



Online Diploma in Disaster Management

Though most disasters cannot be prevented, the impact of disasters upon communities can be significantly reduced by preparedness and planning. The online diploma course in Disaster Management aims to deliver advanced training on the management of the public health implications of disasters.

Online Diploma in Disaster Management is a one-year program conducted by the Department of Medical Education. The program has been designed for Healthcare workers in both public and private sectors including primary and emergence care physicians, public health personnel, nurses, pre-hospital care providers and first responders.

Basic Information

- 1. Department:** Department of Medical Education
- 2. Course Organizer:** +94 695 300 ext. 243
- 3. SLQF Level:** 3
- 4. Credit Hours:**
- 5. Duration in Months:** 1 year
- 6. Course Delivery:**

Participants are encouraged to develop key skills and adopt positive attitudes through Blended Learning which includes participation in interactive lectures and reflection on a range of key issues raised during online discussions and practical activities. The course will be made up of 18 core modules and 9 electives as below. The participants must complete all the core modules and two electives of their choice.

7. Entry Criteria:

MBBS or equivalent registered/registerable with the Sri Lanka Medical Council (SLMC)

OR

Healthcare workers who are involved in Disaster Management activities who have,

- at least three GCE (A/L) passes **AND**
- undergone at least a two-year training course which leads to a qualification registerable in SLMC **AND**
- documentary evidence of at least 3 years of experience in the health service **AND**
- a minimum of credit pass for English at GCE (O/L)



8. **Admission Process:** All candidates will be selected after an online selection test.
9. **Teaching/ Learning Method(s):** Online based
10. **Assessment Method(s):**
Participants will be assessed by written assignments submitted electronically at the end of each module. These assignments are designed to promote application of the principles learnt to their own situation and critical reflection on the discussed approaches. The participant is expected to demonstrate mastery of the concepts and principles introduced in the module and their application. Formative assessments will be in the form of mandatory online forum discussions.
11. **Tuition Fees:** Rs. 60,000/-
Registration & Exam Fees: Rs. 5,000/-

Core course contents of Modules

Core Modules:

- DMC 5001: Introduction to Disaster Management
- DMC 5002: Concepts in Disaster Management
- DMC 5003: Hazard Mapping
- DMC 5004: Scenario Building
- DMC 5005: Planning for Disaster Management
- DMC 5006: Role of the health care workers in Disaster Management
- DMC 5007: Food and Nutrition needs during Disasters
- DMC 5008: Creating Community Resilience
- DMC 5009: Data Analysis
- DMC 5010: Skills necessary in providing Emergency Care
- DMC 5011: Implementation of a disaster management plan
- DMC 5012: Management of Internally Displaced Persons
- DMC 5013: Economic recovery
- DMC 5014: Monitoring and Evaluation
- DMC 5015: Medico legal aspects in disaster situations
- DMC 5016: Communication skills required during a Disaster
- DMC 5017: Psychological aspects related to a Disaster
- DMC 5018: Ethical aspects and human rights related to a Disaster



Elective Modules:

- DME 5001: Disasters arising due to bomb blasts/ War
- DME 5002: Disasters arising from fires
- DME 5003: Disasters arising from floods
- DME 5004: Disasters arising from chemical and radiation incidents
- DME 5005: Disasters arising from blizzards
- DME 5006: Disasters arising from earthquakes
- DME 5007: Disasters arising from landslides
- DME 5008: Disasters arising from hurricanes
- DME 5009: Disasters arising from transport accidents