

Strengthening primary health care leadership: Global capacity building course

Pathfinder Edition

Open call for participant enrollment
September 2024



Important details about the course

- **Format**
Fully online
- **Course dates**
4 November 2024 to
7 February 2025
- **Time commitment**
4–6 hours per week
- **Language**
English
- **No registration fee**
- **Application deadline**
4 October 2024

Now more than ever, effective leadership is essential for transformative change. This course equips policy-makers with skills for health system reorientation towards primary health care (PHC).

The comprehensive 80-hours course, designed in alignment with WHO's vision for people-centered, resilient, and sustainable PHC-centered health systems, empowers participants to champion health equity, promote social justice, and uphold the right to health for all.

Join us for the pathfinder edition of the course, providing a unique opportunity to shape the future delivery of the course through feedback and evaluation.

Ideal candidate profile

- A senior policy or decision-maker with a minimum experience of 5 years on PHC and/or health systems strengthening, holding a position of influence at national and/or sub-national levels.
- Highly motivated to enhance leadership skills and committed to advancing PHC for Universal Health Coverage (UHC) and other health-related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in their country or region.
- Able to articulate how they will apply the knowledge gained from the course to drive PHC-oriented health system reforms.
- Available to dedicate 4-6 hours per week over the course's 10-12 weeks duration.
- Interested to provide constructive feedback as a participant of the pathfinder edition, shaping the continued evolution of the course.

Course learning outcomes and structure

Upon completion of the course, participants will be able to:

- Demonstrate a common understanding of PHC and its contribution to achieving universal health coverage.
- Utilize the PHC operational framework levers to address implementation barriers and drive health system transformation.
- Apply evidence-informed strategies and tools to national and subnational policy and planning processes for PHC strengthening.
- Demonstrate leadership through change management in health systems to strengthen PHC.

The course is delivered through the WHO Academy's digital learning platform, focusing on competency-based learning and practical application. Each week, participants are expected to:

1. **Complete self-paced module content** (2-3 hours)
2. **Attend weekly synchronous sessions** led by global and regional PHC experts (1-2 hours)
3. **Develop a project and presentation** on PHC-oriented reforms, building incrementally throughout the course (1-2 hours)

Upon successful completion of the course requirements, participants will receive a credential from the **WHO Academy**.

Course learning journey

Section	Module		Synchronous session	Assignments
I Why PHC?	Module 1	What is PHC?	Session 1	Summative assessment Discussion board participation
	Module 2	Translating the PHC vision into practice	Session 2	
	Module 3	PHC measurement for improvement	Session 3	
II People-driven transformation	Module 4	Relationship: the key to unlocking change	Session 4	
III The three components of PHC	Module 5	Multisectoral policy and action: for health, through health	Session 5	
	Module 6	Engaging empowered people and communities	Session 6	
	Module 7	Optimizing integrated health services	Session 7	
IV Leading change	Module 8	Leveraging leadership, governance and financing	Session 8	
	Module 9	Navigating the political economy and sustaining change	Session 9	
	Module 10	Leading with compassion	Session 10	

Application process

- We are currently accepting applications for this English-only Pathfinder Edition of the course, aiming to enroll a balanced number of participants from each WHO region.
- Interested candidates should complete the online application form by **4 October 2024, 11:59:00 PM CET**.
- Applications will be reviewed based on alignment with the course's objectives and the candidate's potential to influence PHC policies in their country.
- Selected candidates will be informed by 21 October 2024.

Apply here

Click above to complete the application form by the deadline 4 October 2024

Contact information

For any questions or additional information, please contact Leadership4phc@who.int or visit the [website](#) for more information.