

Offers a

A short course to equip pharmacists in delivering immunisation services

PURPOSE OF THE COURSE

To improve the performance of immunisation programmes and services in South Africa, by capacitating pharmacists to deliver vaccination services and promote vaccination with confidence, thereby increasing public demand for vaccination, which will in turn increase vaccination coverage and reduce the burden of vaccine preventable diseases in South Africa.

OVERALL OUTCOMES OF THE COURSE

Upon completion of the course the learner will be able to provide:

- immunisation services in compliance with legal and regulatory standards
- advocate for immunisation, including addressing vaccine hesitancy and building public demand for vaccination;
- understand and apply immunisation principles and immunisation schedules
- manage the cold chain and logistics for all vaccines;
- safely administer vaccines via all prescribed routes and monitor vaccine safety
- record and document all required vaccination information; and
- collaborate with other immunisation stakeholders to improve the availability and access to immunisation services

DURATION OF SHORT COURSE AND CREDITS

The duration of this short 6 credits course is a minimum of 50 hours plus 10 hours post-course, completed within 6 months of starting the course.

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IMMUNISATION AND INJECTION TECHNIQUES FOR PHARMACISTS

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AIM OF THE COURSE

To capacitate pharmacists with comprehensive vaccination related theoretical knowledge and practical skills to ensure competence in providing high quality vaccination services, and advocating for vaccination in South Africa.

	MODULE	KEY TOPICS
MODULE 1	Basic vaccinology and vaccination schedules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immunisation principles • Different types of vaccines • Vaccination schedules for different programmes and different age groups • Vaccination catch-up schedules
MODULE 2	Cold-chain management and logistics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correctly packing and cleaning a vaccine refrigerator • Packing of cold boxes for transportation • Monitoring and maintaining the correct temperatures of vaccines during storage and transportation, including the use of vaccine vial monitors • When, why and how to do the shake test • Following the multi-dose vial policy • The importance of following written standard operating procedures
MODULE 3	Safe administration of vaccines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation the vaccination station • Vaccination-related history taking, paying special attention to precautions and contraindications for vaccination • Vaccination-related counselling and obtaining informed consent (pre-vaccination informed consent; pre/post vaccination counselling) • Vaccine preparation for administration • Vaccine administering techniques • Record keeping and documentation following vaccination • Waste disposal following vaccination (sharps/medical waste)
MODULE 4	Vaccine safety and pharmacovigilance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principles of vaccine pharmacovigilance and adverse events following immunisation (AEFIs) • Observation post-vaccination and communication about potential AEFIs • Emergency management of adverse events post-vaccination, including anaphylaxis
MODULE 5	Stakeholder engagement, vaccine advocacy, communication and social mobilisation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engagement with relevant stakeholder to expand access to immunisation services • Essential information that must be given to people • Different types of explanations and communication strategies • Countering anti-vaccination myths while building trust in vaccination

