

Migration Health

Facilitators

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Description

Migration health is an amalgamation of public health, travel medicine, tropical and infectious disease medicine, with a focus on assessing and addressing the complex health care needs of mobile and un-rooted populations. This poses major challenges to the health systems of hosting countries such as:

- Awareness and importance of migration health in the health system
- Training of health professionals in the context of migration health
- Preparing health systems to meet requirements of imported ill health conditions
- Accurate diagnostics and adequate management of refugees' and migrants' health problems
- Surveillance for disease clusters and outbreaks in reception and refugee centers

This course is a rather rapidly growing field of study that embraces a multi-disciplinary expertise within the area of public and global health. It incorporates clinical, epidemiological, and public health skills in dealing with migration health related challenges into the already existing packages of tools and skills, and offers substantial benefit the fields.

Linking a broad range of disciplinary specialties – ranging from social workers to medical professional and researchers - audiences will be likely to represent broad diverse backgrounds. Nonetheless, the course is designed for PhD students engaged in Epidemiology, Public Health, and Global Health related fields, among other broad disciplines.

No prior knowledge of migration health is required for this course. However, an active participation or engagement in the interactive course elements is expected to share each other's expectations and experiences.

Objectives

This course, will allow participants to:

- Identify the major health problems of migrants on arrival, attributable to the arduous migration route
- Uncover healthcare service utilization challenges of migrants' in host countries

- Understand public health impact of migrants' health, with a special emphasis on early screening and diagnostics approach, and surveillance practices.

Dates

26 - 28 May 2025

Eligibility

Open to PhD students of the SSPH+ Inter-university Graduate Campus; other students and external participants are most welcome to apply as well.

Course Structure

The three days course on Migration Health encompasses series of lectures, panel discussions, group work, as well as pre-course reading and preparation.

Assessment

Final group work presentation

Credits

1 ECTS

Preliminary Work: 4 h; Contact time: 19 h; Wrap-Up Work: 4 h

(1 ECTS corresponds to appr. 25-30 hours workload)

Location

Swiss TPH, Allschwil, room tba, or online

Course Fees

	1 ECTS
SSPH+ IGC PhD Students	30 CHF
SSPH+ IGC MD Students	30 CHF
External PhD students, external MD Students and Swiss Public Health Doctors in training	300 CHF
Others	800 CHF

Registration

<https://www.conftool.com/ssph-phd-courses2025/>

Deadline for registration

26 April 2025