

UCT-CEHI TRAINING COURSES SUMMARY 2025-6

COURSE TITLE	AIM AND PURPOSE	DURATION, STRUCTURE AND TIMING	CLOSING DATE, APPLICATION & FEES
Postgraduate Diploma in Community Eye Health (PgDCEH)	Provides training in eye care programme management to plan, organise and manage community eye health programmes at national, district or facility level. It does not provide a clinical training in ophthalmology.	Duration: one year (February to November) Structure: Four (4) semester courses delivered in blended format. First 6 contact weeks in Cape Town (mid-February to end-March), followed by synchronous and asynchronous online lecture sessions. Practical exercises and assignments, including development of a district eye care plan.	Closing dates: PgDCEH - 30 September MSc Surgery- APPLY NOW! APPLY ONLINE To apply and obtain information about admission, fees, and funding: https://uct.ac.za/students/applications-apply-undergraduate-qualifications/application-procedure NB: NO SCHOLARSHIPS!
Master of Surgery (Community Eye Health) (MScCEH) NB: This replaces the MPHCEH	Provides supervision and support to enable participants to undertake research that might inform the planning and management of eye care programmes. It does not provide a clinical training in ophthalmology. Participation in the UCT-CEHI Volunteer Internship Programme is recommended.	BY MAJOR DISSERTATION ONLY 18 months minimum registration period Eligibility: 4-year Bachelor's degree, satisfactory research concept, completion of Research methods and Community eye Health plus one additional SPHS portfolio of online courses (Leadership and Management or Project Management Essentials)	NB: NO SCHOLARSHIPS!
LAM: Leadership and management (for strengthened public eye health services)	Provides participants with the core leadership and management skills needed for effective planning, design, and implementation of improved eye care services through development of personal leadership and management strategies.	Duration: 1 week contact / 12 weeks online Structure: 1 week contact workshop (March) or 12 weekly sessions delivered online in asynchronous mode (starts July). Practical exercises and assignments must be completed.	Application due dates: 15 days before start of course. SPHS-LAM course now available on UCT Learning Store!
PME: Project management essentials (for strengthened public eye health services)	Provides training and support to enable participants to develop comprehensive project plans, from conception to feasibility assessment and marketing, based on the project management approach.	Duration: 1 week contact / 12 weeks online Structure: 1 week contact workshop (March) or 12 weekly sessions delivered online in asynchronous mode (starts July). Post-training support is provided for completion of project plans, evaluated, and ready for marketing.	Download course information and learn how to apply here: https://health.uct.ac.za/cehi/education/overview Or apply online by following the links provided in downloadable course pamphlets.
CEH: Community eye health (for strengthened public eye health services)	Provides participants with the core knowledge and understanding of community eye health, the discipline which focuses on designing and implementing public health interventions against needless blindness and visual impairment.	Duration: 12 weekly sessions starting February Structure: Synchronous and asynchronous online lecture sessions, about key aspects of community eye health. Ideal for district level eye care service managers. Practical exercises and assignments, including development of a district eye care plan.	HPCSA Continuous Professional Development (CPD) available NO SCHOLARSHIPS!

<i>ASP: Advocacy and strategic planning (for strengthened public eye health services)</i>	Provides training and support to equip participants to conceive, develop and implement effective advocacy and health promotion strategies to facilitate the establishment and improvement of eye health services in LMIC health settings.	Duration: 1 week contact (last week of February) Structure: Intense workshop-style training delivered in contact mode, teaching participants how to develop advocacy and health promotion strategies. Post-training support is provided for completion of advocacy plans for marketing.	<p>Only CONTACT mode available.</p> <p>The training location is situated at: H53, Old Main Building, Groote Schuur Hospital, Main Road, OBSERVATORY, Cape Town, Republic of South Africa.</p> <p>Download relevant course information and learn how to apply here: https://health.uct.ac.za/cehi/education/overview</p> <p>ASP & AHP are suitable for groups from the same organisation, with some members participating remotely.</p> <p>For group bookings, please send email to cehi@uct.ac.za.</p> <p>HPCSA Continuous Professional Development (CPD) is available.</p> <p>NO SCHOLARSHIPS!</p>
<i>AHP: Awareness-raising and Health Promotion (for strengthened public eye health services)</i>	Provides training and support to equip participants to conceive, develop and implement effective awareness-raising and health promotion strategies to address barriers to the uptake of health services in LMIC health settings.	Duration: 1 week contact (August) Structure: Intense workshop-style training delivered in contact mode, teaching participants how to develop awareness and health promotion strategies. Post-training support is provided for completion of advocacy plans for marketing.	
<i>DAP: Developing action plans (for strengthened public eye health services)</i>	Provides training and support to enable participants develop an eye care plan for a health service unit, based on regional and national strategies to address the causes of vision loss within LMIC- health system settings.	Duration: 1 week contact workshop in March Structure: From strategy to action plan developments. Post-training support is provided for completion of action plans, evaluated and ready for marketing. Suitable for groups from the same organisation.	
<i>EHS: Eye and health systems (for strengthened public eye health services)</i>	Provides participants with the core knowledge and understanding of the health systems framework and approaches to strengthen human resources, service delivery, health information systems to meet the goal of improve health outcomes, with special focus on eye care.	Duration: 1 week contact (February) Structure: Intense workshop-style training delivered in contact mode, teaching participants about the structure and function of the health system elements. Practical exercises and assignments must be completed. Ideal for district level eye care service managers.	
<i>SOS: Simulation Ophthalmic Surgical Training</i>	Provides participants with the competencies to perform cataract, glaucoma, and retinal surgery under supervision, from novice to proficient, using evidence-based teaching and learning techniques.	Duration: 2-3 days contact (variable time schedules) Structure: Participants undergo intense practical training in a dry laboratory setting, using standard theatre instruments, synthetic eyes, and a virtual reality surgical simulator.	
<i>DRS: Diabetic Retinopathy Grading for Screeners (Courses start in MAY / JUNE annually)</i>	Provides participants with the knowledge and skills to take high quality fundus images, assess them and apply grading techniques to route patients appropriately for further follow-up and consultation.	Duration: 8 – 10 weeks online Structure: Participants participate in online video sessions, download course materials and further reading, then undergo tests to be certified as competent DR graders.	