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UNIVERSITY DIPLOMA (DU) IN DEVELOPMENT AND ORGANIZATION OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

1st edition 2021-2022 – Beirut / Lebanon

The Higher Institute of Public Health (ISSP) at the Saint Joseph University of Beirut, the National Mental Health Programme at the Ministry of Public Health and the World Health Organization have worked together to bring to you the first University Diploma in Lebanon in “Development and organization of mental health services”, in collaboration with the Lisbon Institute of Global Mental Health and with support from the Agence Française de Développement.

This University Diploma will provide an updated and solid understanding of the main concepts in mental health services development and organization. It is in line with the [National Mental Health Strategy for Lebanon \(2015-2020\)](#) which aims at reforming the mental health system in Lebanon, towards community-based mental health services, and which envisions investing in building qualified human resources as a key pillar of health systems.

The program includes a series of advanced courses for students, mental health leaders and professionals willing to develop knowledge and public health skills in mental health service organization and leadership, with a special emphasis on Lebanon. It is delivered by a group of international and local experts.

General information

Total number of credits:	24 ECTS (European credits)
Duration of the program:	2 semesters – (twice per week 5pm-8pm)
Modality:	Blended format (online and on campus) and field visits
Start date:	June 2021
Enrolment deadline:	May 24, 2021
Program director:	Dr Michele Kosremelli Asmar
Program co-director:	Dr Rabih El Chammay
International coordinators:	Prof. José Miguel Caldas de Almeida and Prof. Benedetto Saraceno
Academic coordinator:	Mrs Rita Freiha el Khoury
Technical advisor:	Dr Alissar Rady



The goal of this program is to build the capacity of public health and health professionals (physicians, psychologists, social workers, nurses, etc.) and other professionals (program managers, directors of health facilities, training coordinators, etc.) on developing, implementing and evaluating mental health services at the different levels of care, in line with human rights and community and evidence-based approaches.

The focus of the courses will be on:

- Understanding evidence and evidence-based interventions
- Optimal mix of mental health services
- The pivotal role of community mental health services
- Deinstitutionalization: experiences and controversies
- Rehabilitation and recovery
- Mental health law and human rights and the rights of people with mental disabilities
- Substance use response Policies
- Mental health in complex emergencies

Information and registration

Selection criteria:

Applicants should be holders of a bachelor's degree or equivalent qualification in a health-related field such as public health, medicine, nursing, psychology, pharmacy, sociology, anthropology, social sciences or health economics.

- English proficiency is required.
- A Master's degree is a plus.
- Work experience is a plus.

Application procedures:

- Applicants must submit the application form in English [click here](#) to: issp@usj.edu.lb
- For further information about the application process, please contact the ISSP (issp@usj.edu.lb).

Application evaluation modality: The selection of applicants to the diploma will be based on the assessment of the application file, Curriculum Vitae (CV) and motivation letter. English proficiency will be evaluated.

Fees:

- A limited number of scholarships will be granted to persons from Lebanon. Requests will be assessed on a case by case, based on specific criteria including merit, and financial needs.

Attendance:

Attendance to the courses is mandatory for the participants formally enrolled.