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**Healthcare Missions Preparatory Courses and Resources 2022**

Ministry assignments within the field of clinical medicine and community health vary widely. Specific suggestions and recommendations for your intended service should be made in consultation with your mission candidate director or their representative.

1. **Global Health In-person Short Courses**

There are several three-day to three-week in-person courses that give an overview of cross-cultural health and medical issues and an introduction to core tropical medicine topics. They are quite valuable for understanding the broad range of health interventions employed in medical missions. These courses are encouraged for you to consider.

* 1. **Orientation to Medical Missions:** Preparing the Career Medical Missionary   
      Sponsor: CMDA - Christian Medical and Dental Association  
     This excellent *3-day* overview of orientation issues pertinent to medical and health-related missions that do not get covered in the general AIM US mission orientations. This is recommended for all long-term U.S. health ministry appointees.

Place: CMDA Headquarters, Bristol, Tennessee

When: Usual dates: Mid-March and mid-August

Cost: $375 single; $700 couple

Website: <https://cmda.org/events/pre-field-orientation-for-new-healthcare-missionaries/>

* 1. **Christian Health Service Corps** Place: CHSC Headquarters, Grand Saline, TX  
     Room and Board: $92.50/night
     + 1. **Global Health and Tropical Medicine Overview**“This course provides an overview of tropical diseases and global health guidelines in a case-based format. The sessions cover topics ranging from malnutrition to cultural context and outline approaches to whole-person care in developing communities.”  32 hours

When: Weekly virtual webinar, March - May Cost: $640 Registration

Website: <https://www.healthservicecorps.org/event/global-health-trop-med-online-2022/>

* + - 1. **Teaching Healthcare Globally**“Healthcare education is the new frontier of medical missions. Do you teach or are you planning to teach in an international medical school, residency, or other healthcare training program? This workshop will help you provide quality academics while navigating cultural considerations.” 19 1 hour modules  
         When: Ongoing at CMDA Learning Management System. Cost: Free to CMDA members

Website: https://www.pathlms.com/cmda/courses/21306

* + - 1. **Community Health Evangelism ToT I**   
         “Participants in the highly interactive CHE Training of Trainers 1learn approaches to teaching physical and spiritual topics that equip individuals and communities to identify issues and mobilize resources for positive growth and development.”  
         When: Usual dates: April x 3 days Cost: $220 Registration

Website: <https://www.healthservicecorps.org/event/community-health-evangelism-tot1-2022/>

* 1. **Course on International Health: Clinical Community Care**   
      Sponsor: U of Arizona  
     This course has run since 1982 and designed for North American students and residents contemplating an international rotation. The course is an excellent, interactive approach with focus on community aspects of majority world health needs. It may be too basic for professionals from low/middle income countries.   
      Place: U of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona  
      When: Late August – mid-September x 3 weeks  
      Cost: $700 tuition + housing ($400 - 500); Online $800, LMIC Professional $50

Website: <https://globalhealth.arizona.edu/clinical-community-care-course/details>

* 1. **Equip International**

The training consists of detailed presentations of the most common diseases seen in majority world settings emphasizing diagnosis and treatment in resource constrained settings

Place: Marion, NC

1. Missionary Medicine for Physicians

When: Usual dates: mid-November x 5 days Cost: $990

b) Missionary Medicine Intensive 72 hours over 10 days  
When: Usual dates: May, June, September, October Cost: $1080   
Website: <https://www.equipinternational.org/training>

c) Community Health Evangelism  
When: Usual dates: March & October x 1 week Cost: $660

Website: <https://www.equipinternational.org/training>

* 1. **Community Health Evangelism** Sponsor: Medical Ambassadors International

There are three levels of Training the Trainers (ToT) seminars, each held for five days.

###### *TOT-1* – covers CHE foundational principles and how to organize CHE programs

*TOT-2* – focuses on developing teaching materials, methods, and curriculum

*TOT-3* – emphasis on evaluation, project expansion, and project management

Place: Several venues – California, Kenya, Ghana and others

When: See website for list of 4 – 6 training sessions per year; 5 days each.

Cost: $100 - 270 registration

Website: <https://www.medicalambassadors.org/trainings>

* 1. **UK - Developing Health Course**

Sponsor: UK Christian Medical Fellowship

An intensive *two-week* course for and by medical missionaries includes Bible teaching, prayer and reflection. “Lectures, practical skills and tutorials focusing on health care in resource-poor settings.   
Week 1: Global health, medicine, paediatrics, HIV, palliative care, mental health  
Week 2: Acute care, women’s health, leadership, teaching and learning, manage epidemics.

Place: London School of Theology, Green Lane, Northwood, UK

When: mid-July x 2 weeks

Cost: £1500 ($1840); £30 ($40) per night bed and breakfast

Website: <https://www.cmf.org.uk/doctors/events/developing-health-course-2022/>

1. **Global Health On-line Short Courses**
   1. **Christian Global Health in Perspective** Sponsor: Health for all Nations  
      CGHiP is a 12-module hybrid course developed in the format of Perspectives on the World Christian Movement with 4 sections: Biblical Foundations of Health and Healing; Historical Perspectives of Healthcare Missions, Cultural and Health, and Present and Future Strategies. Preparation for the weekly 90 minutes interactive discussion session includes a workbook chapter, narrated powerpoint presentation and selecting readings/articles that expects 3-5 hours per week.

When: Cohorts usually begin three times in a year  
 Cost: Currently donation only  
 Website: <https://www.cghiperspective.com/>

* 1. **Missions Made Simple** (General missions preparation)Sponsor: Global Missions Healthcare Network and Service Reef  
     Missional Life Blueprint is a 10-module course to prepare for missions. Modules include:  
     Biblical Foundations; Defining Success; Spiritual Disciplines; Knowing Yourself; Becoming a Team Player; Engaging Your Church; Finding a Sending Agency; Finances and more  
      Cost: $49  
      Website: <https://www.missionsmadesimple.com/courses/22/blueprint>
  2. **International Medicine (INMED) University**

a) *Professional Certificates* in the following areas: International Medicine & Public Health; International Nursing & Public Health; International Public Health; Ultrasound; Helping Babies Breathe; Advanced Mother & Baby Outcomes.  
The Int’l Medicine & Public Health course is a full-length, mostly online course with similar content to Section C but *not* eligible for Certificate in Tropical Medicine

b) *Professional Diploma* granted when combine with global in-service learning.

c) *Masters Degree* programs in International Health, Public Health, others

d) *Electives* in: Diseases of Poverty; Disaster Medicine Management; International HIV Medicine; Maternal Newborn Health; International Health Leadership; Cross-cultural Skills; Healthcare Education; Ultrasound

Place: 10 week online precedes 2-day in-person in NY, TX, PA, MO, MA, CA, KS

Cost: Certificates: $1360 Elective Online: $35 - 70

Website: <https://www.inmed.us/courses-info/>

* 1. **Christian Health Service Corps**a) Global Health and Tropical Medicine Overview  
     Scheduled case-based format of 35.5 hours  
      When: March – May  
      Cost: $500 CME credit included

Website: <https://www.healthservicecorps.org/courses/training>  
b) Disaster and Refugee Response: Global Principles And Practice 17.25 hours  
 When: Early March  
 Cost: $300 CME credit included

Website: <https://www.healthservicecorps.org/courses/training>

* 1. **Global Health University - Online Certificate Programs**Sponsor: Unite for Site 20 programs  
     a) Certificate in Global Health   
     b) Certificate in Cultural Competency  
     c) Certificate in Global Health Practice  
     d) Certificate in Health Education Strategies  
     e) Certificate in Surgery and Global Health  
     Cost: $100 each course  
     Website: <https://www.uniteforsight.org/global-health-university/certificate-programs>
  2. **Sugar Prep – Curricular Resources for Global Health Educators** Sponsor: U of Minnesota Dept of Pediatrics  
     a) SUGAR (Simulation Use for Global Away Rotations) Sim Cases  
     b) PEARLS (Procedural Education for Adaptation to Resource-Limited Settings) – videos   
      demonstrating how to modify procedures when supplies are limited  
     c) S-PACK (SUGAR’s Pre-Departure Activities Curricular Kit) – modular curriculum to   
      assist those preparing for departure of a short-term trip.  
      Cost: Free  
      Website: https://sugarprep.org/
  3. **Global Health eLearning Center**

Sponsor: United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

A long list of thorough online courses and certificates, each designed to take 6 - 9 months.

1. *Certificates* include*:* Child Survival; Family Planning; Gender & Health; Governance & Health; Health Systems; HIV/AIDS; Infectious Diseases; Maternal Health; Neonatal Health; Nutrition; Organizational Change; Reproductive Health
2. *Mini-courses* (1-2 hours):mHealth Innovations; Post-abortion Care; Family Planning

Cost: Free

Website: <https://www.globalhealthlearning.org/certificate-programs>

* 1. **Unite for Sight Global Health University** Sponsor: Yale University

Twenty self-paced certificates consist of 6 – 8 of the 70 courses

*Certificate Program examples:*  Global Health; Cultural Competency; Global Health Research; Health Education Strategies; Maternal & Child Health; Community Development

Cost: Free, unless you want to pay for an official diploma

Website: <https://www.uniteforsight.org/global-health-university/>

* 1. **Theology, Medicine and Culture Fellowship** (1 year)

Sponsor: Duke Divinity School

The Fellowship is a graduate program that provides in-depth Christian theological formation for those with vocations to healthcare. They have both one-year and two-year tracks, with the latter completing a Master's in Theological Studies (MTS) degree. All Fellows receive at least 50% tuition support, and they now have a limited number of full tuition scholarships for those completing the MTS. Co-director: Dr. Farr Curlin

Place: Duke Divinity School, Durham, NC

When: Application deadline 15 April for Fall Semester start

Website: <https://tmc.divinity.duke.edu/programs/fellowship>

There are a number of other short and long courses offered in affiliation with medical schools or international health institutes around the country. Please contact us for more information or to suggest one that you know about.

1. **Tropical Medicine Courses**

These are full-length, two to six-month courses that cover in-depth diseases of poverty encountered in the majority world. Unless noted, successfully completing one of these courses allows you to sit for the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene Certificate of Knowledge Examination in Clinical Tropical Medicine and Travelers’ Health Information about the exam is found at: <https://www.astmh.org/education-resources/certificate-programs>

Additional U.S.- based courses are at: U of Virginia, Armed Services U, Johns Hopkins U, Baylor College of Medicine, Case Western Reserve, U Texas – Galveston. The full list of courses with current information for costs, curriculum, dates, etc. can be found at: <http://www.astmh.org>

* 1. **Global Health Course: Clinical Tropical, Migrant and Travel Medicine** - Minnesota

*A mostly on-line course* presented in affiliation with the CDC - Atlanta. The full ASTMH eligibility course is seven on-line modules and two, week-long modules that need to be taken in-person, for a total of nine modules. Course can be taken in person also.

Place: Initial online. *3-week* in-person modules at U of Minnesota, Minneapolis

When: Usual two week in-person session: End of May

Cost: Online modules 1 – 7: $950 each; Housing x 2 weeks: $600 Total: ~$7550

Website: [https://www.dom.umn.edu/global-medicine/educationtraining/courses/  
person/global-health-course](https://www.dom.umn.edu/global-medicine/educationtraining/courses/person/global-health-course)

* 1. **Clinical Tropical Medicine and Traveler’s Health** - West Virginia

Four, two-week modules can be taken any time and in any order. *Online also available*.

Place: West Virginia University in Morgantown, West Virginia

When: Usual in-person dates: Early June to mid-August

Cost: $4,750; Housing x 8 wks. $425- $750/ month. Total: ~$6,000

Website: <http://www.hsc.wvu.edu/som/tropmed/Tropical-Medicine-Course>/

* 1. **Diploma Course in Clinical Tropical Medicine and Travelers’ Health** - Louisiana

The U.S. tropical medicine course that has the longest history.

Place: Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana

When: Usual dates: Late August - December (15 credit semester)

Cost: $12,000; living expenses est. $1,000/ month Total: ~$16,000

Website: <https://sph.tulane.edu/trmd/diploma>

* 1. UK - **Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine**

a) **Diploma of Tropical Health and Hygiene**

A physician-oriented diploma program. This or the London course are highly recommended.

Place: Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, Liverpool, England, UK

When: January and August for 13 weeks

Cost: £6,000 ($7,360); living expenses est. £800 ($930)/ month Total: ~$12,300

Website: <https://www.lstmed.ac.uk/dtmh>

1. **Diploma in Tropical Nursing**   
   When: May and November for 3 weeks  
   Cost: £1,800 ($2,200); living expenses est. £600 ($735) Total: ~$ 3,000

Website: <https://www.lstmed.ac.uk/study/courses/diploma-in-tropical-nursing>

* 1. UK – **London School of Tropical Medicine**

Diploma of Tropical Health and Hygiene - London

A highly-rated diploma course; with London living expenses.

Place: London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, London, England, UK

When: August and January x 13 weeks; Classic DTM&H. Plan 1-2 years ahead

Cost: £4,945 ($6530); living expenses est. £1000 ($1320)/ month Total: ~$13,500

Website: <http://www.lshtm.ac.uk/prospectus/short/stmh.html>

* 1. Tanzania - **East Africa Diploma in Tropical Medicine and Hygiene**

This program “takes the London School course and translates it into the Africa context”.

Place: First six weeks in Kilimanjaro Christian Medical College, Moshi TZ; one week break; second six week term at Makerere University, Kampala Uganda

When: Usual dates: August - November

Cost: £6,300 (~$9,800); living expenses est. £1,350 (~$2,100) with bkfst. Total ~$12,000

Website: <http://www.lshtm.ac.uk/study/cpd/eadtmh.html>

* 1. Belgium - **Postgraduate Course in Tropical Medicine and International Health**

A well-respected and extensive 5-month (23 weeks) course in English.

Place: Institute of Tropical Health, Antwerp, Belgium

When: Usual dates: Early September to mid-March

Costs: €3000 (~$3,400); room €450 (~$510)/ month. Total: ~$7,200

Website: <https://edu.itg.be/Course/Detail/36?typeId=2>

* 1. Peru - **Gorgas Course in Clinical Tropical Medicine**

Affiliated with U of Alabama and taught in Lima, Peru. Taught in English.

Place: Lima- UPCH Institute of Tropical Medicine, Lima Peru

When: Usual dates: Mid-January to end-March

Costs: Tuition $8,700; room ~$650 – 1300/mo. Total: ~$10,000

Website: <http://gorgas.dom.uab.edu>

1. **Global Health Ministries Conferences (US)**
   1. **Global Missions Health Conference (GMHC)**

The largest medical missions conference in the US since 1994 with over 2500 attending. Breakout sessions on many topics of interest in health related mission and ministry.

Place: Southeast Christian Church, Louisville, Kentucky

When: Usual dates: Second Thursday, Friday and Saturday of November

Costs: $200; lodging at area hotels and in homes of church members

Website: <http://www.medicalmissions.com/GMHC/Home.html>

Note: A 2-hour “pre-conference” on healthcare education missions sponsored by CAAP meets at 1pm Thursday; information desk can give the room.

* 1. **Christian Connections for International Health (CCIH)**  
      Large network of faith-based organizations and other partners; many have USAID contact

Place: Washington, DC, USA

When: May or June; with weekly webinars

Cost:

Website: www.ccih.org

* 1. **Mobilizing Medical Missions – M3**

CMDA US-sponsored medical missions conference

Place: Lakewood Church, Houston, TX

When: Usual dates: Third Friday and Saturday of February

Cost: $50 - $90

Website: <https://m3missions.com/>

* 1. **Remedy**

CMDA US sponsored medical mission conference

Place: California Baptist University, Riverside, California

When: Usual dates: Second Saturday and Sunday of January

Cost: $160  
 Website: https://portal.cmda.org/CMDA/Events/

* 1. **Global Medical Missions Alliance** (formerly Korean American Missions Health Conference)

Network of Korean American medical student groups and practitioners

Place: Varies between East and West coast

When: Usual dates: June

Cost: ??

Website: www.gmma7.org

* 1. **Nurses Christian Fellowship and Journal of Christian Nursing**

Grace Tazelaar is the main contact for missions and nursing.

Website: <http://ncf-jcn.org/resources/missions>  
Website: Articles on nursing and missions <https://journals.lww.com/journalofchristiannursing/pages/collectiondetails.aspx?TopicalCollectionId=1>

1. **Other Global Health Conferences**
   1. **AAFP Global Health Summit – Preconference to AAFP FMX Conference** (starting 2022)

Started in 2005 and running through 2019; focus on family medicine topics for medical schools and residency development and globally.

Place: Venue varies

When: Usually September or October

Cost: Included with FMX conference

Website: <https://www.aafp.org/events/global-health.html>

* 1. **INMED Humanitarian Health Conference**

Started in 2006 and averaging over 400 in attendance.

Place: Graceway, Kansas City, Missouri

When: Early April

Cost: $230

Website: <https://inmedevents.org/event/2019hhc/>

* 1. **Consortium of Universities for Global Health**

The main conference for university clinical care professionals

Place: Washington Hilton usually

When:

Cost: $550

Website: <http://www.cugh.org>

* 1. **American Public Health Association** – Global Health Section

The main conference for university public health professionals

Place: Various venues

When: Usually October

Cost: $355 - $680

Website: <https://www.apha.org/events-and-meetings/annual>

* 1. **Other US medical specialty societies’ global health services:**

Emergency medicine: <https://www.acep.org/how-we-serve/sections/international-emergency-medicine/>

Internal medicine: <https://www.acponline.org/about-acp/acp-global-engagement>

General surgery: <https://www.facs.org/ogb>

Pediatrics: <https://www.aap.org/en-us/International/Pages/Home.aspx>

Obstetrics& gynecology: <https://www.acog.org/programs/global-womens-health>

1. **Clinical Decision Resources in Low Resourced and Tropical Areas**
   1. **Handbook of Medicine: A Manual for Practitioners in Low Resource Settings,** 5th ed.Dennis Palmer, Catherine E. Wolf, Burton Lee. CMDA, 2018. 540 pg.   
      Available from CMDA ($30), Amazon.com ($40)

Target audience: Doctors and other clinicians going on short-term or long medical trips.

* 1. **Oxford Handbook of Tropical Medicine** (Oxford Handbooks Series), 4th ed. Michael Eddleston, Robert Davidson et al. Oxford U Press, 2014. 830 pg.

Available from Amazon.com ($40), Teaching Aids at Low Cost - http://www.talcuk.org (£11)  
or as part of the Digital Library above ($10/yr)

Target audience: Residents and practicing clinicians in the West or majority world. Part of a classic series of Handbooks used and respected widely in Anglophone Africa.

* 1. **Lecture Notes: Tropical Medicine**, 7th ed. G. V. Gill & Nick Beeching, Blackwell, 2014. Available from Amazon.com ($43), Teaching Aids at Low Cost (£15)

Target audience: Students and practitioners of tropical medicine. This is a 30-year classic from the Liverpool School that uses bullet point outlines, tables, boxes and lists extensively for easier lookup.

* 1. **Common Medical Problems in the Tropics**, 3rd ed. C.R. Schull, Oxford UK, 2010.

Available from Amazon.com ($34), Teaching Aids at Low Cost (£7)

Target audience: Paramedical workers in majority world countries. Gives approach to diagnosis of presenting symptoms within a resource-limited setting.

1. **Online Resources For Global Preparation – Seminars, Blogs**
   1. [Global Missions Health Network Resources Library](https://www.medicalmissions.com/resources/)  
      Sessions from GMHC (D1) are available and downloadable   
      Suggested seminars:
      * 1. [“Flourishing as medical workers begins at home”](https://www.medicalmissions.com/resources/16763/flourishing-as-medical-mission-workers-begins-at-home) - Dr. Joshua Bogunjoko
   2. [Medical Missions 101](https://www.healthservicecorps.org/mm101/)  
      Blogs and resources from Christian Health Service Corps
   3. [Center for Medical Missions Resources](https://cmda.org/center-for-advancing-healthcare-missions/cahm-resources/)

Resources from the CMDA Center for Advancement of Healthcare Missions

* 1. [Ask a Missionary](https://cmda.org/center-for-advancing-healthcare-missions/cahm-resources/)   
     To help prospective missionaries along on their journey to long-term mission service.   
     Read responses from experienced missionaries about: Guidance, funding, mission agencies, singles/families, training, professional skills.

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