, simulations, case studies and final exams.

Competency Objectives:

The competency objectives of this Professional Certificate Course are identical to those of the DIMPH.

Academic Credit:

Completion of this course requirements earns ten credit hours of academic credit.

Education Methods:

Learners will achieve the course competency objectives through the following educational components:

- Interactive online presentations by expert professionals
- Case studies providing analysis
- Group discussions
- Projects for exploring personal application
- Skill stations to develop technical facility

Certification:

Learners whose evaluation is acceptable will receive the INMED Professional Certificate in International Medicine & Public Health. Those learners whose evaluation is not acceptable will receive a certificate of participation and the opportunity to remediate.

For full Course details please visit:

<http://www.inmed.us/courses-info/international-medicine-public-health/>

2. International Medicine Service-Learning/Clinical Rotation:

This International Service-Learning/Clinical Rotation is designed to provide broad-based field experience in the application of international health knowledge and skills to benefit INMED learners in the Professional Diploma in International Medicine & Public Health.

Competency Objectives:

The competency objectives of this International Medicine Service-Learning/Clinical Rotation are identical to those of the DIMPH.

Training Site Selection & Responsibilities:

INMED cooperates with established international health facilities to provide INMED learners with exceptional educational experiences. Site selection is done with attention to safety, accessibility, instructor credentials, ease of communications, and the evaluations of former students.

Forty Training Sites in twenty-five nations are available and include those that are community-based and emphasize preventive care, as well as those that are hospital-based and provide more advanced therapeutic services. Learner responsibilities depend upon the site selected, may include inpatient care, outpatient clinic, procedures, obstetrics, night duty, and participation in research, public health, and primary care activities. Full faculty supervision is provided.

For current descriptions of available training - including photos, transportation, and accommodation sites - please visit:
<http://www.inmed.us/training-sites/international-medicine>

Academic Credit:

Completion of this course requirements earns five credit hours of academic credit.

Education Methods:

Learners will achieve the course competency objectives through the following educational methods:

- Critical analysis
- Group discussions
- Clinical patient care
- Applied skills simulation
- Group presentation
- Reflective essay composition

For full International Service-Learning details please visit:
<https://www.inmed.us/diplomas/international-medicine-public-health/>

Certification:

Learners who complete the above two major education components and achieve the competency objectives will be recognized with the INMED *Professional Diploma in International Medicine & Public Health (DIMPH)*. Verification of the educational experience will be provided to any learner's

affiliated institution. Graduates are entitled to include initials *DIMPH* (Diploma in International Medicine & Public Health) following their names.

Grading:

Letter grades of A, B, C, D, and F are used. Temporary grade of IN (Incomplete) is treated as an F until removed.

Grade points are assigned as follows:

A = 4.0

B = 3.0

C = 2.0

D = 1.0

F = 0.0

A	90-100 %	4.00
B	80-89 %	3.00
C	70-79 %	2.00
D	60-69 %	1.00
F	0-59 %	0.00

Grade Definitions

Following are definitions used for the assignment of grades.

A - Mastery of course objectives is at the highest level of expected achievement.

B - Adequate performance in attaining the course objectives has been achievement.

C - An inadequate level of course objective attainment has been achievement.

D - Only marginal inadequate performance towards the course objectives have been achieved.

F - Grossly inadequate performance has been demonstrated.

IN - Incomplete status. This is a temporary grade indicating that the learner has been given and the opportunity to submit outstanding requirements. IN automatically converts to F at the end of eight weeks following the close of a term.

W - Withdrawal from a course without credit.

DIMPH Knowledge-Based Evaluation

Element	Weight
Virtual Classroom participation	15%
8 post-tests achieving $\geq 80\%$	10%
8 satisfactory article discussion board	15%
9 satisfactory exercise submissions	20%
International Clinical Health Final Exam $\geq 80\%$	20%
International Public Health Final Exam $\geq 80\%$	20%

DIMPH Service-Learning Clinical Rotation Evaluation

Graded as pass/fail. Successful pass requires:

- Satisfactory or above on evaluation by Training Site supervisor
- Satisfactory or above on group presentation
- Satisfactory or above on reflective essay composition

Successful Completion of the DIMPH:

- Earn $\geq 80\%$ in all course work.
- Accumulative grade of $\geq 80\%$ in the program.
- Earn a "Passing" grade for the skills lab, simulations, and service-learning rotation.

Remediation:

If a learner does not complete any component and achieve the required competencies, the faculty may require the learner to 1) remediate the component(s) that the learner did not satisfactorily complete, or 2) repeat the entire component within one year of the start date of the original course. The learner will be offered only one opportunity to repeat the component without requiring repeat payment of tuition.

Academic Integrity:

This is a professional-level learning experience. All learners are expected to be self-motivated, perform with excellence, and be thoroughly honest throughout their learning process. If any INMED faculty determines that a learner has committed academic dishonesty by plagiarism, cheating or in any other manner, the faculty member has the right to 1) fail the learner for

the particular assignment, project and/or exam, 2) fail the learner for the entire component, 3) discharge the learner from any future INMED learning experience, including degree, diploma, or certificate.

Withdrawal and Refund Policy:

The International Service-Learning Application Fee (\$100) is refundable if an application withdrawal request is made within 3 business days (excluding weekends and holidays) of the applicant's submitted online application form. All payments made to INMED must be in US dollars.

Professional Certificate Course Refund Policy

100% refund: 1st day – 3rd day*

75% refund: 4th day to the day before the course starts

50% refund: 1st week of course

30% refund: 2nd week of course

20% refund: 3rd week of course

10% refund: 4th week of course

No refund: following 4th week of course

* Day one = date enrollment agreement is signed or date on course registration receipt. "Day" refers to a business day and excludes weekends and holidays.

Service-Learning Refund Policy (Course = Service Learning Experience)

100% refund: 1st day – 3rd day*

50% refund: 4th day to the day before the course starts

25% refund: 1st week of course

10% refund: 2nd week of course

No refund: following 2nd week of course

* Day one = date enrollment agreement is signed or date on course registration receipt. "Day" refers to a business day and excludes weekends and holidays.

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Nicholas Comninellis is President and Professor at INMED, the Institute for International Medicine. He is also faculty at Research Medical Center Family Medicine Residency. Over two years Dr. Comninellis served inner-city

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