

Introduction to Global Disability Issues: Developing Skills in Inclusive Research and Health Practice

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Overview

Persons with disabilities make up 16% of the world's population. They frequently face greater barriers and experience more inequalities compared to persons without disabilities, including with respect to their health.

Addressing gaps like these can be challenging for professionals. Evidence is critical, yet it can be difficult to conceptualise what "disability" is and measure it in surveys, and there are additional considerations when undertaking qualitative and participatory research with this population.

Effective solutions require an understanding of the specific health needs of persons with disabilities and how these might vary across subpopulations (e.g., impairment type) and contexts. Finally, even when equipped with evidence, it can be difficult to develop solutions to address health needs and barriers and put these interventions into practice.

The course

This online course equips professionals with the knowledge and skills needed to conduct research with persons with disabilities and to design, develop, and evaluate inclusive interventions aimed at enhancing the health and wellbeing of individuals with disabilities.

The course is organised and taught by members of the International Centre for Evidence in Disability (ICED) at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine. They have extensive experience in disability, disability research and health sector programming.

Course content


The course will cover topics including:


- Conceptualising disability
- Measuring disability
- Research and disability
- Health needs
- Developing inclusive solutions

Who is the course for?


This course has been designed for professionals who conduct (or want to conduct) research with persons with disabilities or who are health professionals wishing to understand the needs and barriers facing this population and develop solutions. It is suitable for those based in both high-income or low- and middle-income countries, with or without a background in disability, disability research or health.

Key information

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 £1,200 full fee
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