

Summer School: "Psychosocial Interventions in Migration, Emergency and Displacement"

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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

ART. 1 The Summer School

The Dirpolis Istitute of the Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, in collaboration with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) is offering a Course on "Psychosocial Interventions in Migration, Emergency and Displacement". The Course will take place at the Sant'Anna School's campus in Pisa, **from 13 to 25 June 2022**, for a total of 90 hours.

The language of instruction is English.

The Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies and the Scientific Board of the Course, in consideration of the progress of the COVID-19 pandemic, can decide at their discretion to postpone or to cancel the Course.

ART. 2 ECTS

The Course attributes up to 5 European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) credits to students who attend the entire training course. Acquiring ECTS credits is subject to passing the final learning test and complying with the attendance obligations envisaged.

ART. 3 Educational Objectives

The aim of the Course is to provide a frame of reference for understanding the psychosocial dimension of displacement and crisis-affected societies, while presenting harmonized ethics, approaches and tools associated with psychosocial support. The Course will give an overview of both specific psychosocial programming and psychosocial approaches to different dimensions of humanitarian assistance in emergency displacement, in particular:

- a) Mental health and psychosocial paradigms in displacement: psychological, social, cultural and anthropological perspectives
- b) International standards in MHPSS in Emergencies
- c) How to foster a non-harmful humanitarian assistance in camp set up and coordination, health, food and non food items distribution
- d) Principles of psychological first aid and psychological counselling
- e) Care for the most vulnerable and referral
- f) Medical/non medical responses
- g) Small scale conflict management and transitional justi

- h) Participatory needs assessment
- i) Creative and art based interventions
- i) Emergency psychosocial project cycle

The Course has a practical orientation and relies heavily on case studies to enhance participants' skills and abilities to effectively provide psychosocial support. Practical exercises will include advanced role-playing and simulations. The participants' and trainers' field experience will be captured within sessions especially dedicated to knowledge and lessons learned sharing.

ART. 4 Modules

The content of the Course is divided into 5 modules:

- 1. Epistemology, systems, international standards, legal framework, theories
- 2. Tools & standards for psychosocial considerations in basic services and security
- 3. Tools & standards for psychosocial considerations in family and community supports
- 4. Tools & standards for psychosocial focused services
- 5. Understanding of specialized services

ART. 5 Course Structure

The sessions are planned over two weeks, from Monday to Saturday and require participants' full-time commitment.

A final assessment test will be administered at the end of the Course.

ART. 6 Places available and entry requirements

The Course addresses the needs of psychologists, social workers, educators-teachers, medical doctors and psychiatrists, nurses, applied artists (e.g. dance therapists), humanitarian workers, emergency experts, development workers or similar, who meet the following minimum requirements:

- Have at least a 3-year University degree or equivalent in relevant disciplines, issued by a University institution or equivalent.
- o Have at least 2 years of work experience in a related field.
- Have a proficient knowledge of English.

Knowledge of any other language and/or any further relevant training, voluntary or professional experience would be an asset. Relevant publications are also an advantage.

The Course can accept a **maximum of 30 participants** and will be activated with a **minimum of 20 participants**.

15 places out of 30 are reserved to qualified IOM professionals/consultants that will be identified directly by IOM. The remaining 15 places will be assigned by the Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies to qualified candidates following a public selection process, as per arts. 7 and 8 of the present call.

ART. 7 Application procedure

The selection process managed by the Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies will be considered on a rolling basis and each month a selection round will be held. Selected applicants will be informed by e-mail of the result of the selection process. The application deadline is **1 April 2022**. The internal selection carried out by IOM will be finalized on the same date. Unless all places are taken earlier, the final deadline for application is 1 April 2022.

Applications received after the deadline will not be given consideration.

Applications shall be submitted online at: http://www.santannapisa.it/psycho, with the following attachments:

- 1. An up-to-date curriculum vitae;
- 2. A currently valid identity document.

In case of failure of the online application system, applicants are advised to contact the Course Secretariat at psychosocial@santannapisa.it.

Late applications, or applications missing any mandatory information will not be taken into consideration. Forged deeds and false statements shall be punished in accordance with the Italian Criminal Code and any other applicable law and will result in exclusion from the Course.

ART. 8 Selection process

The selection process is based on the assessment of the applicants' qualifications.

A Selection Committee will select the applicants by awarding up **to 100 point**s to their qualifications, based on the following criteria:

- 1.Relevant training in the sector (including BA, MA, PhD): up to 20 points
- 2.Relevant work experiences (and years of service/duration of employment): up to 23 points
- 3.Remarkable relevant volunteering experience: up to 7 points
- 4.Language skills: up to 10 points
- 5. Publications if relevant: up to 7 points
- 6. Motivation statement: up to 23 points
- 7.Candidates who work on relevant issues related to the Course within government in developing Countries, international organizations or cooperation offices, and/or who are supported by sponsoring organizations/institutions: up to **10 points**.

Only applicants who receive an overall score of at **least 60/100 points** will be considered eligible for the Course.

At the end of the process, the Selection Committee will prepare the list of admitted and reserve students which will be published on the Sant'Anna School's website.

Only admitted applicants will be notified via email.

The Sant'Anna School retains the right to offer additional places, based on merit, to eligible non-IOM candidates on the School's waiting list, in case the internal selection carried out by IOM fails to cover all 15 places reserved to IOMers. In the same way, should the selection carried out by the School fail to produce the maximum number of 15 admissions, the School might offer additional places, based on merit, to eligible candidates on the IOM waiting list, in order to fill the remaining places.

ART. 9 Tuition fee and scholarships

The Course fee is **1.650,00 EUR** and includes attendance costs, tutorship, reference material, lunch/dinner at the canteen of the Sant'Anna School for the entire length of the course, access to the library of the School, and free access to the wireless connection within the School's premises.

Finding an accommodation in Pisa falls under the full responsibility of the participants. Any other expenses – such as visa and travel costs, etc. - are to be covered by the participants.

Depending on financial availabilities, up to **two partial scholarships** (50% of the tuition fee) may be made available. If available, said contributions will be awarded by the above-mentioned Committee, whose decision will be final, taking into consideration the motivation and the curriculum of the candidate, gender balance and nationality of a non-OECD country.

In accordance with art. 9 paragraph 2 of Decree No 68/2012, students with disabilities greater than or equal to 66%, recognized pursuant to art. 3, paragraph 1, of Law 104/1992, are exempted from the payment of the tuition fee.

A reduction of 1.5% for each percentage point of disability is applied to those students with disabilities less than 66%. Students with disabilities who intend to make use of the exemption or reduction of the tuition fee shall attach a suitable certification in the on-line application.

Should the Course be cancelled due to the Covid-19 Emergency, participants will be refunded of the fee already paid.

ART. 10 Acceptance – Payment methods

Successful candidates who wish to attend the Course are required to confirm their attendance by the deadline indicated in the notification of admission, where will also be indicated the payment methods of the registration fee, that can be made by bank transfer or PagoPa procedure.

ART. 11 Certificate of attendance

At the end of the Course the Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies will issue a certificate of attendance, with value to the extent permitted by law, to the students who attended at least 80% of the lessons and are up-to-date with the payment of the enrolment fee. The certificate will also include the details of the ECTS credits obtained for those students who passed the final assessment test.

ART. 12

Person responsible for the competitive entrance examination procedure, personal data processing and prevention of corruption measures

Under the art. 5 of the Act n. 241/90 and ff.mm., the person in charge of the competition procedure is Mrs. Elena Cambi, Head of the U.O. Higher Education - Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies - Via Maffi 27, 56127 Pisa - tel. 050/882645 - fax 050/882633 - e-mail: altaformazione@santannapisa.it.

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