

ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL TRAINING COURSE 2014

1. Course Title: Early Childhood Health Care Management

2. Duration: June 1 – 28, 2015

Closing Date for Applications: March 31, 2015

3. Background and Rational

Early childhood is the most important phase for overall growth and development throughout the lifespan. During early childhood (from the prenatal period to six years of age), children undergo rapid growth that is highly influenced by their environment. Many challenges faced by adults, such as mental health issues, obesity, heart disease, criminality, and poor literacy and numeracy, can be traced back to early childhood. Every year, more than 200 million children under five years old fail to reach their full cognitive and social potential. Most of these children live in underdeveloped or developing countries. As a result of poor development, many children are likely to under-achieve in school and subsequently to have low incomes as adults. As adults, they are also likely to have children at a very early age, and provide poor health care, nutrition and stimulation to their children, thus contributing to the intergenerational transmission of poverty and poor development. Despite the overwhelming evidence, the health sector has been slow to promote early child development and to support families with appropriate information and skills. To ensure optimal health and wellbeing of these young children, effective early childhood health care management by nurses and health care personnel with ample knowledge and skills of early childhood health care is needed.

Pediatric Nursing Department, Faculty of Nursing, Prince of Songkla University with support from the Thailand International Development Cooperation Agency (TICA), Ministry of Foreign Affairs is aware of how importance of the early childhood health care management and knowledge transferring to developing countries. Thus, the training program on early childhood health care management was developed. The health personnel capability to care and promote early childhood health in healthy children will be strengthened by this knowledge and experience gained. The final outcome of providing effective early childhood health care management to young children will be a better quality of life of young children who will become desirable manpower in each nation in the future, and therefore serve the needs of the governmental sector.

4. Objectives

On completion of this course, the participants will be able to:

- Increase knowledge and experience relating to early childhood health care system and management
- Gain more skills in early childhood health care management
- Analyze structure and system management of organizations relating to early childhood health care
- Develop and propose a project relating to early childhood health care management for their countries
- Exchange their knowledge and experience, and establish their early childhood health care networks in Asian, African, Latin American, and Pacific Island countries

5. Course Contents

This is a 4-week training program designed for professional nurses and other related health care personnel regarding to early childhood health care. Classroom lecture and discussion, sharing experience, individual and group assignments are activities used to gain basic theoretical knowledge and experience on early childhood health and health care management facilitated by the instructors. Learning by field trips is used to enhance their experiential training. The selected project proposals regarding early childhood health care management are developed by each participant. Self/group reflection is used to identify knowledge and experience gained from this raining course.

5.1 Course Outline

Course outline consists of:

- 5.1.1 Current situation of early childhood health
- 5.1.2 Early childhood health care system and management
- 5.1.3 Concept of early childhood health care management
- 5.1.4 Roles of pediatric nurses and health care personnel in early childhood health care
- 5.1.5 Early childhood health care
- 5.1.6 How to write a project proposal and developing a selected project proposal regarding early childhood health care management

5.2 Field Trips

For early childhood health care management, participants are assigned to:

- 5.2.1 Develop assessment forms for collecting data of each field trip
- 5.2.2 Study visit in primary health care settings, kindergarten schools, and/or child day care centers organized by public and/or private organizations
- 5.2.3 Analyze and identify problems and provide appropriate suggestions for better management in those settings
- 5.2.4 Present as a group work and participate in class discussion

5.3 Selected Project Proposal

Participants are assigned to develop and present a selected project proposal regarding early childhood health care management in their own countries.

5.4 Advance Assignments

5.4.1 Country Report

All participants are requested to prepare their country report regarding to:

- Introduction (e.g., name of the training course, name and address of applicant, country/organization, main tasks of the organization and organization chart, and applicant's position, roles and responsibility)
- General information of the country (e.g., geographical status of the country, climate, population, official language, social, educational and economic conditions, gross National Products [GNP], Per-capita income, environmental situation, etc.)
- Historical background of the participant related to the training course
- Early childhood health problems, policy and management relating to early childhood health care in their own country and setting
- Expectations for the training course

The report must be typed and submitted one copy to the course coordinator on the first day of the training program. It must be presented as scheduled by a slide power point for 10-15 minutes.

5.4.2 Opening and Closing Ceremony

To present their culture, all participants are requested to bring and wear their national costume on the day of opening and closing ceremony. For cultural exchange on the closing ceremony night, all participants need to prepare and show one cultural performance (e.g., national dance, sing a song, etc.).

6. Fellowship Arrangements:

6.1 Application Procedures

- Applicants interested in participating in the course must be nominated by their government and must submit three (3) completed nomination forms to the Royal Thai Embassy or Consulate in their respective countries before the closing date of application.
- In general, each country may nominate up to four (4) nominees for the course. However, nomination for certain courses may be limited to one or two nominees from each country due to limited seat available for participation.
- The Royal Thai Government will inform the nominating government (or relevant authority) whether or not nominee(s) have been accepted for the course, normally three weeks before the course starts.
- Further information about training courses held under AITC can be obtained from TICA's website: <http://www.tica.thaigov.net>

6.2 Allowances and Expenses

The Royal Thai Government will be responsible for the following allowances and expenses:

- An economy class electronic ticket (e-ticket) will be issued to each participant via email. Each of the participants is not allowed to change the flights route and schedules.
- Participants should not buy air tickets by themselves and should be advised that if they do so, the cost cannot be reimbursed from the Royal Thai Government. The Royal Thai Government will also arrange the domestic flight for participants, if any. However, those participants who are from Brunei Darussalam, Oman, Republic of Korea and Singapore, the round trip international travel cost will be responsible by their respective country.
- Each participant will receive a living allowance of 500 baht per day to cover meals, local transportation and other personal daily expenses. Accommodation will be arranged by the Royal Thai Government and all participants will stay at the same place. It is suggested that each participant should bring some pocket money approximately US\$ 100 to cover the expenses before the allowance is paid.
- Minor medical treatment will be provided for participants who become ill during their stay in Thailand.
- The Royal Thai Government will provide transportation for the authorized field trips undertaken as part of the course.

6.3 Regulations

Participants are required to observe the following regulations:

- Participants must only stay at the places designated by the Royal Thai Government.
- Participants must strictly attend classes as scheduled and should not change their training subjects.
- Participants must not extend the training period.
- Participants must not bring any family members with them to Thailand.
- Participants must return to their home countries after the course completion (at the date as scheduled by the Royal Thai Government).
- Participants are required to fly only on the route designated by the Royal Thai Government and must not make any alterations. Please also be informed that the

maximum allowable baggage that can be loaded on flights is 20 kilograms. Participants will be responsible for any cost incurred in exceeding this limit.

- Participants must observe the rules and regulations of training institute(s).
- Participants must refrain from engaging in political activities, or any form of employment for profit or gain.

6.4 Visa Procedures

Prior to departure from their home country to Thailand, all participants must first obtain the appropriate visa from the Royal Thai Embassy or Consular representative in their countries. Presentation of the acceptance letter is required when applying for VISA. A maximum of 2,000 baht VISA fee (approximately US\$ 60) must be paid by a participant to the Royal Thai Embassy or Consular representative. Participants must request for the original receipt which could be later on reimbursed from the Royal Thai Government upon presenting the original receipt.

7. Number of Participants: 20 (Foreigners 18, Thai 2)

8. Participants Criteria

Participants for this course should:

- be nominated by their respective government
- not be over fifty-five (55) years old at the day of application
- be educated equivalent to bachelor degree of university or technical college
- have at least two (2) years of profession experience in nursing, public health, and other relevant areas relating to child health
- adequate proficiency in English speaking, reading, writing and listening
- be in good health both physically and mentally, and should have a health certificate provided by an authorized physician

This form must be attached together with the Nomination Form. Pregnancy is regarded as a disqualifying condition for participation in the course.

9. Eligible Countries:

Asia & Middle East: Afghanistan, Jordan, Maldives, Nepal, Palestine, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Thailand

Oceania (Pacific Islands): Palau, Solomon Island, Micronesia, Samoa, Tonga, and Vanuatu

Africa: Angola, Burundi, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Gabon, Ghana, Mauritania, South Sudan

Latin America & others: Belize, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Paraguay, Suriname

10. Venue

10.1 Place of Organization

Department of Pediatric Nursing, Faculty of Nursing

Prince of Songkla University, Hat Yai, Songkhla 90112, Thailand

10.2 Accommodation

Hotel in Hat Yai, Songkla, Thailand

11. Expected Results

After completion of the training, all participants will gain more knowledge and experience and be able to apply those to their work resulting in enhance quality of life of children in their countries.

12. Evaluation

- Examination
- Discussion/participation
- Presentation
- Report

Fellowship Arrangements:

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Further relevant information is available at the following addresses:

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