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EPIDEMIOLOGY

India FETP - MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH (Epidemiology and Health Systems)



**ICMR School of Public Health
2024**



About us

ICMR-National Institute of Epidemiology (ICMR-NIE), Chennai is one of the permanent institutions of the ICMR and a flagship organization for epidemiology, public health and biostatistics in India.

ICMR-NIE houses the ICMR School of Public Health to conduct public health capacity building programmes and public health research.

The Institute has been conducting Field Epidemiology Training Programmes (FETPs) meant to strengthen public health workforce in India since 2001.

FETP is aimed at strengthening health services through training of middle level medical officers in government health departments with a 'learning-by-doing' approach to build a cadre of trained epidemiologists who are able to respond to priority public health events in the country.



Affiliation

Two-year MPH degree by **Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology, Trivandrum** (An institute of National Importance under Govt. of India)



Member of TEPHINET



Training Programs in Epidemiology and Public Health Interventions Network
TEPHINET is the global network of Field Epidemiology Training Programs (FETPs) building a workforce to protect all people from public health threats.

14,000+ outbreaks investigated • 20,000+ disease detectives • 76 training programs

Course Description

Duration and course organization



Year 1

Jul	Principles & Practice of Public Health Health Systems I Epidemiology I Biostatistics I Surveillance Outbreak Investigation Social & Behavioural Sciences Epi Info
Aug	
Sep	
Oct	Health Situation Analysis Secondary Data Analysis Outbreak Investigation
Nov	Webinars
Dec	Oral Scientific Communication Demography Epidemiology of Non-Communicable Diseases Infectious Disease Epidemiology
Jan	
Feb	Epidemiology II Biostatistics II Health District Management Program Evaluation Surveillance Evaluation Reproductive Health Protocol for program/surveillance evaluation
Mar	
Apr	
May	Program/Surveillance Evaluation Outbreak Investigation
Jun	Webinars Health Economics

Research Methods [Basic course in Biomedical Research] Research Ethics [MeCer 102]

Year 2

Jul	Program/Surveillance Evaluation Outbreak Investigation
Aug	Webinars Public Health Nutrition Occupational & Environmental Health
Sep	
Oct	Manuscript Writing Media & Health Communication Protocol for Dissertation
Nov	Dissertation – data collection, analysis, writing Outbreak Investigation
Dec	
Jan	Webinars Public Health Ethics Health Systems II
Feb	
Mar	
Apr	
May	Submission of field project report & Dissertation Viva-voce exam
Jun	

Scientific Writing [MeCer 103]

Course credits

Total Credits:

60

Contact Sessions:

22

Field Projects:

38

Five field projects

During the field postings, the scholars are placed in their districts/workplace.

- Public health situation analysis
- Secondary data analysis
- Outbreak investigation
- Evaluation of health programme/surveillance system
- Disertation-Epidemiological study

Grading system

Grade	Performance	Score	Numerical Equivalent
A ⁺ (A plus)	Excellent	95 & above	5.0
A (A only)	Very good	90 - 94.9	4.5
A ⁻ (A minus)	Good	80 - 89.9	4.0
B ⁺ (B plus)	Fair	70 - 79.9	3.5
B (B only)	Satisfactory	60 - 69.9	3.0
B ⁻ (B minus)	Minimum Pass	50 - 59.9	2.5
F (F only)	Fail	50 & below	0.0

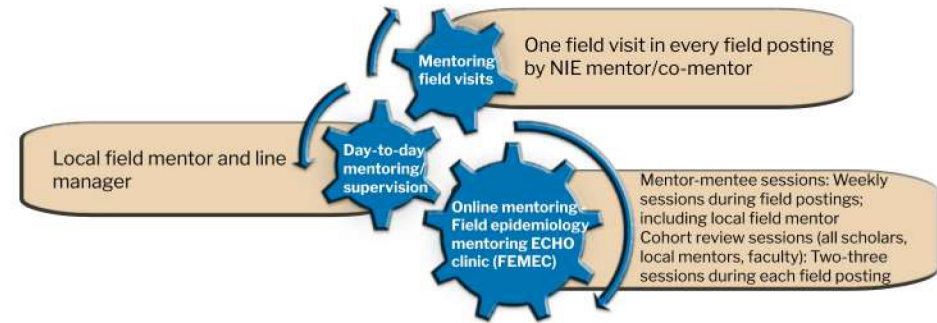
Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) calculated as the weighted average of numerical values of grades with credits as weights.

Criteria for award of MPH degree

A minimum of grade B minus in all the courses and field projects with a minimum CGPA of 2 in total.



3-tier mentoring



Internal Evaluation

End-course evaluations for each course/module

- Written exam/in-class or take-home assignment/seminar/presentation - Course/module in-charge
- 85% attendance in each course/module
- 2nd attempt in subsequent year

Evaluation of field projects

- Oral presentations - 2 ICMR NIE faculty
- Field project report with at-least 1 manuscript
- Additional 10% marks for submission in scientific journals/presentation in scientific conferences during the course period
- Eligibility for appearing in dissertation viva-voce

External Evaluation

Evaluation of dissertation at the end of academic year

- Dissertation manuscript graded by external examiner
- Oral presentation followed by viva-voce graded by external examiners
- 2nd attempt with subsequent cohort



ADMISSION TO THE PROGRAMME

Admission is open to government and private candidates. Preference to the candidates sponsored by the Central / State Governments / Union Territories and Armed Forces.

Eligibility Criteria

- ✔ M.B.B.S. degree recognized by National Medical Council
- ✔ (a) Working in public health, preferably regularized and permanent employees of State or Central Government Department or Medical institutions;
- ✔ (b) Private (Non-Government) candidates worked / working in public health
- ✔ Three years experience in public health related activities
- ✔ Age up to 45 years as on 1.7.2024. Departmental candidates from ICMR institutions granted age relaxation of 5 years. SC/ST/OBC/PH candidates eligible for age relaxation as per Government of India rules

Sponsorship

- ✔ The sponsoring authority (Central/State Government / Non-Governmental Organizations / Private Institutions) should nominate and depute the candidates for 2 years on a full time basis.
- ✔ Sponsored candidates should enclose Sponsorship letter from the employer, in original in the specified format (refer specimen given in the Application Form), along with the application or produce the same at the time of interview.
- ✔ If the candidates are not sponsored at the time of application, No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the employer or a letter mentioning that the candidate will be sponsored if selected for the course should be enclosed (refer specimen given in the Application Form).

Terms and Conditions of Selection

- ✔ Candidates selected for the course should be available for the entire duration of the course, i.e., 2 years on full time basis
- ✔ Candidates selected for the course should not do private practice or engage in any other employment, etc., during the Contact Sessions and Field Postings
- ✔ If a candidate is found to be engaged in a work other than course work, his/her admission to the course will be cancelled



Fees

- ✔ **No course fee for deputed candidates** from the State/Central Government Departments/Armed forces.
- ✔ One time **Administrative Services fee Rs. 30,000/-** to be paid at the time of admission to SCTIMST by both the deputed and non-deputed candidates.
- ✔ For the **non-deputed government/private candidates** and the deputed candidates from private institutions, the course fee is **Rs. 1,00,000/-** (Rupees One lakh only) (non-refundable), payable at the beginning of the course.

Method of selection

A Selection Committee constituted by SCTIMST and NIE will select the candidates based on the following:

- ✔ **Written test**
- ✔ **Personal interview**

Reservation of seats as per Government of India norms being followed by SCTIMST. Mere possession of the eligibility criteria will not entail selection for the course. The decision of the Director, SCTIMST, shall be final for selection of the candidates.

Application Form

The prescribed application form can be downloaded from the Institute's Website: www.nie.gov.in/icmr_sph/India-FETP---MPH.html
The prescribed application form given in the website or its photocopy alone should be used. Application in any other form will not be considered.

Application Fee

Applications should be submitted along with the application fee of **Rs.600/-** (Rupees Six hundred only) by means of a Demand Draft drawn on any nationalized bank in favour of "Director, NIE" payable at Chennai. Applications without the application fee will not be considered. Attach photocopy of Demand Draft with the application.



