



Training Disaster Medicine Trainers 2025

Background Information

- The Training Disaster Medicine Trainers (TdmT) is an international programme developed by the International Federation of Medical Students' Associations (IFMSA) together with **CRIMEDIM**, the Center for Research and Training in Disaster Medicine, Humanitarian Aid, and Global Health at the University of Piemonte Orientale in Novara, Italy.
- It aims to provide medical students with theoretical knowledge and basic skills in Disaster Medicine and Global Health, including key topics like complex humanitarian emergencies and disaster risk management, diving into a deeper exploration of health system resilience, mental health in disaster and international emergency response.
- **Course Structure:**
 - The course will consist of a **3-month online self-paced phase** and a **residential period**, held live **in-person from the 7th-11th of July 2025** in **Novara, Italy**.
 - During the live period of the course, there will be classes and simulations with both conventional and innovative teaching strategies. Students will learn from experts in emergency medicine and related fields.
 - Timeline of the course
 - Self-paced phase: April - June, 2025
 - Live residential course: 7 to 11th July, 2025
 - A total of 45 working hours in duration.
 - **Sunday 6th, July** is the **arrival day**, and will not have sessions.
 - Sessions will be held daily from **Monday 7th to Friday 11th, July**
- Students will participate in immersive simulations that teach disaster response in realistic settings, while refining teaching techniques to train future disaster responders. Upon successful completion of the course, participants will be awarded the **IFMSA-CRIMEDIM Disaster Medicine Trainer certification**.

Application Process

- To become a Disaster Medicine Trainer, you can apply through the following [application form](#). The deadline to apply is **February 16th, 2025, 23:59 GMT+0**.
 - **There will be 30 spots** selected jointly by CRIMEDIM and IFMSA.
 - Selection will be based on motivation, experience, and plans to use the knowledge gained through the course. Gender and regional representation will also be considered.
- Please note that late applications will **not** be considered.

- Please note that selected students are **expected to fulfil both** the online and the live course to graduate.
- We will communicate the deadlines for payment and cancellation after the selection.
- The invitation letters will be provided to you after the selection to start your visa procedures for those who require an entry visa to Italy.
- You will hear back regarding the selection results by around the **2nd week of March 2025**.

Frequently Asked Questions

- **Will there be any registration/course fees? What do the fees cover?**

Yes, the course will cost **490 euros** this year, covering the boarding (specifically breakfast and lunch; excluding dinners) and lodging of participants for 5 nights (*check-in on Sunday 6th July, check-out on Friday 11th July*) sharing double or triple rooms, alongside reimbursement to external speakers and experts. Travels to and from Novara are not included. **No profits are made out of this project for IFMSA or CRIMEDIM.** Having checked with CRIMEDIM, unfortunately, **there is no possibility for the centre or the university to grant scholarships.** However, you can seek grants from your universities, hospitals or other programs if selected.

- **Can you elaborate more on the phases of the course?**

The course will have two phases: the first will be a three-month long online self-paced phase, followed by the second, a live participation phase, held **live** this year, for 5 days from the **7th to 11th of July**.

The **self-paced phase** usually consists of 6 modules, with every module discussing a different sub-topic in disaster medicine. This phase will also have a pre-assessment test, required readings for every module, extra non-compulsory readings, videos to watch, and some self-assessment exercises. Participants can go through this phase according to their own schedule and pace. However, **they would need to finish all the required tasks within three months from the start of the course to progress to the live phase.**

The **live residential course phase** will be held over five days in **July 2025**. There will be classes with both conventional and innovative teaching strategies. Students will learn from experts in the emergency and disaster medicine sector. **This phase will have a maximum of 6-8 working hours a day from Monday 7th to Friday 11th July for a total of 45 working hours in duration.**

- **What will the timeline look like for the selection and preparations?**

Selected participants will hear back from the coordination team by the **2nd week of March 2025**. After the selection and confirmation, participants will receive **more information about the payment** and will be provided with **invitation letters** to start preparations for their visas.

- **What are the times and dates for classes in the live residential phase?**

The live residential phase will start on the 7th of July (Monday morning) and continue until the afternoon of the 11th of July (Friday). The 6th of July (Sunday) will be a check-in day with no sessions. Accommodation will be provided from Sunday night until check out on Friday. Participants can expect 6-8 working hours a day outside of the breaks and some simulations.

- **What are the graduation requirements for the course to become certified disaster medicine trainers?**

Participants are expected to:

- Finish all the requirements of the self-paced phase during the months of April-June (pre-test, self-assessment exercises, readings).
- Attend the live participation phase in Novara, Italy and attend the sessions and simulations.
- Pass an evaluative exam at the end of the course.

Need further help?

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Liaison Officer for Human Rights and Peace Issues, **Enas Osama**, at lrp@ifmsa.org or our IFMSA TdmT Focal Point, **Jaime Lam**, at fp.tdmt@ifmsa.org, or CRIMEDIM directly at crimedim@uniupo.it !