

Accommodation

The School has no residential accommodation of its own, but a wide range of student accommodation is available in London. A number of University Halls of Residence provide accommodation. There are hostels run by other organisations, some specifically catering for overseas students, and many students live in privately-rented lodgings, flats or houses. Details of this accommodation will be sent with any offer of admission made.

Although the University of London Accommodation Office and the School try to help all students find suitable accommodation, they cannot guarantee to provide it. Students should apply for the accommodation of their choice as early as they can. It is strongly recommended that married students should not arrange for their families to join them until they have found a suitable place to live.

Course Fees

Applicants must pay the full course fee, or provide a letter guaranteeing funding from their sponsor in order to secure their place on the course. Guidance on the cost of living in London may be obtained on request from the School. A small number of School scholarships are available each year, details can be obtained from Registry. Overseas students should ask their local British Council Office and their own government education department for details of scholarships and grants available. It should be noted that in the past most of the candidates attending this course have funded themselves.

Further Information

More details of the Modules, Short Courses, Masters Courses (MSc) or research opportunities leading to DrPH, MPhil or PhD degrees can be found on the School's website:
www.lshtm.ac.uk/courses

Application forms for the Diploma of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene can be printed from the School's website:
www.lshtm.ac.uk/prospectus/howto/short.html

Alternatively, or for any other queries, please contact:

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Optional Add-On Courses

Short Course in Travel Medicine

A short course in travel medicine follows the DTM&H course. It is designed to complement the course, and is aimed primarily at general practitioners and practice nurses who provide a pre-travel health service.

The London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine

The School is part of the University of London and is the University's major resource for postgraduate teaching and research in public health and tropical medicine. The School is a leading postgraduate medical institution in Europe and is Britain's national school of public health. It is a major national and international focus of collaboration in teaching and research, where clinical, population, laboratory and social sciences are integrated to address the broad issues of health. Associated with the School as a teaching hospital is the Hospital for Tropical Diseases, which is located 10 minutes walk from the School.

The School is situated at the centre of the University, in Bloomsbury; providing opportunities to participate in a wide range of university activities in other Schools. The University of London Union provides social, sporting and recreational facilities; clubs and societies of all kinds; and discounts on goods and travel. The School is close to the many cultural and social facilities of central London.

The School's programmes of study include research training (PhD: 3 years full-time); structured research in a practical environment (DrPH: 3 years full-time); advanced training (MSc: 1 year full-time or 2 years part-time, MSc by distance learning), and Short Study programmes (Modules and Short Courses: 1 day to 3 months).



LONDON SCHOOL of HYGIENE & TROPICAL MEDICINE



DIPLOMA IN TROPICAL MEDICINE & HYGIENE SHORT COURSE

The Mission of the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine is to contribute to the improvement of health world-wide through the pursuit of excellence in research, postgraduate teaching and advanced training in national and international public health and tropical medicine, and through informing policy and practice in these areas.

Diploma in Tropical Medicine & Hygiene

FURTHER INFORMATION: www.lshtm.ac.uk/prospectus/short

The Diploma in Tropical Medicine & Hygiene (DTM&H) is a three month, full-time course in tropical medicine and public health exclusively for physicians.

It combines a series of lectures and seminars, practical laboratory work and some clinical experience designed to provide doctors with the clinical and factual knowledge that will form the basis of professional competence in tropical medicine. It is designed for physicians who intend to work in the tropics, those with tropical experience who have returned for a refresher course, or practitioners who may be working in non-tropical countries but need experience in clinical parasitology, imported diseases and travel medicine.

The School has been providing advanced and interdisciplinary research training for future senior academics, policy-makers, practitioners, and research workers in the international medical and public health community for over 100 years. The diversity of our students and staff is exceptional; staff come from over 47 countries and our postgraduate students from over 120 countries and this provides a rich environment for students to learn. School alumni are now working in more than 160 countries; many former students hold prominent positions in health ministries, universities and international organisations throughout the world.

The academic staff teaching on the course, most of whom have lived and worked in the tropics, come from all departments of the School and from many external institutions. The Hospital for Tropical Diseases provides the setting for clinical training.

Course Outline

The course is run annually, usually at the start of the year. Final dates are published on our website when known. If last year's dates are visible, please use these as a guideline only. The course will be followed by the Royal College of Physicians examinations which will take place the week after the course ends.

The School is currently refurbishing its lecture theatres. As a result, DTM&H seminars will be held at a venue 3 minutes walk from the Keppel Street building, in Birkbeck College.

Much of the course is devoted to seminars in which a multi-disciplinary team from within and outside the School covers a particular disease or group of diseases. Lectures cover the causative organisms, epidemiology, pathogenesis, clinical features, diagnosis, management and prevention of these diseases. Time is set aside after each lecture for discussion. Implications for travel medicine are discussed where appropriate.

Other seminars focus on aspects of community health. These include an introduction to epidemiological methods used in the study of communicable diseases, and lectures on water supply, sanitation and nutrition. Seminars are also held on maternal and child health, non-communicable disease and population and reproductive health.

One day a week is devoted to parasitology teaching. Lectures are followed by practicals in which the laboratory diagnosis of all the major parasitic diseases is taught. One day a week is spent at the Hospital for Tropical Diseases, where clinical activities include bedside teaching, small group discussions, and, because the number of clinical cases in the Hospital is often limited, case presentations of "paper cases" derived from recent cases seen at the Hospital.

The course is intensive, without much free time during the three months. Sessions start at 09.00 most mornings and teaching continues most days until 17.00 hours. Many sessions are shared with students attending a variety of MSc courses at the School, giving DTM&H students the opportunity to mix with students from differing academic backgrounds.

Aims of the course

The course aims to teach doctors the skills required to understand, diagnose, treat and prevent diseases that are especially prevalent in tropical and developing countries where resources may be limited. The course has a strong epidemiological base but the scientific basis of infectious diseases is also given priority.

A particular feature of the course is the diversity of students who attend it. Among the 70 students who take the course each year, more than 25 different countries are usually represented.

Students range in experience from recently qualified doctors to specialist infectious diseases physicians and surgeons with many years of experience working in tropical and developing countries.

The course is continually updated in response to changing needs, new developments in knowledge, technology and student feedback. It has remained highly popular with students throughout its history which spans over 100 years.

Accreditation

The course is recognised both by The Royal College of Physicians and The Royal College of Physicians, Child Health for Continuing Professional Development (CPD) and receives up to 360 CPD points. Completion of a Diploma in Tropical Medicine & Hygiene is a necessary pre-condition for those UK physicians who intend to complete clinical training in Tropical Medicine.

The Accreditation Committee of the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene has approved the curriculum of the DTM&H course as suitable for doctors' training in clinical tropical medicine and travellers' health in the USA. Completion of an accredited course and examination is a required part of this training.

In addition the course receives up to 150 points accreditation from the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP).

Diploma Examination

The Diploma examination is organized by the Royal College of Physicians, and the examination fee is payable directly to the College. Students do not need to make contact with the Royal College before the course, as registration for the examination is carried out in the School. The examination fee will be in the region of £200, but this may vary slightly from year to year.

The examination, which runs over two days, consists of a multiple-choice question paper, short note questions, a photographic material paper and a parasitology practical. Oral clinical examinations are only held for borderline candidates. Examinations will take place one week after the course ends.

Who can apply for the DTM&H course?

The DTM&H course is only open to doctors who hold a medical qualification from a recognised medical school in any country, and who are registered for medical practice in that country. Numbers are limited to a maximum of 70. Places are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis but priority may be given to students from developing countries. Applicants are advised to apply as soon as possible as the course is usually oversubscribed. *Applicants must have a good standard of written and spoken English and of English comprehension.* The School may ask the applicant to provide evidence of a satisfactory standard of English. The School has approved the following English tests:

- **Princeton Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL): Paper Based Test**
The School requires a minimum overall score of at 600 including a minimum score of 5.0 in the test of written English.
- **Computer Based Test**
The School requires a minimum overall score of at least 250 including a minimum score of 5.0 in the test of written English.
- **Internet Based Test**
The School requires a minimum overall score of at least 100 including a minimum score of 24 in the test of written English.
- **British Council International English Language Testing System (IELTS):** The School accepts a minimum score of 7 overall (including a minimum score of 7 in the written component).

For further information on these tests please contact the Registry.