Course Overview:
The Center for Excellence in Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance (CFE-DM), in collaboration with James Cook University’s College of Public Health, Medical and Veterinary Sciences, is pleased to announce that applications are being accepted for the 2019 Pacific-focused Health and Humanitarian Action in Emergencies (HHAE) course at James Cook University’s Cairns Campus, QLD, Australia from 3-14 June 2019.

The HHAE course has been jointly developed as a two-week intensive training course. It provides professionals with a role in planning or responding to disasters and public health emergencies with an understanding of the major public health issues and decision-making skills to effectively plan for and respond to the needs of affected populations. The HHAE course emphasizes a multi-disciplinary public health approach, weaving innovative trends, Pacific regional challenges, and lessons learned from recent humanitarian crises throughout the curriculum and discussions.

Applications are welcome from all humanitarian organizations, governmental organizations, and academic institutions in the Pacific region. The course is designed for humanitarian, civilian, and military professionals that have (now or in the future) a role in decision-making that impacts the health of those affected by humanitarian crises.

Major Topics to be Covered Include:
- Health Service Planning for Emergencies
- Field-based Epidemiological Surveillance and Assessment
- Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) Challenges in Humanitarian Crises
- Humanitarian Civil-Military Coordination
- Urban Humanitarian Emergencies
- Emergency Medical Team Initiative and Coordination
- Humanitarian Assessments and Needs Based Analyses
- Humanitarian and Medical Ethics
- International Humanitarian Law
- Communication and Non-Communicable Disease Control and Prevention
- Emergency Nutrition and Food Security
- Psychosocial Health Needs in Humanitarian Crises
Course Sponsorship and Faculty

The Center trains and educates hundreds of international and domestic civilian, military, and humanitarian professionals each year in disaster management, humanitarian assistance, civil-military coordination, and disaster health response. For 22 years, the Center has focused on improving the health of populations affected by humanitarian crises by conducting the Health Emergencies in Large Populations (HELP) course in joint collaboration with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and University of Hawaii. The Center employs a multidisciplinary team of researchers, practitioners and trainers with backgrounds working with humanitarian, governmental, and non-governmental organizations and academic institutions. The Center conducts collaborative trainings, research, and exercises annually with the United Nations, ICRC, International Federation of the Red Cross, World Food Programme, RedR Australia, the Australian Civil-Military Centre, Columbia University and the Pacific Disaster Center.

James Cook University maintains one of the largest graduate public health training programs in the region supporting under-privileged areas of the Tropics with a particular focus on challenges facing health professionals working in tropical, rural and remote locations. The WHO’s Collaborating Centre supports JCU’s research capacity building and training in the area of neglected tropical diseases in the Western pacific region and has become a partner with JCU for the Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network (GOARN).

Language and Teaching Methods

The HHAE course is offered in English. Reading and participatory learning methods are employed throughout the course. Participants will receive pre-reading materials prior to arrival at the course and will interact with course content through lectures, case studies, focused group discussions, presentations and scenario-based learning and simulations. An English as a Second Language (ESL) score of 80 or above is required for attendance.

Venue

The HHAE could will be held at James Cook University’s College of Public Health, Medical and Veterinary Sciences in Cairns, QLD, Australia. Participants must arrange travel and accommodations at their own expense. Suggested lodging and transportation will be provided to selected participants.

Registration Fees

There are no registration fees for the course, however, the cost of travel, accommodation and transportation is the responsibility of each self-sponsored participant.

Application Procedure

Please apply online through the Center’s HHAE course webpage:

https://www.cfe-dmha.org/Training/HHAЕ

The deadline for course applications is 1 April 2019. The HHAE course selection committee will review applications on a rolling basis and will do their best to inform applicants of the committee’s determination as soon as possible.