



# The Community Eye Health Institute University of Cape Town



## STRENGTHENING PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES (SPHS)

### Contact and Online certificate courses 2023

There are critical shortages of equipment, staff, medicines and funds in health programmes in low- and middle- income countries (LMICs), making the delivery of health services to the public highly challenging. Adequate management capacity is required to ensure the effective and efficient use of limited resources in health programmes to provide accessible, effective and quality services to the population in need.

The University of Cape Town's Community Eye Health Institute (UCT-CEHI), has been developing management capacity in public eye health since 2008, through education (Mater of Public Health and Postgraduate Diploma in Community Eye Health) and training, programme development support (e.g. Mapping, Evaluation and Management Consultancy), and research (e.g., Rapid Assessment of Avoidable Blindness surveys).

Over the years, UCT-CEHI developed a portfolio of courses to help strengthen leadership and management capacity in public (eye) health services (SPHS), comprising of 6 short courses, namely:

1. Leadership & management (LAM)
2. Project management essentials (PME)
3. Developing action plans (DAP)
4. Community eye health (CEH) and
5. Advocacy & health promotion (AHP)
6. Eye and Health Systems (EHS)

The SPHS portfolio of courses are offered in contact (i.e., participants attend classes at UCT-CEHI in Cape Town) or distant (i.e., participants take online classes over the internet) modes. The contact versions are offered over five days in February or March every year. Until further notice, only LAM and PME are available in online mode too.

The SPHS Portfolio of courses sets out to provide participants with the essential knowledge, understanding and skills for effective health service design, delivery and management.

The courses are targeted for clinicians, educators, researchers or programme / project managers, coordinators and administrators involved service delivery, research or education in public health initiatives in LMICs.

**A certificate of completion** is issued by UCT-CEHI after successfully completing course assessments.

**Continuous Professional Development (CPD)** credits can be earned by fee-paying participants.

UCT alumni are eligible for **FREE OFFER** to participate. Obtain further information by

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