

The Public Health Practitioners Accredited Programme 2020/21

This programme utilises the Faculty of Public Health's years of experience in delivering successful courses within public health. The programme provides an excellent opportunity to develop skills and knowledge for people who are not specialists or practitioners in public health, but have the opportunity or ability to positively impact health and wellbeing through their work within an increasingly challenging environment.

Programme delivery

This programme is a unique opportunity; it is delivered through a series of six half-day workshops, allowing participants to take on studies at a level and pace to suit their personal and professional life.

The course will help you to develop and understand how to form a portfolio of evidence against the UKPHR practitioner standards for registration. The course will also give you the opportunity:

- To hone knowledge and understanding about public health, including those who have recently moved into public health from another discipline or area.
- To collate evidence against the UKPHR practitioner standards and build your portfolio in readiness, if you are considering UKPHR practitioner registration scheme.
- To use CPD credits obtained in the workshops to further your knowledge and skills.

Skills for Justice (SFJ) Accredited Certificate

Participants also have the option to undertake an assessment of learning to gain an SFJ certificate of accredited training.

Summative written assessment is an optional aspect of the programme, and it is suitable for participants working towards UKPHR registration. This contributes to portfolio requirements for demonstration of knowledge of the key public health principles, terminology and skills.

To meet the requirements, participants are required to write a short report for four of the UKPHR standards, demonstrating understanding of the theoretical knowledge for that standard in relation to their role. A candidate will need to describe the theory, showing their understanding and how it relates to their area of work.

- Each account should be between 400 – 600 words (total word count no more than 2,600).
- An additional section reflecting on your learning should also be provided, demonstrating your skills in reflective writing (maximum word count 200).
- The total word count for submissions should be no more than 2,600.

The cost involved is £140 per assessment.

For guidance or contract opportunity please contact educ@fph.org.uk or call 020 3696 1486.

Workshop details

Workshop 1: Introduction to public health; the context and climate of practice

- A brief history of public health and the main organisations in the UK
- The public health function: three domains of practice
- Individual vs population health
- How risks to health and wellbeing are identified, prevented or controlled
- The wider determinants of health and an introduction to health inequality
- The policy and strategy context

Workshop 2: Professional skills for public health; ethical practice and communication

- Skills for the public sector; legal and practice requirements
- Ethical practice and the challenges we face when allocating resources
- Developing your own practice and supporting the development of others
- Communication for public health and the barriers to effective communication
- The media

Workshop 3: Introduction to epidemiology; using information for health

- An introduction to epidemiology
- An overview of surveillance for communicable and non-communicable diseases
- Identifying and monitoring health inequalities
- Types, sources and levels of data
- Analysing and interpreting data using qualitative and quantitative methods
- Presenting public health data to different audiences

Workshop 4: Using evidence to improve public health practice

- Evidence sources and the hierarchy of evidence
- Wider public health, understanding and using evidence from non-health partners
- An introduction to research skills
- Using evidence-based practice to plan and deliver public health outcomes
- An introduction to health economics and the effective use of resources
- CASP critical appraisal skills
- Publishing your work

Workshop 5: Designing, delivering and evaluating public health interventions

- Project and programme management skills for public health
- Understanding and involving stakeholders - including the target audience
- Programme risk, economic and political climates
- Quality assurance and reporting methods

Workshop 6: Working collaboratively to deliver the public health function in a changing political and economic climate

- How organisations, teams and individuals work together - the collaborative advantage
- Working in a team, an introduction to team theory
- Understanding the local environment, stakeholder analysis, powerbases and politics
- Working in a complex partnership environment
- Developing your leadership skills and overseeing multi - disciplinary projects