Why this course?

What kind of health threats and risks deserve an organized response by the health system? How to balance curative vs preventive and promotive care?

Public health professionals are routinely confronted with such ethical dilemmas. Addressing these and arriving at solutions that are informed by clear ethical reasoning is key to public health practice. Yet public health professionals receive little training on ethics in public health practice. In order to address this training gap, we at Azim Premji University, offer a week long course on Ethics in Public Health Practice.

We believe that ethical and reflective public health practice is the cornerstone of realizing the common goal of Health for All.

This week long program is the first in the series of continuing dialogues on public health ethics.

Application Instructions

Complete the Application Form in full and submit by e-mail to public.health@apu.edu.in

Contact Information

Enquiries about the training program should be directed to public.health@apu.edu.in

Venue

Azim Premji Foundation
Sarjapur Road,
Bengaluru

Dates to Remember

January 5, 2017
Closing date for receipt of application forms

January 10, 2017
Communication on selection

February 06-10, 2017
Dates of the training program
What would one expect to learn?
- Comprehensive understanding of ethical principles in public health and their applications in different settings
- Analytical skills to conceive of possible resolutions to ethical dilemmas in participants’ work settings
- Strategies to adapt universal guidelines and protocols, customizing them to specific contexts and work settings

Teaching Methods
Teaching methodology is designed to facilitate self-reflective and interactive sessions among practitioners working in different settings, providing an opportunity to deliberate on their own experiences and dilemmas. It would include case study discussion, group work, analysis of films and simulation exercises. The training will be led by a core multidisciplinary faculty based in the University who have had a long standing engagement with public health practice through their contributions to teaching, research and advocacy.

Course Outline

Day 1 - Why public health ethics? Evolution, Perspectives and Frameworks
This unit would discuss the location of public health ethics with reference to core public health values of equity, justice and human rights. Participants would be introduced to the fundamental principles of ethics that support public health practice and research.

Day 2 - Working with programs: Ethics in design, implementation and evaluation
This unit would address issues of professional ethics of different stakeholders involved in program implementation. Discussion would additionally focus on contextual relevance and scope for local innovations and flexibility in design and implementation of programs, navigating hierarchical organizational structures and power in accountability mechanisms and analysis of evidence in evaluating health interventions.

Day 3 - Ethical issues in health agendas and priorities in policy making
This unit will highlight the ethical challenges that are likely to arise due to different health agendas and priorities in policy making. It will encourage participants to deliberate on - What principles guide allocation of scarce resources? What is the role of donors in influencing prioritization of health? How far should policy go to protect and promote health?

Day 4 - Risk and vulnerability: Working with research guidelines and protocols
This unit is designed to identify ethical issues that public health research can pose. It will be conducted with deliberation on specific case studies on the need for developing and implementing research guidelines that are fully informed of their contextual complexities.

Day 5 - Weaving threads of connectivity: Perspectives, skills and outlook
This unit would include collective deliberations on ethical issues in public health and resolutions through participants’ presentations of case studies developed through the earlier units.

Who should attend?
In-service professionals involved in a range of roles in public health, including research, advocacy, program design and management, monitoring and evaluation, health promotion and communication.
Professionals working in grass roots organizations, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), research institutes and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives in health are eligible to apply.
Participants are expected to have a minimum of three years field experience in any aspect of public health.

Selection Procedure
The number of seats available for the workshop is 30. Participants will be selected by a screening committee appointed for this purpose.

Fees
No course fees are being charged for this training program. For those requiring accommodation, the University will arrange for accommodation at the venue for 6 nights for a total cost of Rs. 7000 inclusive of taxes. Travel costs will have to be met by the participants.

About the University
The Azim Premji University was established in 2010 with a distinct social purpose and vision of Education for change, to contribute to the realization of a just, equitable, humane and sustainable society.
It offers undergraduate, post-graduate and professional training programs in the fields of education, development and public policy and governance.