Educational methods

The Master course comprises four main original, cutting edge educational phases; called « blended training ».

1. An initial four week intensive gathering the students on the Public Health campus of Public (IRSP). This institute is supported by the OMS and is situated at Ouidah, Benin. This session includes 165 hours of lectures, workshops, case studies and field investigation.

2. Distance learning complements classes and includes self-assessment exercises and rated work. The EAD extends over the 8 months following the course.

3. Tutoring on the work site or during the internship of the students comprises three supervisions spread over 9 months and carried out by teams of supervisors.

4. An operational research memoir defended at the end of the cursus before a jury consisting of teachers from the Master and international experts recommended according to their skills.

5. The viva voce is also held at Ouidah.

Eligibility

There are several admission conditions:

- Holding a first year of a Master course in the fields of Economy, management, public health or science of society (national or equivalent) + professional experience (two years minimum) in a field close to the interests of the Master (in Europe or countries targeted by the Master).

- Holding a PHD in medicine (or pharmacy) national or equivalent + two years professional experience in public health in the countries targeted by the Master or in Europe.

- Holding a degree from a top engineering, scientific, business or economic school or IEP + professional experience in a field close to the interests of the Master.

- Obtaining official recognition of acquired professional experience (VAPP): 3 years minimum professional experience in public health, in the countries targeted by the Master or in Europe.

The candidates will be selected after:

- a preselection screened from application files and a written exam;
- an in-depth interview with a jury.
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The skills that it seeks to convey, both theoretical and acquired under real conditions, combine the disciplines of management and those of health.

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The programme

The programme comprises 12 mandatory study units (EU), some focused on theoretical aspects, others on practical ones.

The Master 2 course totals 522 hours and 60 credits.

I - Theoretical classes

| UE 1 | Economics of health | 57h |
| UE 2 | Public Health policies in the PVD | 65h |
| UE 3 | Human resources management in Public Health | 40h |
| UE 4 | Foundations and methods of epidemiology | 62h |
| UE 5 | Ethics, equity and public health in the PVD | 9h |

II - Practical classes

| UE 6 | Management of public health programmes I | 50h |
| UE 7 | Management of public health programmes II | 50h |
| UE 8 | Communication management | 24h |
| UE 9 | Management of a large public health programme: vaccination | 50h |
| UE10 | Computer science workshop | 23h |
| UE 11 | Supervision/training course | 90h |

Organization of the course

The course takes place in three phases:

1. An initial four-week intensive (November) gathering the students on the OMS campus situated at Ouidah (Benin);
2. On return to their professional work sites, the students will follow distance learning;
3. They will follow four training supervisions (February to September).

Classes (classroom courses and EAD) including the supervisions, represent 51 credits; the operational research memoir counts for 9 credits.

The faculty

The faculty consists of associate-professors from Paris-Dauphine, AMP experts, associate-professors from the South, starting with the University of Cocody, Abidjan, and experts from international organizations, specifically those of OMS (West Africa Health).