

As part of its doctoral program in biological and medical sciences, the Faculty of medicine of Saint Joseph University of Beirut (FM) in collaboration with the Higher institute of public health (ISSP)

LAUNCHES ITS DR.PH PROGRAM 1ST PROGRAM IN LEBANON AND THE REGION

Registration: from November 15, 2020 to 31 December 2020

Start of courses: February 2021 **For information:** issp@usj.edu.lb

■ Title of the degree

Doctorate in biological and medical sciences

- Specialty Dr.PH -Leadership in Global health
- Specialty Dr.PH -Health Management and policy

Number of credits for degree: 180

European credits

Duration of the program: 6 to 12

semesters

Modalities: Courses and seminars (on

campus and online)

Program Director: Dr. Walid Ammar



The Doctorate in Public Health Programme is designed to respond to the need for qualified health professionals in Lebanon and the Eastern Mediterrenean Region who are capable to assume a leadership role at the organizational, national, regional and global levels. It provides part time study options for health entrepreneurs and professionals working in health and social institutions, pharmaceutical industry, NGOs,Media, Ministry of Public Health or other ministries, as well as, UN agencies such as WHO and other international organizations.

The Programme provides participants with analytical and technical skills and competencies related to:

- Organizational management and communication;
- Contemporary health sector governance, regulation and policy development;
- Production and use of strategic intelligence (statistics, data mining, economic, architecture of research)
- Sector leadership (Political skills and competencies including negotiation skills, collaborative governance, alliance building, networking, HR management, mobilisation of human and financial resources)

General admission requirements*

Selection Criteria:

- Master degree (14/20 or GPA equal to 3) or equivalent in one of the health disciplines (public health, medicine, pharmacy, nursing, and other health professions), environment, economics and management, education, natural sciences, social sciences and humanities.
- Minimum 2 years of experience in leadership or higher managerial position or 4 years full time in a career related to health.
- * The selection committee can request from a candidate one or more pre-requisite courses if judged necessary

Selection modalities:

- Examination of the admission file including a motivation letter (maximum 1500 words)
- Evaluation of the candidate's CV
- Preliminary research project (maximum 1500 words)
- Face-to-face or Skype interview
- Language proficiency: English

Internships and trainings

In addition to national public and private institutions as internship and research sites, Dr.PH students will have the opportunity to be either involved in studies conducted or commissioned by the Ministry of Public health (MOPH), WHO and other partners, or have access to the related databases. They will contribute to national, regional and international forums such as "The Mediterranean Academy for Learning Health Systems" (MEDALS) (Lebanon), "The Parliamentarian Forum for Universal Health Coverage (UHC)" (EMRO) and "The Health System Governance Collaborative" (WHO)".

The program privileges a multidisciplinary faculty which combines interactive lectures, online conferences. webinars. and workshops. Interaction with the faculty is encouraged through case studies, practical exercises and candidates' personal experience. Analytical work combines in-depth document analysis observations and group work. Moreover, each candidate will develop an individual research project and will benefit from a oneto-one mentorship by program instructors in collaboration with the host institution staff of the participant country.

Interdisciplinarity

This program is an interdisciplinary program, based on crossing-cutting of various disciplines: health, environment, economics, management, natural, human, and social sciences, the interaction of which is necessary to understand the different facets of public health.

Research

Research projects will tackle real identified and contextualized problems and situations. In addition, they will fit into nationally, regionally and internationally strategically defined and financed projects. Research projects may also be developed with potential partners.

Teaching Methods

- Interactive lectures
- Digital learning devices
- Project-based learning
- Case studies
- Personal documentary research
- Group Work
- Problem-solving
- Simulation and rôle playing





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