



PCSI School - Advanced Design and Implementation of Case-Mix Funding Models

April 13 – 17, 2015

Lisbon, Portugal

School Details

Target Audience

The School is intended for individuals with a role in the development of health policy, design of funding models, or the management of a hospital or health insurance organisation, and who have prior experience in the case-mix field, or have previously attended PCSI's school 'Introduction to Principles and Applications of Case-Mix in Health Systems'.

School Objectives

The school will provide students with solid and comprehensive expertise in the design, implementation and monitoring of casemix funding mechanisms. Topics covered will include casemix system design, patient-level costing, calculation of cost weights and price setting, setting of activity targets, outlier flagging, exception payments, monitoring and evaluation, analytical techniques, and hand-on analysis of data.

School Syllabus

The School covers the following topics:

- The various mechanisms of case-mix funding (e.g. population, case-mix based budget allocations, activity-based funding) and their applications in regional allocations, funding of physicians, hospitals, and long-term care;
- The role of clinical information, financial information, case-mix systems and cost weights, as foundations of case-mix funding;
- Funding model design (i.e., price setting, activity targets, outlier payment, and incentives), and implementation (i.e., regulation, data requirements, monitoring and evaluation);
- Analytical techniques and data analysis applied to the funding and management of health services.

[Click here](#) for a draft syllabus for the school. Please note that this syllabus is subject to refinement and modification as it is further refined.

Teaching Format

The School uses a case-study method, along with instructor presentation and panel sessions, to deliver theory and provide practice with concepts. Small and large group discussions are used throughout the week, encouraging opportunities for networking and learning from instructors and peers.



School Instructors

Instructors are international experts in health economics and policy, and the design and implementation of case-mix, costing, and hospital funding systems.

[Click here](#) for biographies of the instructors. A minimum of four instructors will be in attendance for the entire five days of the school.

Admission Criteria and Other Details

1. Ability to work and study in english;
2. Prior exposure to one or more case-mix applications in current or past employment, or prior attendance at PCSI's Summer School;
3. Basic familiarity with statistical distributions, statistical tests, and statistical analysis including linear regression;
4. You are required to bring your own laptop with a word processor application such as Microsoft Word, a spreadsheet application such as Microsoft Excel, and a presentation application such as Microsoft Powerpoint;
5. Student's admission to the school will be based on their experience and projected impact on their work. The maximum number of students that will be accepted is 24;
6. Enrolment from any one institution/organization may be limited to three students based on demand.

Application Process

[Click here](#) for the school application form.

Applications are to be submitted by email to school director Jeff Hatcher at jhatcher@cihi.ca

Within 5 days of receipt of your application, the school will notify you as to whether or not your application has been accepted.

Tuition Fee

The tuition fee for the school is 1700 euros, per person. Tuition fee payment is due within 21 days after you are notified that your application has been accepted. Details for payment will be provided.

Hardship Fund

Applicants who meet school admission criteria but cannot attend due to financial reasons may wish to apply to the PCSI Hardship Fund for a subsidization of the school tuition fee. To be eligible for this financial assistance the applicant must be a full time student (proof is required), or from a 'low income country' as defined by the World Bank.

The PCSI Hardship Fund has limited funds. The number of students and the portion of their tuition fee that will be subsidized will be decided upon by the PCSI President. Only in rare cases will the subsidy be 100% of the tuition fee. Travel and accommodation expenses are not supported by the Hardship Fund.

To apply for a subsidy from the PCSI Hardship Fund please [click here](#) for a hardship fund application form. Please complete the form and send it by email to school director Jeff Hatcher at jhatcher@cihi.ca



Refunds and Cancellations

A full refund of school tuition, less 10% administrative charge, will be made for cancellations received in writing at least one month prior to the school. Cancellations made by a student less than one month prior to the school are non-refundable.

In the unlikely event of unforeseen circumstances causing the school to be cancelled, PCSI's liability is limited to a refund of student tuition. PCSI recommends that when planning travel to Lisbon and accommodations in Lisbon as part of attending the school, students should inquire on the cancellation policy of any airline or hotel that they are considering, and ensure that they are comfortable with these cancellation policies. PCSI also recommends that students have adequate insurance to cover any travel or personal expense claims.

School Dates and Times

The School will take place from Monday April 13, 2015 to Friday April 17, 2015. Class hours will be from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. from Monday to Thursday and 9:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. on Friday.

School Classroom

The School will take place in Lisbon, Portugal at the [Sana Malhoa hotel](#).

Travel to Lisbon

Students are responsible for arranging and for the cost of travel to and from the school. The following [visitPortugal](#), [visitLisboa](#), and [ezimute](#) may be helpful in planning your trip.

Information on visa and other travel documents required to enter Portugal can be found by [clicking here](#). Students are responsible for ensuring that they have all necessary documents required to enter Portugal. Upon request the school will provide you with a letter of invitation for visa application purposes.

Accommodation

Students are responsible for arranging and covering the cost of their accommodation during the school.

A block of rooms is being held at the [Sana Malhoa hotel](#), where the school will be held. The room block is for the nights of Friday, April 10 to Saturday April 18. The rates are as follows:

Single Occupancy: € 80 per room per night, including breakfast

Double Occupancy: € 85 per room per night, including breakfast

Jeff Hatcher, the school director, will provide you with a reservation booking code for the Sana Malhoa, at the time of your acceptance to the school.

There are other hotels within the vicinity of the Sana Malhoa hotel. [Tripadvisor](#) and the tourism websites [visitPortugal](#), [visitLisboa](#), and [ezimute](#) may be helpful may be helpful to you in researching them if you wish to do so.



Meals and Breaks

Lunch will be provided. Tea, coffee and other light refreshments will also be provided during coffee breaks.

Students are responsible for their own breakfasts and dinners.

Social Activities

Each day after classes end, PCSI will organize and host a casual and optional get-together for a couple of hours at a local café or bar (a different location each day). This will provide students and instructors with an opportunity to unwind, get to know one another, and experience a little bit of Lisbon.

Inquiries

Inquiries regarding the school can be addressed to school director Jeff Hatcher, at jhatcher@cihi.ca