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Master of Public Health – Specialization in HIV/AIDS

The Master of Public Health (MPH) is a professional degree that is recognized worldwide. KIT has been training public health professionals for over forty years through its International Course in Health Development / Master of Public Health programme (ICHD/MPH). Since 2007, ICHD/MPH participants also have the option of specializing in HIV/AIDS.

The Master of Public Health - Specialization in HIV/AIDS focuses on policy, politics and management of HIV/AIDS programmes, mainstreaming of HIV/AIDS, inclusion and mobilization of groups and communities, and building institutional and workplace capacity.

Dealing with HIV/AIDS requires a multitude of unique skills and competencies on the part of those involved in addressing the pandemic and its impact. Organizations in the Netherlands and in countries heavily burdened by HIV/AIDS have expressed a need for better staff training in these skills and competencies. This programme is a response to this need.

Objectives

The programme is designed to develop the capacity of senior managers from different sectors to lead and coordinate the planning and management cycle of HIV/AIDS responses. This includes managing and organizing, monitoring and evaluating, formulating or influencing policy decisions, mainstreaming HIV/AIDS into different sectors, engaging in operational research, and being responsible for personnel management in a team.

Graduates will be able to:

- Critically analyse how different populations and groups are affected by HIV/AIDS and identify the rights and needs of different vulnerable population groups
- Appraise the role of health systems in terms of fundamental goals, functions, actors and performance
- Identify priorities and influence effective policy-making and strategic planning concerning interventions in response to the problems posed by the HIV/AIDS epidemic, taking into account scientific evidence and good practice
- Implement and monitor interventions to combat the HIV/AIDS epidemic by managing human, financial and logistic resources
- Work professionally across different sectors, disciplines and institutional levels, with private and public actors, and through advocacy, communication and networking
- Identify research needs, commission research and critically analyse and use research results
- Incorporate a pro-poor and equity approach in all actions.
- Continuously examine and critically reflect on own practice and values and adjust them accordingly.

Participants

The course is aimed at national HIV/AIDS programme managers and senior staff from different sectors (private, public and civil society); development planners, human resource managers and senior staff of various line ministries responsible for HIV/AIDS (national and sub-national); local authority managers and senior staff responsible for HIV/AIDS coordination and implementation; programme managers and senior staff of international, national and local NGOs.

Programme

The programme consists of four parts:

- Core course (shared with the ICHD/MPH)
- Two advanced ICHD/MPH modules relevant to the

- Master of Public Health - Specialization in HIV/AIDS
- Three advanced modules specific to HIV/AIDS
- Thesis

Core course

The core course, taken in the first semester, consists of the following modules:

- Determinants of health
- Learning and communication skills
- Epidemiology and statistics
- Health policy, planning and management

Advanced ICHD/MPH modules

The second semester continues with two modules from the ICHD/MPH:

- Health systems research
- Human resources development

Advanced HIV/AIDS modules

In the second semester, there are also three modules specific to HIV/AIDS:

- Dynamics of HIV and AIDS Epidemics and Effective Responses
- HIV Politics, Policy, Governance and Planning Mechanisms
- Health Sector Responses to HIV

Thesis

The programme concludes with a thesis. After successful completion of all four parts of the programme, the degree of 'Master of Public Health - Specialization in HIV/AIDS' will be awarded.

Accreditation

The ICHD/MPH is accredited by the Netherlands-Flemish Accreditation Organization (NVAO).

Practical information

For detailed information on admissions, applications, fellowships and more, see the International Course in Health Development (ICHD/MPH) brochure or visit www.kit.nl/training.

Admission criteria

- Academic training at least to the level of a bachelor's degree, either in medicine or in another field related to health, such as health sciences, economics, social science or nursing.
- A minimum of three years of experience, including managerial responsibilities in health-related services in low and middle income countries.
- Proven proficiency in spoken and written English.
- Computer literacy is expected.

Application procedure

For details on the application procedure, see the ICHD/MPH course brochure or visit www.kit.nl/training.

Course dates

Starting date: 17 September 2012
Ending date: 6 September 2013

Location

Classes are held at KIT's training facilities in Amsterdam.

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