

PCSI 2012 Casemix Winter School
“Design and Implementation of Activity Based Funding”

School Details

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 Curriculum

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

School Faculty

Faculty are being recruited from international experts in the design and application of casemix systems and hospital funding systems.

[Click here](#) for biographies on the seven faculty members. A minimum of four faculty members 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 language (verbal and written);
2. Some hands on experience with at least one statistical software package (e.g. SAS, R, SPSS, STATA);
3. Some exposure to one or more applications of casemix systems in current or past employment;
4. Understanding of statistical concepts such as densities, probability and expectations, elementary statistical distributions (normal, t, chi-square);
5. Basic familiarity with statistical modelling (linear regression and logistic regression);
6. You are required to bring your own laptop to the school with R statistical software loaded on the laptop. R is a free software and instructions on how to download the software will be provided at the time your Winter School application is accepted. Also required on the laptop is a word processor application such as Microsoft Word, a spreadsheet application such as Microsoft Excel, and a presentation application such as Microsoft Powerpoint;
7. Student’s admission to the Winter School will be based on their experience and projected impact on their work. The maximum number of students that will be accepted is 30;
8. Enrolment from any one institution/organization may be limited to three students based on demand.

Application Process and Tuition Fees

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

Applications are to be submitted by email to Jeff Hatcher, the Winter School director. Jeff's email address is jhatcher@cihi.ca. Within 14 days of receiving your application Jeff will notify you as to whether or not it has been accepted.

Tuition Fees

The tuition fee for the school is €1500 per person. Tuition fee payment is due within 21 days after you are notified that your application has been accepted. Details for payment will also be provided. Payment can be made by cheque, money order or wire transfer.

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. The School recommends that students have adequate insurance to cover any travel or personal expense claims.

Winter School Dates and Times

The Winter School will take place from Monday March 12, 2012 to Friday March 16, 2012. Class hours will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. from Monday to Thursday and 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Friday.

Winter School Classroom Venue

The Winter School will take place in Dublin, Ireland at The Wood Quay City Wall Space <http://www.woodquayvenue.ie/cityWall.php>

Meals and Coffee Breaks

The School will provide lunch and coffee and other light refreshment during twice-daily coffee breaks.

You are responsible for your own breakfasts and dinners, with the exception of a group dinner to be provided by the School on the Thursday Social night.

Social Night

A social night will be held on Thursday March 15th at the Guinness Storehouse <http://www.guinness-storehouse.com> and will include a self-guided tour of the Guinness museum, dinner, and a local traditional band.

Travel to Dublin

You are responsible for arranging and covering the cost of travel to and from the School.

For information on getting to Dublin, see the following link

<http://www.visitdublin.com/travel/GettingHere/dublin.aspx>

For visa and other travel documents required to enter Ireland, see the following

link http://europa.eu/travel/doc/index_en.htm

Upon request the School will provide you with a letter of invitation for visa application purposes.

Accommodation

You are responsible for arranging and covering the cost of your accommodation during the School.

A block of hotel rooms is reserved for School students at the Trinity Capital Hotel <http://www.trinitycapitalhotel.com>. The Trinity Capital Hotel is approximately a 15 minute walk from the School classroom at the Wood Quay City Wall Space <http://www.woodquayvenue.ie/cityWall.php>.

The Trinity Capital Hotel is offering the following rates to students:

Trinity Capital Hotel Room Rates for 2012 Winter School (including VAT)		
Nights	Single Occupancy	Double or Twin Occupancy
March 10	€175	€185
March 11 to 15 inclusive	€99	€109
March 16 to 19 inclusive	€120	€130

The above rates at the Trinity Capital Hotel include Bed and Breakfast. This block of rooms is being held until February 11, four weeks prior to the School. At that time any unsold rooms will be released. A hotel reservation code will be provided to you upon acceptance of your Winter School application. Should you wish to stay at the Trinity Capital, you are responsible for contacting the Trinity Capital Hotel and making a reservation. Payment is the responsibility of each student and is to be made directly by the student to the Trinity Capital Hotel. The Trinity Capital's cancellation policy is one day prior to check-in.

If you wish to explore alternatives to the Trinity Capital, the following website may be useful <http://www.booking.com/city/ie/dublin.html>

Keep in mind that the School is being held just before the St. Patrick's Festival and that accommodation may become hard to find as the date gets closer. You are advised to make hotel inquiries and reservations well in advance of the School.

Inquiries

Inquiries regarding the 2012 Winter School can be addressed to the school coordinator, Jeff Hatcher at jhatcher@cihi.ca