



The Community Eye Health Institute University of Cape Town



STRENGTHENING PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES (SPHS)

Contact and Online Short courses 2024

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), have been developing management capacity in public eye health since 2008, through education (Master of Public Health and Postgraduate Diploma in Community Eye Health) and training, programme development support 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) and distant (i.e., participants take online classes over the internet) modes. The contact versions are offered over five days in February or March and the online versions of the LAM and PME commence in April and July respectively.

The SPHS Portfolio of courses set 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 in public health care 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.

Obtain further information at
<https://health.uct.ac.za/cehi/education/overview>

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