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POST-GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN HEALTH ECONOMICS, HEALTH CARE FINANCING AND HEALTH POLICY

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 Venue: Indian Institute of Public Health (IIPH), Delhi

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BACKGROUND

The Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI) is pleased to announce its call for applications, in the third consecutive year, for the Post-Graduate Diploma course in Health Economics, Health Care Financing and Health Policy, being conducted in the academic year September 2010 – May 2011, at the Indian Institute of Public Health, Delhi. While it is known that enhanced knowledge and a better understanding of analytical methods is central to more effective policy-making for better health services, strategic capacity and skills to do so, has been one of our key challenges. Towards this objective, we have designed and launched a course in health economics, health care financing and health policy. The first of its kind in India, this course is premised on the belief that enhanced understanding and knowledge of health economics approaches and techniques, health systems research, monitoring and evaluation and health policy analysis is central to more effective policies and programs for better health services.

OBJECTIVES

The overall goal of this course is to increase awareness and appreciation of the need for incorporating analytical perspectives (economics, policy and systems) to various public health issues and impart the skills to do so. It will provide a fundamental understanding of key issues in health economics, health financing, monitoring and evaluation, health policy and health systems for informed decision-making.

COURSE DURATION

This 9-month program has been designed as a 3-phase semi-residential course: Phase 1 for 5.5 months (residential); Phase 2 for 2.5 month (project/thesis work at place of work); and phase 3 for 1 month (residential)

ELIGIBILITY

- Post graduate degree in economics, statistics and other social sciences.
- Medical and AYUSH Graduates.
- Mid level professionals with experience in health sector or related fields and mid level civil service staff either with experience or interest in health sector.

No prior coursework/knowledge of economics is expected. All applications will be screened and reviewed on the basis of merit by the PHFI selection committee. Decisions taken by the selection committee will be final. The last date to submit the application form is 30th June 2010. The classes will commence from 1st September 2010.

COURSE OUTLINE

The course content includes modules introducing public health and policy, basic research methods in health, epidemiology, microeconomic theory, health economics, and in-depth modules on statistics, concepts and applications of economic evaluation, health care financing, health planning, monitoring and evaluation, health policy and health systems.

TEACHING METHODS

All modules will follow a participatory instructional style, combining multiple teaching interfaces (didactic lectures, seminars, group discussion and journal clubs). Field visits will be used to provide a good understanding of public health issues from an economic and policy perspective. Within this framework, the instructional approach will vary from module to module. Faculty with diverse disciplinary backgrounds, national and international experience combined with a breadth and depth of public health experience will be involved in delivering the modules.

PROJECT WORK

In addition to the regular modules, students are required to conduct a field research project on a relevant topic. This will facilitate the application of recently acquired knowledge and skills in real life field situations. Under the guidance of a faculty advisor, students will develop a research proposal, conduct fieldwork, analyse the data and write up a project report. Student will be evaluated on the study protocol as well as on the eventual report. International students will be accommodated in India during the project/thesis work period.

COURSE FEES

The course fee is Rs. 1.75 lakhs per participant. The cost for tuition fee is Rs. 1 lakh and cost for boarding



and lodging expenses is Rs. 75,000. The course fee for international candidates is USD 10,000 per participant.

SCHOLARSHIP

A limited number of scholarships will be awarded to deserving and meritorious candidates.

ABOUT PHFI

PHFI, a public-private partnership, is a large uniquely-designed & sustainable response to the service shortfall of public health professionals (needed in the government, NGO and private sectors) in India. The PHFI was launched on March 28, 2006 at New Delhi, by the Prime Minister of India, Dr. Manmohan Singh. PHFI is autonomously governed and is managed by a fully empowered, independent, Governing Board that is represented by multiple constituencies. These constituencies include representatives from government, contributing philanthropists and leading Indian and international professionals.

The PHFI's charter includes the setting up of new institutes for public health education and training in various States, assisting in the enhancement of capacity of existing public health training institutions, pursuing vigorous research and advocacy efforts on public health and related issues.

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

Post Graduate Diploma in Public Health Management

This Diploma is a one year, fully residential course which aims to bridge the gap in public health managerial capacity amongst health professionals in the country. The development of managerial competencies is presently not a part of the formal medical/para-medical educational system. Hence, this program imparts the knowledge and skills to address and resolve key health management challenges.

Post Graduate Diploma in Biostatistics and Data Management

This one year course is designed to enable students

of statistics, mathematics and econometrics who have a sound background at the bachelor's level in theoretical statistics to develop applied skills for bio-statistical consulting, data management and analysis and applied research in biostatistics and epidemiology.

Post Graduate Diploma in Clinical Research

The Post Graduate Diploma in Clinical Research is a one year program which aims to focus on the scientific, ethical and operational issues related to clinical research. The multi disciplinary curriculum will enable students to develop skills for research methodology and data management and special types of clinical trials, management and communication skills.

Masters in Public Health

This upcoming two year masters program aims to promote health systems and public health research and implementing solutions in institutional and field settings. It will prepare health professionals to work in socially, culturally and economically diverse populations by being attentive to needs of vulnerable and disadvantaged groups. It will work towards imparting qualities of leadership among public health professionals and effectively use communication skills for health advocacy. Through this program we will train personnel in program organization and management, problem solving, and critical thinking in the health systems and the public health domain.

Epidemiology Distance Learning Course

PHFI is offering a distance learning course in epidemiology. Those interested in learning the basic concepts and skills in epidemiology, but unable to join a formal classroom based course can enroll for this distance program. It offers modules on six focus areas: basic epidemiology, practical epidemiology, computer based statistics, communicable diseases, non-communicable diseases and writing research papers. The enrolled candidates will be able to go through the course materials from their remote sites but will need to come for in-class interaction with instructors for a short period.



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MEASURE Evaluation Fellowship

MEASURE Evaluation will provide a limited number of fellowships to be awarded through the Public Health Foundation of India. The fellowships will cover the following expenses incurred during the period of the Diploma: the cost of tuition, books, travel, research practicum, thesis, health insurance, accommodation and a living allowance. Applicants for these fellowships should have responsibilities or research interests in the monitoring and evaluation of population, health and nutrition programs, and must be a citizen of a USAID-assisted country.

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Program brochures and application forms are available on the PHFI website www.phfi.org

Please submit your filled application form to the Public Health Foundation of India, Delhi, at the address given below.

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