A brief overview: Tropical Medicine Courses

On the following pages you will find a list of selected courses on tropical medicine and healthcare in developing countries, which are recommended by MSF for an assignment in some of their countries where we work. Depending on your job profile, your participation in one of these courses may be mandatory in order to apply for a position with MSF in the field. Therefore, please check the requirements listed on our website or in the information brochures.

Please also check with the respective organisation concerning date and price variations.

For medical doctors only:

Location: BERLIN, Germany
Course title: Tropical Medicine and Public Health (Institute of Tropical Medicine and International Health, Berlin)
Focus:
- emphasises natural and medical sciences related to international health (as compared to more social-sciences oriented courses);
- has a balanced mix of younger and more experienced, medical and non-medical participants as well as basic research and practical field work orientation;
- has an international student body originating from all continents.

Language: English (language certificate necessary)
Duration: 15 weeks, including 5 working days rest and recovery
Date: 4 September – 15 December 2017
Deadline for application: end of March 17
Price: approximately € 5,250 for professionals
Remarks: This course is also the basic module for the one-year Masters in International Health. The course can lead to a Diploma in Tropical Medicine and Public Health, if the Clinical Management of Tropical Diseases and Parasitology in Public Health courses are also taken.
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Location: BERLIN, Germany
Course title: Clinical Management of Tropical Diseases (Institute of Tropical Medicine and Institutional Health)
Focus: This course is for advanced students only who have completed the Tropical Medicine and Public Health course. It focuses on the applied differential diagnoses and case management for major diseases in developing countries.
Language: English (language certificate necessary)
Duration: 2 weeks
Date: 27 February - 10 March 2017
Deadline for application: 10 weeks before module start (19 December 2016)
Applications are processed in the order in which they are received
Price: € 750.00 for tropEd MScIH students and alumni
€ 937.50 for DTMPH students
€ 1125.00 for short course students
Remarks: Medical degree (qualification as physician) and successful completion of the Charité core course of the MScIH programme, or medical degree and professional experience in the field of infectious diseases and tropical medicine. Registered nurses, clinical officers etc. with experience in providing curative patient care may apply for a
Location: BERLIN, Germany
Course title: Parasitology in International Health (Institute of Tropical Medicine and International Health, Berlin)
Focus: This module builds on core course teaching. See “Remarks” section for background reading. This module will address aspects not yet covered in the core course of the following issues:
• Laboratory exercises (microscopy): helminths, malaria, other protozoa
• Serology in parasitology
• Medical entomology
• Disease control and eradication: E.g. soil transmitted helminths, malaria, onchocerciasis, schistosomiasis, dracunculiasis.
Language: English (language certificate necessary)
Duration: 1 week
Date: 20.-24. February 2017
Deadline for application: 10 weeks before module start (Dec 12, 2016) Applications are processed in the order in which they are received,
Price: € 375.00 for tropEd MScIH students and alumni
€ 468.75 € for DTMPH participants
€ 562.50 € for Short Course participants
Remarks: We recommend the following textbook:

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Charité Medical School Berlin
c/o Institute of Tropical Medicine Berlin
Augustenburger Platz 1 /Südring 2-3
13353 Berlin, Germany
tel: +49 30450565700
Fax: +49 30450565989
Email: mscih-student@charite.de
https://tropeninstitut.charite.de/
http://www.troped.org/

Location: HAMBURG, Germany
Course title: Diploma Tropical Medicine (Bernhard-Nocht-Institut für Tropenmedizin)
Focus: Public healthcare and mainly parasitic, bacterial and viral tropical diseases
Language: German
Duration: Approximately 3 months
Date: 3 April - 30 June 2017
Deadline for application: No deadline (applying early recommended, but it’s also possible to gain a place later if numbers permit).
Price: € 3,970 (incl. application fee)

Contact Details Hamburg:
Bernhard-Nocht-Institut für Tropenmedizin Bernhard-Nocht-Str. 74
20359 Hamburg, Germany
tel: +49 40 42 81 80
Email: bni@bnimt.de
http://www.troped.org/
Location: LIVERPOOL, United Kingdom  
Course title: Diploma in Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (DTM&H), Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine  
Focus: Tropical medicine, epidemiology, parasitology, public healthcare  
Language: English (language certificate necessary)  
Duration: 3 months  
Deadline for application: Applications are processed in the order in which they are received (90 places)  
Date: 30 January – 28 April 2017  
28 August – 24 November 2017  
29 January – 27 April 2018  
Price: £ 6,000

Contact Details Liverpool:  
Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine  
Pembroke Place  
Liverpool L3 5QA, United Kingdom  
Tel: +44 151 705 3100  
Fax: +44 151 705 3370  
Email: info@lstmed.ac.uk  
www.lstmed.ac.uk

Location: LONDON, United Kingdom  
Institution: London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine  
Course title: Diploma in Tropical Medicine and Hygiene  
Focus: Tropical medicine, epidemiology, public healthcare  
Language: English  
Duration: Approximately 3 months  
Deadline for application: 5 January 2017  
Date: 25 September – 15 December 2017  
Price: £6,400,00 (payable within ca. 3 weeks of notification of offer)

Contact Details London:  
London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine  
Course & Admission Enquiries  
Keppel Street  
London WC1E 7HT, United Kingdom  
Tel: +44 20 7636 8636  
Fax: +44 20 7636 5389  
Email: registry@lshtm.ac.uk  
http://www.lshtm.ac.uk/

Location: WÜRZBURG, Germany  
Course title: Summer Academy – Global Health and Tropical Medicine  
Focus: Healthcare systems, primary healthcare, determinants of health, socio-political framework, reasons for sickness and poverty, history of development cooperation, medical peace work, infectious diseases, clinical differential diagnoses, gynaecology and paediatrics, forgotten diseases, laboratory medicine under simple conditions  
Language: German  
Duration: 2 weeks  
Date: 24 July – 05 August 2017  
Deadline for application: from January 2017  
Price: € 200 for students, €350 for professionals tbc

Contact details Würzburg:
Location: TÜBINGEN, Germany
Course title: Public Health und Tropenmedizin, Akademie für Globale Gesundheit und Entwicklung
Focus: Recognise the main health risks in poor countries and deploy preventive and curative measures. Issues related to development policies, human rights, and the implementation of participative methods.
Language: German
Duration: 4 weeks
Date: 07 November – 02 December 2016
06 February – 03 March 2017
Deadline for application: now!
Price: € 1,200

Contact details Tübingen:
AGGE
Mohlstraße 26
72074 Tübingen, Germany
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For medical doctors, nurses, midwives and/or medical students

Location: ANTWERP, Belgium
Course title: Tropical Medicine & International Health (Postgraduate Certificate), Institute of Tropical Medicine
Focus: Biomedical science, pathology, healthcare in the tropics
Language: English (language certificate necessary)
Duration: 6.5 months (2 modules)
Date: Module 1 runs from the first Monday of September until the start of the Christmas holidays in December (16 weeks). Module 2 starts early January and finishes half March (8 weeks).
Deadline for applications: 1 July 2017
Price: Approximately €1,500 (EU), €3,000 (non-EU)
Remarks: The whole course is for medical doctors only, but module 1 is also open to midwives, health economists, etc who have the relevant work experience.

Contact details Antwerp:
Instituut voor Tropische Geneeskunde
Nationalestraat 155
2000 Antwerpen
Belgium
Tel:+32 3 345 55 55
info@itg.be
www.itg.be/itg/
**Location:** Copenhagen, Denmark  
**Course title:** Summer School in International Health, University Copenhagen  
**Focus:** The topics of the course include tropical medicine, health promotion, disease prevention, sexual and reproductive health, social and cultural aspects of health, child health, communicable and non-communicable diseases, health related to water and sanitation, and health in emergencies.  
**Language:** English  
**Duration:** 3 weeks  
**Deadline for applications:** 1 April 2017  
**Date:** 7 - 18 August 2017  
**Price:** External students EU/EAA citizens: 4800 DKK; Non-EU/EAA citizens: 7500 DKK

**Contact details Copenhagen:**  
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School of Global Health  
Oster Farimagsgade 5, building 9  
1353 Copenhagen  
Denmark  
Tel: +45 35322626  
kommunikation@adm.ku.dk  
[http://www.ku.dk/english/](http://www.ku.dk/english/)

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**Location:** Liverpool, Great Britain  
**Institution:** Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine  
**Course title:** Diploma in Tropical Medicine and Hygiene  
**Focus:** Typical disease patterns in tropical countries, basic knowledge of healthcare systems/management and inter-cultural communication with local staff.  
**Language:** English (language certificate necessary)  
**Duration:** 13 weeks  
**Dates:**  
30 January – 28 April 2017  
29 August – 24 November 2017 tbc  
29 January – 27 April 2018 tbc  
**Price:** GBP 6,000

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Liverpool L3 5QA, United Kingdom  
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Fax: +44 151 705 3370  
Email: info@lstmed.ac.uk  
[http://www.lstmed.ac.uk/study](http://www.lstmed.ac.uk/study)

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**Location:** Tübingen, Germany  
**Course title:** Seminar in Public Health and Tropical Medicine  
**Focus:** Introduction to community-based primary healthcare and the main tropical diseases, laboratory course  
**Language:** German  
**Duration:** 4 weeks  
**Date:** 06 February – 03 March 2017  
**Price:** € 1200  
**Remarks:** Recommended for employees of MSF  
**Link:** [Public Health and Tropical Medicine](http://www.lstmed.ac.uk/study)
Location: HAMBURG, Germany
Course title: Medicine in the Tropics – course for medical support staff
Focus: General aspects of tropical medicine, including tropical infectious diseases, insects as disease transmitters, basics in epidemiology, general medical aspects of tropical diseases, as well as clinical examination and comparisons of different health systems.
Language: German
Duration: 3 weeks
Date: 30 January – 17 February 2017
Price: € 895

Contact Details Hamburg:
Bernhard-Nocht-Institut für Tropenmedizin Bernhard-Nocht-Str. 74
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https://www.bntim.de

Location: BASEL, Switzerland
Course title: Diploma in Health Care and Management in Tropical Countries (HCMTC) Focus: Management of healthcare on district level, healthcare in tropical countries, education and supervision of healthcare staff.
Language: English (language certificate necessary)
Duration: 14 weeks
Date: 20 March – 23 June 2017
Deadline for application: 30 November 2016
Price: Approximately CHF 7,000
Remarks: Limited spaces for participants from industrialised nations (total number of participants 30, and out of those only around 10 from industrialised countries). For university graduates with two years’ work experience. Preparation course possible.

Location: BASEL, Switzerland
Course title: General Tropical Medicine course (Allgemeiner Tropenkurs; ATK) – living and working in developing countries
Focus: General modules: social science, ecological and organisational topics and development cooperation. Biomed modules: specific tropical diseases, parasitology, medical ethnology, prevention.
Language: German
Deadline for application: Applications are processed in the order in which they are received
Duration: 8 weeks (General modules: 4 weeks, biomed modules: 4 weeks)
Date: General Module: 18 September - 13 October 2017
Biomedical Module: 16 October -10 November 2017
Price: General modules: CHF 2,450, biomed modules: CHF 2,450

Contact details Basel:
Location: STOCKHOLM, Sweden
Course Title: Public Health Response in Disasters
Focus: provides capacity to analyse the pre-disaster context: how vulnerability, burden of
disease and health system varies globally. Public health response in disasters provides
insight into prioritisation, planning and implementation of preventative and curative public
health response
Language: English
Date: 23 January – 27 April 2017
Deadline for application: 17.10.2016
Price: SEK 60.000

Contact details Stockholm:
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SE-171 77 Stockholm / Sweden
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http://ki.se/en/course/2QA236/16-17

Location: AMSTERDAM, The Netherlands
Course title: Sexual and Reproductive health and Rights including
HIV/AIDS http://www.kit.nl/kit/Sexual-and-Reproductive-health-and-
Rights-including-HIVAIDS
Focus: Improving antenatal, prenatal, postpartum and newborn care; providing
family planning, including infertility services; eliminating unsafe abortion; combating
sexually- transmitted infections; reproductive and urinary tract infections; promoting
sexual health. Language: English
Duration: 3 weeks
Deadline for application: 13 January 2017
Date: 13 March – 31 March 2017
Price: € 2,010

Location: AMSTERDAM, The Netherlands
Course title: Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (NTC)
Focus: Objectives: Critically collect, analyse and appraise qualitative and quantitative
data relevant to the improvement of health and healthcare in low and middle income
societies; identify and analyse interrelated determinants of health and major health
problems of populations in a cross-disciplinary perspective in low and middle income
societies; plan sustainable improvements of health systems, taking into account diverse
intercultural settings and social and ethical responsibilities; clearly communicate and
work professionally in a multidisciplinary team.
Language: English
Duration: 3 months
Deadline for application: 2 months before the course starts
Dates: Start date Spring: 06 March
2017 Start date Autumn: 11
September 2017
Price: € 6.200
Location: GENEVA, Switzerland
Course title: 30th Surgical Seminar “The management of patients with war wounds"
Focus: field experiences and pertinent aspects of international humanitarian law; surgical and anaesthetic techniques and wound management and patient care in difficult conditions
Language: English
Duration: 3 days
Date: 31 March – 2 April 2017
Price: Fr. 700

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ONLINE Course: Institute for International Medicine (INMED),
USA Course title: Diseases of Poverty Self-Paced Course
http://inmed.us/courses/course/view.php?id=7
Focus: Equip clinicians to prevent, diagnose and treat the most prevalent and unfamiliar diseases of poverty.
Language: English
Duration: up to 180 days
Price: US$49/100 (without/with Continuing Medical Examination Credit)

ONLINE Course: Institute for International Medicine (INMED),
USA Course title: International HIV Medicine Self-Paced Course
http://inmed.us/courses/course/view.php?id=24
Focus: Assess HIV disease status, communicate effective HIV prevention, lead effective prevention of mother-to-child HIV transmission, manage appropriate treatment of HIV infection, manage common HIV-associated opportunistic infections, care for children affected by HIV.
Language: English
Duration: up to 180 days
Price: US$29/60 (without/with Continuing Medical Examination Credit)

ONLINE Course: West Virginia University, USA
No new dates found
Course title: Clinical Tropical Medicine and Travellers’ Health Course
http://www.hsc.wvu.edu/som/tropmed/tropical-medicine-course/
Focus: Identify major global issues in tropical public health, discuss clinical tropical diseases frequently encountered in the developing world, diagnose and treat these
diseases, implement field-based preventive and control measures for major communicable/infectious diseases, manage travel-related illnesses.

**Language:** English  
**Duration:** 2 months (in person), 4 modules, each of those 4 lasts for 2 weeks (online, module 3 has to be completed on site)  
**Deadline for application:** Early booking reduction until March 2016  
**Date:** June 2016 – March 2017  
**Price:** US$ 1.175 - 4.700 depending on the number of modules

**ONLINE Course: Royal Tropical Institute, the Netherlands**  
**Course title:** Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, including HIV/AIDS (e-learning)  
**Focus:** Improving antenatal, prenatal, postpartum and newborn care; providing family planning, including infertility services; eliminating unsafe abortion; combating sexually transmitted infections; reproductive and urinary tract infections; promoting sexual health.  
**Language:** English  
**Duration:** 3 weeks  
**Date:** 13 March – 31 March 2017  
**Deadline for application:** 13 January 2017  
**Price:** €2010

**SHORT courses for physicians, nurses, midwives and/or medical students**

*These courses are NOT accepted as preparation for a field mission with MSF due to their short duration. However, as the content of these courses is very relevant and interesting, we still recommend participation.*

**Location:** WÜRZBURG, Germany  
**Course Title:** A variety of courses in tropical medicine  
**Language:** German  
**Duration:** 2 days  
**Dates:** Throughout the year

**Location:** TÜBINGEN, Germany  
**Course title:** Course „Public Health and Tropical Medicine by AGGE (Akademie für Globale Gesundheit und Entwicklung / Academy for Global Health and Development)  
**Language:** German  
**Duration:** 2 days  
**Remarks:** Further interesting short courses are listed on the AGGE website  
http://www.agge-akademie.de