

CERTIFICATE COURSE IN COMMUNITY HEALTH

Course Curriculum

Course Title : Certificate Course in Community Health

Level of the Course: Certificate

Introduction of the Course/Programme

Two third population of India lives in rural area and have no access to proper health care. The Alma Ata declaration of 1978 declared health, as a fundamental right and that the attainment of highest possible level of health, a most important worldwide social goal, whose realization requires the action of many other social & economic sectors, in addition to the health sector. Health for all is the National Goal & Priority. There is urgent need to provide Para-professional health workers selected among the community itself, to provide simple, preventive and curative health services including family planning, under the community workers scheme. **The Govt. launched Jan Swasthya Rakshak (Community Health Worker) scheme to train 5,80,000 Health Worker on recommendation of Srivastava Committee in 1977.** This Health Worker Scheme (1977) labeled -as Community Health Volunteers in 1980, which relabeled as village Health Guide in 1981. But due to-population explosion poverty, illiteracy and many other causes the National Goal of Health for All has not reached up to its target level. Since there are so many areas/sectors, not only in rural but also in urban where-

- There are no medical facilities fully developed.
- There are no doctors in sufficient number, according to population density.
- No facility is available during the emergency at Night even knowledgeable person who could guide or refer the case to city hospitals.
- There is no person, who could guide the community for Family Planning Prevention of diseases Health & Hygiene,

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Health Environment, Polio Prevention, and AIDS etc.

Therefore there is an immediate need to prepare workforces who can assist/provide the appropriate care/service to the Community in the Rural Sectors, Hospitals, Nursing Homes, and Health Clubs etc. These skilled persons at least one from each village/mohalla will be trained through this Vocational Training Programme: Community Health (Jan-Swasthya). These trained persons will work in the community as a Multipurpose Health worker and they will work as facilitators for creating Health awareness, Knowledge of Healthy Environment, Health & Hygiene and First aid prevention of diseases and provide - appropriate treatment, in emergency situations. Thus, it is expected, that all these gaps can be covered up through the Health workers under this Programme.

Objectives:

After completion of this Programme, a trainee should have -

- Basic knowledge on Human anatomy and Physiology
- Understanding on health, hygiene and nutrition
- Knowledge on communicable, diseases, life style diseases and common non-communicable diseases including emergency measures and Prevention of diseases
- Practical knowledge on First Aid, Pharmacy and drug reaction
- Ability to provide the guidance on maternal and child health care, including family planning and immunization

Eligibility Criteria : 10th Class Pass

Job Opportunities:

It is expected that this programme will help to train and prepare skilled Health workers. These trained persons will work in the community as a Health worker and they will work as facilitators for creating Health awareness, Knowledge of Healthy Environment Health & Hygiene, and First aid and assist in getting appropriate treatment in emergency situations.

After passing through this course, the trainees will have job opportunities as an assistant/health worker in the Community or Hospital settings such as in Hospitals, Nursing Homes, and Health Clubs etc.

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