



**World Health  
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## WHO Barcelona Course on Health Financing for Universal Health Coverage 16-20 March 2020, Barcelona, Spain



### Course announcement

We are pleased to announce the next offering of the WHO Barcelona Course on Health Financing for UHC to be held from 16 to 20 March 2020. This week-long intensive training program is offered by the WHO Barcelona Office for Health Systems Strengthening of the Division of Health Systems and Public Health, WHO Regional Office for Europe.

### Course content

The course reviews effective policy instruments to improve health systems performance through better health financing policy. The special theme of the course is moving towards and sustaining universal coverage. The course is built around the following modules:

- Coordinating reform – aligning policy instruments with policy objectives
- Raising revenues – thinking outside the box
- Pooling health revenues – reducing fragmentation
- Purchasing – getting more health for the money
- Designing a benefit package – equity, affordability and transparency

### Trainers

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### Target groups

The course is designed for policy makers in the health sector, policy makers in government in charge of social policy, senior managers of service provider organizations and experts involved in health systems reform. This course is exclusively for participants from the WHO European Region: see list of [Countries](#). This is an advanced course and candidates are expected to have prior generic training in health systems and extensive work experience. The course is delivered in English.



# Registration fee

To secure participation in the course, accepted applicants will be charged a registration fee of EUR 100. The registration fee is payable upon acceptance of application. Once paid, this payment is non-refundable in case of cancellation. WHO covers tuition, course materials, coffee breaks and lunches on all five days of the course, plus one dinner reception. Participants (or their funding agency) will be responsible for covering the cost of travel, accommodation and subsistence while in Barcelona. Special rates will be arranged at hotels close to the venue.

## Deadline

Those who are interested must submit a completed application form by 16 January 2020. Selection of participants will be based on the relevance of course topics to applicant's work functions, level of previous training on health systems strengthening and language abilities. Space is limited. Acceptance decisions will be communicated by 3 February 2020. Accepted applicants will be asked to confirm their participation and show proof of payment of the registration fee to secure a place in the course.

## Visa

Accepted applicants are responsible for obtaining a visa, if one is needed. WHO will provide formal invitations and visa support letters. Please note that obtaining a visa may take several weeks; early application is advised.

## Venue



The course will be held in Casa de Convalecència, a splendid example of late modernist architecture. The building was originally designed for and used as a hospital facility. Since 1969, it has belonged to the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona and has been the host of many high-profile academic events.

## Application

To secure a place, applicants are invited to submit a completed online application form available at the following website: [click here](#)  
Please use **Barcelona2020** as user name and password.

## Contact

Should you require any further information, please contact us by email or telephone:  
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and check out our promotional video of the course: [Video](#)

