



The International Diploma in Humanitarian Assistance (IDHA)

Course Description

The International Diploma in Humanitarian Assistance (IDHA) is an intensive, four-week training program, including more than 200 hours of lectures, presentations, debates, and group work, that caters to a wide range of humanitarian aid professionals. The course provides participants with both an academic and practical orientation to current issues in the humanitarian field. It is designed to allow aid workers who are active in the field to attend with minimal disruption to their current operations. The IDHA addresses a wide range of disciplines that are involved in humanitarian programs. Among these are management, psychology, anthropology, communication, environment, education, conflict resolution, international law, civil/military relations, politics, and economics.

Course Highlights

- Flexible and cost effective
- Practitioner led and field oriented
- Student body of practitioners
- Scenarios based
- Alumni network



Course Dates and Location – November 4, 2012 - November 30, 2012, University of Pretoria, South Africa

Fee: 5,500 US Dollars, includes tuition payment, fees, course materials, lodging, and all weekday meals. Does not include the cost of transportation. Participants who successfully complete the IDHA program will receive an Advanced Certificate from the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences at Fordham University.

Scholarships: The IIHA offers a limited number of scholarships. To be eligible, you must be a citizen of a developing nation and be currently working within the humanitarian field.

Qualifications: All participants are required to have a university degree. Participants must be fluent in English, as the course is conducted only in English. Preference is given to applicants with more than 5 years of experience in the field.

Deadlines: Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. If you are interested in attending this program, please apply directly to Graduate School of Arts and Sciences at Fordham University at www.fordham.edu/gsas.

About the Institute

The Institute of International Humanitarian Affairs (IIHA) was created at Fordham University in December 2001 to forge partnerships with relief organizations, offer rigorous academic and training courses at the graduate and undergraduate level, host symposia, and publish books relating to humanitarian affairs. Recognizing the need for a universally accepted basic standard of training for all humanitarian workers, the IIHA developed a practical, academic program called the International Diploma in Humanitarian Assistance (IDHA).

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