Master of Science in Health Security Financing and Management

Objective of the course

"Improving and extending social protection coverage" is one of the greatest challenges faces by social security schemes in Asia. The creation and expansion of Social Health Protection requires the involvement of a critical mass of well-trained social-protection experts, who are able to implement viable and sustainable Health systems in each country.

The Master of Science (MSc) in Health Security Financing and Management at the Naresuan University, offered in partnership with the International Labour Office, is designed to equip current and future social security experts with high level quantitative and analytical skills to meet the challenges of achieving a comprehensive Health System in various Asia Pacific countries.

What will you learn?

In this programme, you will be trained in formulating, improving, implementing, monitoring and evaluating policies. You will be provided with a variety of skills, tools and knowledge which will enable you to work as policy designers and policy analysts in public and private institutions.

You will study and learn from both the particular experience of Thailand in regard to Health Security Financing and Management and the wider range of international experiences in pursuit of the global goal of universal health coverage.

Choose the programme that best fits your needs

Students can choose to undertake one of the following programmes:

- Master course (1 to 2 years), starting in August 2013
- Certificate course (30 to 50 hours)
- Tailor-made course for national delegation (2 months)

Upon successful completion of the Programme, graduates will receive a Master of Science in Health Security Financing and Management.

One-year Programme Description

This international Master combines:

- Core courses, which enable students to gain a general understanding of how to implement a Health Security system/scheme.
  - Introduction: Health Systems and Recent Health Care Reform
  - Health Security Financing
  - Population Coverage
  - Benefit Packages Design
  - Purchasing Health Services
  - Provider Payment Mechanisms

- Specialized courses, which will enriched your hands-on experience (Designing monitoring system, Achieving Universal Health-care, Ensuring the long-term sustainability of the system, Reducing fragmentation of existing schemes…)

- Individual independent research study related to Health Security and Management

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- Master course (1 to 2 years): 250,000 THB (app. $8,500)
- Specific course (1 month per module) 25,000 THB (850 USD)
- Tailor-made course for national delegation (2 months): 25,000 THB (850 USD)

The University of Naresuan and the ILO may award fellowships to qualified candidates from social security institutions and government ministries dealing with social protection.

Student profile

The Master of Science in Health Security Financing and Management aims to recruit academicians, postgraduate students and other interested professionals in the Asia-Pacific region. They should have strong academic records, a demonstrated commitment to public (international) affairs and/or an outstanding potential for career growth and leadership.

Minimum requirements for graduate admission are:
(1) A bachelor’s degree in any field of study,
(2) A good knowledge of Mathematics and Economics, and
(3) A good command of English (TOEFL 500 or IELTS band 5).

How to apply?

- Download the Application Form and Recommendation Form at : www.med.nu.ac.th/medeng
- Submit completed application and recommendation forms to Ms Phawinee Yenjai by email: phawineey@nu.ac.th before 31 March 2013

What does this Master mean to you?

“This programme helps create a critical mass of trained experts who are able to establish and maintain the health system goals in each country. It shapes their conceptual thinking regarding health security financing and management and provides them with practical skills and analytical tools that they are able to take back to their workplace.”
- Dr. Supasit Pannarunothai, Professor, Faculty of Medicine, Naresuan University

“In these past two years, I gained new perspectives about my job. I learned a lot from real international experiences of health care financing, and I choose my own research focus (the Analysis of Capitation for Outpatient Service by using Risk Adjustment) which enabled me to apply complex health security financing concepts. Now I am able to conduct problem analysis and design health security mechanisms for the long term.”
- Mr. Kanet Sumputtanon, Technical coordinator, Thai Health Information Standard Development Centre, Health Systems Research Institute (HSRI)

“This Master is a great opportunity to meet people from different backgrounds and share experiences. We really enjoyed studying through group assignments, research projects, oral presentations and a continuous dialogue between students and teachers.”
- Ms. Chayanin Vejabhuti, Physician in Rehabilitation Department, Rajavithi Hospital

This Master receives support from:
- The International Labour Office
- The National Health Security Office

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