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# Course Brochure

## H.E.L.P

### Health Emergencies in Large Populations

8 -26 November 2010



Presented by the School of Health Systems and Public Health, University of Pretoria

#### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

The 2010 HELP course will be offered in two modules: the first two weeks will focus on public health interventions and the third week will deal with international humanitarian law, human rights, responsibilities of health professionals and ethics.

#### **OVERVIEW**

The course is organised jointly by the International Committee of the Red Cross, the School of Health Systems and Public Health at the University of Pretoria, and the World Health Organization (Division of Emergency and Humanitarian Action).

The content of the course reflects the current knowledge of the management of health emergencies. The course will be given by experienced people working with, or related to, international humanitarian organisations or universities. The working language will be English.

#### **PROGRAMME STRUCTURE**

The course is structured into a three-week session. Delegates attend lectures at the School of Health Systems and Public Health, HW Snyman Building, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Pretoria. The Faculty is adjacent to the Pretoria Academic Hospital.

#### **PRESENTERS**

Lectures with high levels of expertise and experience in their subject are drawn from the public, private and academic sectors. Learning takes place through lectures, workshops and case studies in a participatory environment with students learning from other's experiences.

#### **TEACHING METHODS**

The course encompasses twelve interrelated fields, which cover most activities involved in emergency situations. As it is impossible to deal with all topics extensively within a restricted period of time, the programme will establish certain priority subjects. These will be chosen for their relevance to the different fields and presented through various teaching methods, including lectures, and group discussions. The participants' progress will be ensured by regular evaluation of the knowledge acquired during the course.

#### **WHO SHOULD ENROL?**

The course is intended for health professionals, medical doctors, nurses, nutritionists, environmental health engineers, epidemiologists and public health officers. Candidates who are professional field workers not directly related to health but who have a sufficient understanding of health problems will also be considered. Candidate from countries affected by war and natural disasters will be given special consideration.

#### **ACCREDITATION**

This programme is provided by an accredited higher education provider.

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## **COURSE CONTENT**

### **HELP I: Health Emergencies in Large Populations**

The purpose of the first module is to provide health professionals with the necessary public health tools, which allow them to make the appropriate decisions when assisting the victims of emergency situations involving large populations.

During the course the participants are encouraged to share their experiences from the field. The course sets the ground for common approaches in public health among humanitarian organisations. Overall this contributes to better programme coordination in emergency operations.

### **HELP II: Health, Ethics, Law and Policies**

Assisting the victims of armed conflicts is closely linked with their protection. The HELP II course provides the participants with an overview of the main legal instruments, particularly International Humanitarian Law that provides legal protection of victims of armed conflicts.

The course examines the health-related ethical issues in humanitarian actions. By raising the participants' awareness of their responsibilities, they will be in a position to better influence the health policies in their organisations and ensure that the policies respect the dignity of the victims they seek to assist.

## **FEES**

### **Course fee (CE at UP IS EXEMPT FROM VAT)**

**ZAR 9 500** (approximately US \$1200) per person. The fees include all handouts, lunches and teas.

The accommodation is not included in the course fee.

The course fee must be paid in FULL before date of commencement.

The ICRC and the University of Pretoria do not provide sponsorship. Participants are expected to ensure their own funding.

### **Payment by cheque**

Cheques must be made payable to:

Continuing Education at the University of Pretoria

### **For electronic payment**

ABSA Hatfield

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## **CERTIFICATION**

To obtain a certificate issued by the University of Pretoria, participants will do oral presentations during the course and class attendance is compulsory.

## **CLOSING DATE**

**2 October 2010**

## **REGISTRATION AND ENQUIRIES**

Registration should be completed at least a month in advance. A formal confirmation of registration will be sent to you following the processing of your successful application. The number of participants will be limited to 25.

To register online, visit [www.ceatup.co.za](http://www.ceatup.co.za)

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