

Conflict & Catastrophe Medicine





Empowering the next generation of humanitarian medics

The diploma course in Conflict and Catastrophe Medicine (CCM) provides postgraduate medics, nurses and allied health professionals with the relevant knowledge and practical skills to work effectively in the disaster environment.

Topics range from aspects of medical and clinical care, public and environmental health to wider contextual issues such as bridging humanitarian health and health development, and the changing direction of humanitarian aid.



45+ unique sessions delivered by **30+** lecturers, military and humanitarian leaders in their field



2 years' access to lectures, recordings, slides and online learning resources



50+ hours of teaching, including **20+** delivered remotely via Zoom



Exclusive access to a networking community of key contacts in the field of Conflict and Catastrophe Medicine

Preparing you to embark on your humanitarian career

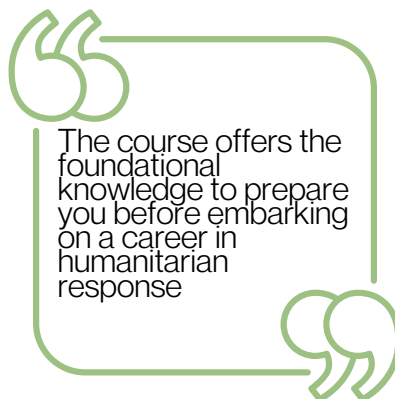
For more than 20 years, the course has supported and promoted the humanitarian health community through innovative education, professional development, and research skills in the field of Conflict and Catastrophe Medicine.



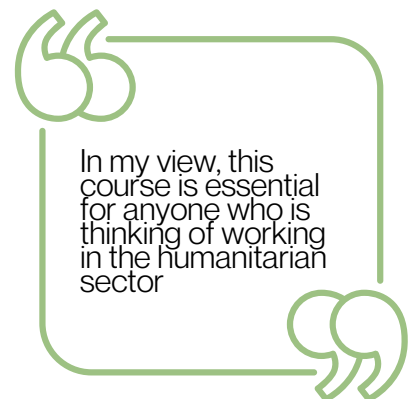
What our students and lecturers say



Student Survey
2024



Dr Kiran Attridge
Course Director



David Ross
Dean, Current Course Lecturer



Why is this for me?

Taught at postgraduate level, the course aims to equip students with the knowledge to work effectively in disaster environments and humanitarian emergencies.

The course is open to postgraduate medics, nurses, pharmacists or allied health professionals looking to take the next step in their career, whether it be towards deployment work in humanitarian emergencies or in response to domestic disasters or acts of terrorism.

The course is designed to augment your qualifications and expertise with the relevant core skills required to support interventions such as a needs assessment, surveillance and reporting systems, and common health and disease issues.

From the point of enrolment, students are engaged in an active community of likeminded health professionals to foster social and intellectual connections with peers and recent alumni, committed to your professional development, to access mentorship opportunities and career advice.



Dr Kiran Attridge

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Course Director

Course summary

With 50-60 hours of dedicated study, the Conflict and Catastrophe Medicine course is delivered through a varied and non-sequential programme of engaging discussions, tabletop simulation exercises, practical examples and relevant case studies with an emphasis on promoting applied, self-directed learning.

The content is continually updated in response to changing needs and priorities of low/middle-income countries, new developments in intelligence and technology, and the changing roles of international health professionals in such contexts.

Experts from NGOs and various humanitarian, military, and academic institutions will be on hand to deliver a range of sessions both in-person and online, providing unique insights from their first-hand experience of delivering aid in conflict and disaster settings.

Participants also have access to course materials through our learning platform.

Not just a clinical course, students will grapple with a range of sectoral, non-medical and conceptual factors, public health including epidemiology, and also nutrition, mental health and moral injury, maternal and child health, and wider contextual issues. They will gain an appreciation of the importance of not only knowing 'what' to do, but 'how' to go about the work.

Participants will gain an understanding of essential concepts such as the principles of humanitarianism, localisation in humanitarian health, sustainability, governance, accountability and safeguarding; learning how to adapt this knowledge to respond to acute medical emergencies in conflict and climate disasters. Whether you are new to the subject area or a seasoned humanitarian worker looking to deepen your understanding, the Conflict and Catastrophe Medicine course has something for you.



Course timetable

The course takes place on 11 Saturdays from September 2025 to July 2026, delivered both online and in-person at Apothecaries' Hall in London. Please note, the order of sessions is subject to change at short notice due to lecturers' international commitments.

September and October

- Welcome to the Course and the Faculty
- Key Stakeholders and Definitions
- Ukraine, Turkiye and Syria
- The Impact of War on Health
- The 'Flowerland' Scenario: Part 1
- Communicable Diseases
- Challenges to Vaccination
- Gender-based Violence & GBV Care

November and December

- Mass Gatherings
- Mass Casualties
- Mass Evacuation - Afghanistan
- VHF Practical Session
- Civilian-Military Coordination
- Leadership and Resilience
- Principles of Pain Management
- Supply of Medicines

January

- Disaster Risk Reduction
- Disasters in the Urban Environment
- Needs Assessment
- Dealing with the Media
- Experiences in Humanitarian Response

February

- DMCC Exam Preparation
- Nutrition in Conflict and Catastrophe
- WASH
- The 'Flowerland' Scenario part 2

March

- Epidemiology of Disasters
- Humanitarian Standards
- Refugee and Humanitarian Law and Ethics
- Refugee Health
- The 'Flowerland' Scenario Part 3

April and May

- Panel Discussion
- Factors affecting Humanitarian Aid
- Rescue, Triage and Care of Boat People
- Gaza
- The future threat of cyberwarfare
- Climate Change
- Disability
- Safeguarding
- Sexually Transmitted Infections

June

- Maternal and Neonatal Health
- Child Health
- Non Communicable Diseases

July

- Psychosocial Care required by Responders and Humanitarian Aid Workers
- CBRNE
- Protecting the Health of Responders
- 2025-26 Final Quiz



Application process and fees

Applications for 2025-26 are now open and are rolling until 30 November 2025, providing 2 years of access to course materials from your date of enrolment.

Payment is made online via our website. You will then gain access to our online learning platform to complete your registration form and view your learning materials.

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You may be able to fund this course through your professional training provider. Email us for more details. Terms and Conditions apply.

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