

FAQ
‘Leadership in Public Health Management’

IMPORTANT

In case you have a query which is NOT listed below, please write to us using the QUESTIONS link.

Q: What is this course?

The **Leadership in Public Health Management** is designed to build leadership and management skills, which will prepare managers of the future who will help, make an impact in the field of public health of our country.

Maharashtra University of Health Sciences (MUHS) has decided to launch the Leadership in Public Health Management in strategic partnership with 6 leading national and international institutions

1. South Asia Leadership Public Health Institute of AVNI Health Foundation, Mumbai
2. MGIMS Sevagram
3. Seth G S Medical College and KEM hospital, Mumbai
4. LTMMC & LTMGH (Sion Hospital), Mumbai
5. Technical support from Sparkman center for Global Health, School of Public Health, University of Alabama, United States of America and Vanderbilt University Institute of Global Health, Nashville, USA.

Q: What is Public Health?

Public health is defined as “ an interdisciplinary effort that addresses the Physical, Mental and Environmental health concerns of communities and populations”

Q: What are the job opportunities after doing the course?

In the next 5 years our country needs 10000 public health professionals who are trained in program design, management, with research and evaluation skills, urgently today. Yes, India needs more doctors, nurses etc, however, more than ever before the country also urgently needs program managers, evaluators, and planners, from a wide range of disciplines which will include... nursing, social work, law, management, nutritionists, epidemiologists, environmentalists, health administrators, community health educators, environmental and occupational health specialists, bio-statisticians, etc

This course prepares you for an exciting, challenging and fulfilling career in public health.

On completing the course, students shall be able to

1. Work as program managers / officers in international agencies, like the UN, WHO, World Bank, International Foundations.
2. Work as program managers / officers in funding organizations, corporate houses which has corporate responsibility cells.
3. Work as project coordinators / executives for various public health programs, at national and State levels for international agencies and the Government. These could be programs related to

Environmental Health, Water and Sanitation, the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), the Reproductive and Child Health program (RCH), various programs related to Maternal and Child Health, Child Protection, HIV/AIDS, Preventive programs for chronic diseases, infectious diseases like Tuberculosis, Malaria, disaster preparedness programs etc

4. Work as teachers, resource trainers in areas related to public health. The course prepares students to be more effective communicators, and thus, helps in preparing one as a resource person in public health
5. Work as independent consultants in the field of public health for international agencies and the Government at various levels, National, State and district. The consultancies could be short term or long term for writing proposals, preparing reports, preparing concept notes, preparing program implementation plans, work plans etc for programs
6. Work in advocacy groups and with law firms towards better policies in public health.
7. Effectively manage programs for Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO), Community Based Organizations, at the field level in various areas of public health. The course would be particularly helpful for persons already working in NGOs working at the grass roots level, and NGOs providing technical support.
8. The course also prepares students to effectively manage data, and conduct research on the field as well as assist in writing funding proposals.

Q: What is AVNI's background?

AVNI Health Foundation it is a NOT for PROFIT organization based in Mumbai. It has ongoing partnerships with Sparkman center for Global Health, School of Public Health, University of Alabama, USA, Vanderbilt University – Institute of Global Health, USA, Department of Informatics University of Oslo, Norway, University of West Indies, Maharashtra University of Health Sciences, Nashik Maharashtra

AVNI leads and provides technical expertise to conduct applied social and behavioral research and evaluation studies. AVNI leads and provides technical expertise to Public, Private and Government sectors in health policy related areas. AVNI leads and provides technical expertise in areas including public health education and provides information and communication services, which include database management and website development.

You can visit our website for more information www.avnihealth.org

Q: What is MGIMS background?

Visit MGIMS website ----- www.mgims.ac.in

Q: What is KEM background?

Visit KEM website ----- www.kem.edu

Q: What is LTMMC background?

Visit LTMMC website ----- www.ltmmc.org

Q: What is Sparkman Center Background?

The Sparkman Center was established in 1979 and is part of School of Public Health, University of Alabama at Birmingham USA.

The Sparkman Center has a history of successful collaboration with institutions abroad in implementing graduate level educational/training programs in public health. The collaborations are in Peru, Thailand, Jamaica, Colombia, Ukraine and Bangladesh.

The University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) is a 36-year-old comprehensive, metropolitan university and medical center that encompasses 82 city blocks and has a student enrollment of more than 17,000. UAB also is home to a large graduate school, a world-renowned health care complex and more than 70 research centers, focusing on such diverse issues as AIDS vaccines and aging to the environment, urban affairs, and telecommunications.

Q: What is the procedure for application?

Please visit our websites, which has the details. Or write to

1. Avni Health Foundation
1st floor BMC Health Building
Nehru road, Vile Parle (east) , Mumbai 57
Ph 022 26632665, Fax 022 26631044
Email: admission@avnihealth.org

Q: What is procedure for selection?

Please visit any of our websites, which has the details.

Q: Faculty who will teach the course?

The proposed faculty is a mix of National and International persons. See the Prospectus for the proposed names.

Q: Who will award the certificate?

The Certificate will be jointly awarded by all the collaborative partners.

Q: I do not fit into the eligibility criteria, but I want to do the course, how can you help me?

We encourage persons to fulfill their dreams of acquiring certificate in public health therefore please fill in the application form with your details and the selection committee will decide on your case after reviewing the same.

Q: What is the fee structure?

Please visit our website, to get the details.

Q: Do you have facilities for loan or part payment of fees?

Yes we do facilitate loans with banks.
 We do not accept part payment of fees.
 Please visit our website, to get the details.

Q: Is it a full time course?

The course has been designed as a PART TIME and WEEKEND course so that maximum candidates can benefit for the same. See prospectus for more details.

PART TIME ---- 6 MONTH TRACK	
Duration	Remark
2 weeks	Classroom contact
4 weeks	At place of work/ At assignment site
4 week	Classroom contact
6 weeks	At place of work/ At assignment site
2 week	Classroom contact
4 weeks	At place of work/ At assignment site
2 weeks	Classroom contact/Assessment/Certification award

Weekend classes are held on full day Saturday and Half day Sunday.

Q: How is the course curriculum structured?

A total of 8 modules will be covered. The modules will include Introductory Classes, Leadership & Management, TB & other communicable diseases, Life Style disease (Including RTI/STI, HIV/AIDS), RCH, BCC, Research Methodology including Monitoring & Evaluation, Professional Development.

Fieldwork, Case studies, long and short Assignments, Public health software packages will be an integral part of the course.

See the prospectus for more details.

Q: When will the course commence?

PART TIME

At MGIMS, Sevagram ---- July 14th 2008 CLOSED

At KEM, Mumbai ---- July 21st 2008

At SION Hospital --- 2008 Month to be finalized

WEEKEND

At MGIMS, Sevagram ---- June 7th 2008 CLOSED

At KEM, Mumbai ---- June 14th 2008 CLOSED

At LTMMC Mumbai ---- September 19th 2008

Q: Are you planning to launch the course in any other city or do you have distance learning?

A: We do not have plans as of now, but in future we will have courses in other cities and also have distance education programs. Please keep visiting our website to know the details.

Q: How will assessments be done?

A: For all course related details please see the prospectus.