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INMED Professional Qualification Course in Essential Care for Every Baby and Essential Care for Small Babies Syllabus

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Overview:

Every baby requires warmth, hygiene, umbilical cord care, eye care, early and exclusive breastfeeding, and proven-effective medications and immunizations. But many babies around the world go without. The INMED Professional Qualification Course in Essential Care for Every Baby and Small Babies (ECEB-ECSB Master Trainer Course) is an evidence-based educational program to prepare learners to teach basic baby care techniques in low-resource locations to benefit midwives, mid-level providers, and community health workers. ECEB-ECSB can also be effectively combined with other elements of the Helping Babies Survive series, such as Helping Babies Breathe (HBB). ECEB-ECSB is an initiative of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) in collaboration with the Laerdal Global Health and Save the Children.

The INMED Professional Qualification Course in Essential Care for Every Baby and Small Babies is a hybrid experience that combines online preparation followed by a one-day, in-classroom event to master hands-on skills and assess achievements. Academic credit earned is 1 credit hour. Sample the INMED learning experience with this 15-minute Free Demo Online Course.

Participants will receive access to the INMED Maternal-Newborn Health Online Course, one day of supervised hands-on ultrasound skill development, and upon satisfactory participation and skill demonstration, the INMED Professional Qualification in Helping Babies Breathe. Please note that accommodations and meals are not included.

Competency Objectives:

At the completion of the INMED Professional Qualification Course in Helping Babies Breathe learners will be able to:

- Provide essential care needed by every newborn
- Identify danger signs in newborns who require special care
- Provide feeding for small babies
- Educate parents in home care
- Transfer baby healthcare skills to other providers

Timeframes:

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Academic Credit:

Completion of this course requirements earns one credit hour of academic credit.

Admission Requirements:

- Enrolled in a current health science degree program, including public health and health administration (or)
- Current healthcare professional, educator or administrator

Computing Requirements:

The following are the minimum computing requirements for participating this course. Students must have ready access to and be functionally proficient with:

- A personal computer with an up-to-date operating system and ample memory for downloads. A rectangular monitor (desktop or tablet) is preferable for course navigation.
- A web browser, preferably the most up-to-date version of Chrome, Internet Explorer, Firefox, or Safari
- Applications capable of opening and editing Microsoft Word documents and of viewing PDFs
- An Internet connection, preferably high speed
- Capability of viewing YouTube and Vimeo videos

Education Methods:

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

- Interactive online learning techniques
- Interactive live presentations
- Skill stations for increasing technical proficiency
- Teaching opportunities to enhance skills transfer

Assigned Maternal-Newborn Health Lessons:

Assignments to be completed prior to the in-person classroom event: Participate in the Maternal-Newborn Health content, Lessons 1-8, and complete the Pre-Test and Post-Test for this content.

Learning Content:

Lesson 1	Surviving Motherhood
Lesson 2	Pre and Post Natal Care
Lesson 3	Pregnancy Complications
Lesson 4	Pressing Women's Disability Issues
Lesson 5	Newborn Care Overview
Lesson 6	Healthy Newborn
Lesson 7	Newborn Problems and Management
Lesson 8	Maternal Newborn Future Vision

In-Person Classroom Event:

1:00pm	Preparation for a Birth
1:30	Routine Newborn Care
2:30	Identification of Danger Signs
3:00	Feeding and Special Care for Small Babies
4:00	Educating Parents in Home Care
4:30	Transfer Baby Healthcare Skills to Other Providers
5:00	Conclusion

*In-Person Classroom Event schedule is subject to change

Grading:

This course is graded pass/fail. Successful pass requires:

- Maternal-Newborn Health Post-Test $\geq 80\%$
- Satisfactory demonstration of all required skills
- Complete course evaluation and credit claims forms at the course conclusion.

Final Exam:

Learners will each demonstrate their skills throughout the day under supervision of the faculty, who will evaluate learners using a standardized skills checkoff list. Learners must demonstrate satisfactory attainment of all required skills.

Explanation of Assignments:

Participation: Learners are required to fully participate in the course content, including interactive content, pre-test, post-test, and in-person classroom hands-on activities.

Punctuality: This is a professional level course. All assignments are expected to be submitted on time.

Professionalism Requirement: This is a learning experience for professionals. Assignments are expected to be completed with excellence.

Learners whose evaluation is acceptable will receive the *INMED Professional Qualification in Essential Care for Every Baby and Small Babies*. Those learners whose evaluation is not acceptable will receive a certificate of participation and the opportunity to repeat.

Remediation:

If a learner does not complete this course 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 course within one year of the start date of the original course.

Academic Integrity:

This is a professional-level learning experience. All learners are expected to be self-motivated, to perform with excellence, and to be thoroughly honest throughout their process of learning. 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 course, 3) discharge the learner from any future INMED learning experience, including degree, diploma, or certificate completion.

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Nicholas Comninellis is President and Professor of 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 citizens at Shanghai Charity Hospital. Over another two years, he led a healthcare ministry in the war-besieged nation of Angola in southern Africa. Dr. Comninellis next served for six years in the Kansas City public hospital before launching INMED in 2003. He graduated from the University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC) School of Medicine and Saint Louis University School of Public Health and was a family medicine resident at John Peter Smith Hospital. Dr. Comninellis also earned a professional diploma in tropical medicine from the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research and became board certified in both public health and family medicine. Among his authored books are *Shanghai Doctor*, *Where Do I Go from Here*, and *INMED International Medicine & Public Health*. Dr. Comninellis is a classical guitarist and faculty advisor for UMKC Cru. He was recognized as the 2009 United Nations Association of the United States World Citizen and the 2015 University of Missouri-Kansas City Alumni of the Year.