

Online-Course Health and Human Rights – Dimensions and Strategies

In short

In recent years, there has been increasing recognition for the importance of human rights in the health sector. The human right to the “Highest Attainable Standard of Physical and Mental Health“ (in short: the right to health) is an internationally acknowledged frame of reference, and offers distinct guidelines for health policies based on human rights.

In cooperation with the WHO, InWEnt has developed the e-learning course “Health and Human Rights - Dimensions and Strategies“. This course facilitates a profound understanding of the correlation between health and human rights, as well as tools to put the human rights approach into practice.

The course is implemented in collaboration with the WHO. During all phases of the course, experienced facilitators and experts continuously support the participants.

The right to health

Today, the right to health is an integral part of international as well as national human rights treaties. Numerous countries worldwide have integrated it into their constitution; it is put into practice by means of national as well as international health activities. These governments have committed themselves to the obligation of health-related human rights.

To comply with this commitment, health policies must meet the fundamental requirements of transparency and accountability.

The right to health offers a framework of action for health experts, and widens perspectives, particularly for the improvement of health care conditions of underprivileged groups within the population.

Based on this framework, public health can become systematically integrated into the realisation of the right to health and other health-related human rights.

Target groups

This online course was designed for professionals in the field of public health, as well as human rights activists. It is suitable for employees of government and non-government organisations, as well as staff members of the WHO and other UN-institutions. The participants understand the correlation between health and human rights; they learn to apply appropriate strategies in their own work, to view health policies and activities from a human rights perspective, and to put the human rights-based approach into practice.

Right to Health

In 1946, the **World Health Organization** integrated the “Right to Health“ into its constitution:

“The enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health is one of the fundamental rights of every human being without distinction of race, religion, political belief, economic or social condition.“

Preamble of the WHO Constitution



Theory and practice in modules

The English-language online course begins with a two-week phase of introduction to the e-learning tools. The course consists of five consecutive modules that require an average of approximately five to seven hours working-time each. The modules in short:

1. Health and human rights - norms and principles
2. The legal framework – international human rights instruments
3. A human rights based approach to health – its implementation in international development cooperation
4. Putting into practice – developing human rights based strategies in public health
5. Monitoring and evaluation – making sure it works

Each module is comprised of lessons and exercises that are integrated into a case scenario. The lessons provide extensive information on the topic of the respective module. Exercises are sent in by e-mail, and are individually reviewed by an expert. The case scenario puts the acquired knowledge into practice. Each module provides

reference material in the form of links to relevant websites and recommended literature. This is also complemented by an extensive glossary as well as a list of references for further reading.

Each module concludes with an online-chat/discussion providing an opportunity for participants to engage personally with the experts.

The InWEnt online platform Global Campus 21 allows the participants to continuously communicate and collaborate with other participants:
www.gc21.de

Successful participation

A maximum of 35 participants can be accepted for the online course. Participants will be awarded a certificate of attendance from WHO and InWEnt upon successful completion of the course.

Demoversion

<http://gc21.inwent.org/health-demo>

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Course objectives at a glance

The participants improve their competence and

- Recognize the key linkages between health and human rights
- Understand the legal framework for international human rights
- Analyse and assess public health policies and programmes from a human rights perspective
- Apply a human rights-based approach to their own work
- Design human rights-based health strategies
- Identify key mechanisms and instruments of a human rights-based monitoring and evaluation process

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