Professional Diploma in Tropical Nursing

Student Testimonials

“The decision to apply for this course is one of the best I have ever made. I expected it to be interesting but I did not expect the enthusiasm that I now have for my career and the job that I now believe I can do.”

“I never thought I would enjoy so many lectures. I surprised myself by not wanting to miss a single lecture. I learned more in these 19 weeks than in my three year degree in nursing!”

“It has given me the confidence I needed to go to work in the field and help make changes to people’s lives. It has made me think again and I thank you for this opportunity. You have changed my life.”

“I was surprised by the respect that the speakers have for nurses and their belief that we can go out and apply what we learnt and make a difference.”

“Discovering like-minded people and making such good friends was surprising.”

“This course has been incredibly valuable for me. What exceeded my expectations wasn’t so much the technical lectures but the inspiration and experience shared from lectures.”

How to Apply

Applicants should complete the online application form available on the course webpage: www.lshtm.ac.uk/study/cpd/stn.html

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Professional Diploma in Tropical Nursing
Short Course

Improving health worldwide
Who Should Attend?

The programme is available to nurses with a degree who are currently registered as nurses or midwives. It is recommended that they have two years post-registration experience by the start of the course applied for. Any student who does not meet the above minimum entry requirements but who has relevant professional experience may still be eligible for admission.

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. Candidates must be computer literate.

Places are allocated on a first-come, first-serve basis. Applicants are advised to apply as early as possible, as the course is heavily oversubscribed.

Teaching Methods

The programme is taught face-to-face and can be taken on a part-time basis only. Students study for one full day each week, Wednesday, from 09:00-18:00.

The course comprises a total of 320 notional learning hours. Students are expected to learn both through directed and self-directed study. It is generally expected that students will spend an average 17 hours a week on study, including face-to-face sessions and private study. During the course of the programme, each week will typically include 9 hours of contact time within the School and 8 hours of self-directed study.

Methods of Assessment

The Professional Diploma is assessed by a laboratory exam, a multiple choice exam and an academic, research-based essay which will offer the student an opportunity to study a single topic in depth and use critical reading and writing skills. Candidates must pass all three components.

Course Fees

The current course fee can be found on the course webpage. The fee covers participation in the course and materials but does not cover travel costs, accommodation and meals. 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.

Visa

The student is responsible for obtaining any visa or other permissions to attend the course, and is encouraged to start the application process as early as possible. The School Registry can provide supporting documents if required.

Accommodation

A list of hotels, hostels and other accommodation located in the vicinity of the School can be supplied on request by the Registry.

Further Information: www.lshtm.ac.uk/study/cpd/stn.html

Course Director

Dame Claire Bertschinger DBE DL

The Course

The course aims to prepare nurses and midwives to work in tropical and resource-poor situations by developing knowledge and understanding of the causes, prevention and treatment of major tropical diseases and the cultural, structural and organisational aspects of working in tropical and resource-poor situations. By the end of the programme, students will be able to:

- Understand and evaluate key issues affecting primary health care in low-income settings
- Aim to be able to maximise care in practice with minimum resources
- Demonstrate the importance of promoting health through prevention rather than cure

The programme is suitable for those aiming to work as nurses and midwives with NGOs, charities, other aid organisations and governmental bodies.

Course Content

The course opens a window to topics for study such as:

- Maternal and Child Health
- Nutrition
- Immunology
- Parasitology
- Conflict and Health
- Wide coverage of common tropical diseases

The diploma also incorporates a laboratory course conducted in the medical parasitology laboratory at the School. During this course students learn to diagnose:

- Malaria
- Leishmaniasis
- Filariasis
- Other parasitic diseases

Blood grouping, cross-matching and haemoglobin estimation are also taught.