

Module 1. Introduction to the Course

Organizing Principle

This course is divided into 11 modules with the first module serving as introduction to the course and the other 10 corresponding to the 10 chapters of the NTP Manual of Procedures (MOP), 5th edition. Module 1 consists of three parts. The first part is a brief on eLearning and its advantages. The second part talks about the design and requirements of the eLearning course. The third part introduces the learners to the NTP MOP 5th edition.

You are expected to complete and submit all requirements for Module 1 before you can proceed to the next one. Allot at least 1 hour to finish this module.

Learning Objectives

After going through this module, you should be able to:

1. List some of the benefits of eLearning
2. Explain the design and requirements of the course
3. Navigate through the course site
4. Discuss the background of the NTP Manual of Procedures 5th edition

Underlying Concepts

An eLearning course is different from the traditional courses where learning facilitators and students interact face-to-face. While an eLearning course has the advantage of many conveniences not possible in the latter, it also requires learners to have a different set of skills and attitudes as well as resources to successfully complete the course; these are discussed in this module so the learners can make the necessary preparations and arrangements.

The fifth edition of the NTP Manual of Procedures is introduced in this module. It is essential for learners to understand the rationale behind the MOP, its uses, intended users and the “story” behind its development for better appreciation of the MOP itself.

Learning Activities

For this module, you will (a) read documents, (b) view videos, (c) navigate through the course site, and (d) complete online requirements such as uploading your profile picture, posting in a discussion forum, and taking the online pre-test.

Let us begin.

Part I. All about eLearning

Under Module 1 in the course site, you will find three very short videos on eLearning. You may choose to view just one, two or all three videos. Click on each to play the video. Sit back and learn about the following:

- a. “What is eLearning?” is a 2-minute video on the subject uploaded to Youtube by FramediaInc on May 26, 2013. You need to watch only up to the 1:40 time stamp.

- b. “Advantages of eLearning” was uploaded to Youtube by Aims Digital on 1 November 2010. It highlights, among others, the advantages of eLearning to corporations and institutions in terms of their human resource capacity building needs. The video runs for 3 minutes and 10 seconds.
- c. “The Benefits of eLearning” was developed by Yorkville University and uploaded to Youtube on 3 October 2010. This 3-minute and 45-second video details the benefits of eLearning especially for students.

Did you know that eLearning is in line with the Philippine e-Health Strategic Framework and Plan 2014 – 2020? You may access a copy of the said document from <http://uhmis.doh.gov.ph/draft-issuances/229-philippines-ehealth-strategic-framework-and-plan-2013-2017-version-3-0.html>

Part II. All about this eLearning Course

A. View Slides

Go through *Slide Set #1.1*. This slide set will review you on the benefits of eLearning and introduce you to the course’s design and requirements.

B. Read the Course Guide

Read the *Course Guide* carefully. It is your roadmap to the entire course. It tells you everything you need to know about the course description, outline, study schedule, course requirements and deadlines, and the contact details of the course facilitator and IT specialist. For any questions or concerns, you may email the Course Facilitator directly or raise them in the *Discussion Forum* for this module.

C. Navigating through the Course Site

It is now time to enter and get to know our virtual classroom. Refer to the *Navigation Guide* on how to access and use the various features of the site as you explore them. Refer to it as you do the exercises below.

D. Things to Do

Make sure that by the end of the module you can successfully do the actions listed below.

1. Download and read the following materials:
 - (a) Module 1 Study Guide
 - (b) Guide for Discussion Forums
 - (c) Guide to the Self-Introduction Forum
 - (d) Guide for Live Chat Sessions

Keep them on hand as you will be referring to them as you go through the course. There are also Guides for selected exercises like Exercise #3.3. You can download them when you click on those exercises.

2. Upload a picture of yourself that will serve as your profile picture. Please choose a picture showing only your face, neck and shoulders, like a standard ID picture.
3. Participate in the Discussion Forum set up for self-introduction. Refer to the *Guide to the Self-Introduction Forum* for more detailed instructions. Introduce yourself to the group using no more than 200 words. Say something that is unique and interesting about yourself.

E. Take the Pre-test

For us to evaluate the individual learning of all course enrollees, pre- and post-tests will be administered as part of the course requirements. Your scores in both tests will determine your eligibility for a training certificate at the end of the course.

Click on "Pre-test" on the course site to start answering the 20-item multiple-choice test. You have 40 minutes to answer all the questions and "submit" them. You are allowed only one try to answer all the questions. Contact the course facilitator and/or IT specialist for any problems encountered while taking the exam. The Course Facilitator and IT Specialist can easily be contacted via SMS or voice calls.

Once done with the pre-test, please click "Submit and finish." Otherwise, your answers will not be scored and recorded.

Look at your score. Yes, you can access your score immediately after submitting your answers. This goes, too, for the online quizzes or exercises in the succeeding modules. In fact, for all online exercises, you will get immediate feedback on all your answers to each question.

By completing all the required actions above, you should have gained familiarity with the course site and most of its features. You are now ready to proceed to Part III of this module which will introduce you to the main subject of this course - Tuberculosis and the 5th edition of the NTP Manual of Procedures.

Part III. Introduction to Tuberculosis and the NTP Manual of Procedures 5th edition

A. View a video

Let us now do a quick review of the basic facts on Tuberculosis. Sit back and watch the video, "Killer Diseases: Tuberculosis – How the Body Reacts." This video (2 min and 55 sec) was developed and uploaded to Youtube by Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF) Canada. On your own study time you may view it again by double-clicking on the video. Please take note of the following guide questions as you watch the video: co

1. What is tuberculosis?
2. What causes TB? How does one get infected with TB?
3. What are the usual signs and symptoms of TB?
4. How does the body react to TB?

Basic knowledge of TB is a prerequisite for proceeding to the actual study of the NTP Manual of Procedures. If you can confidently answer the questions above, you may proceed to the next section below. If not, view the video again.

The video ends with the statement, “The battle is far from over.” And it is in this battle where your role as health workers involved in the NTP comes in, and where your knowledge of the prescribed policies and procedures in the NTP is critical. Thus, this training on the revised NTP Manual of Procedures is essential for you.

B. Read the *Foreword* and *Preface* of the NTP MOP

If you still don't have a hard copy of the NTP MOP 5th edition, you can download it by clicking on this URL: http://itis.doh.gov.ph/mop_2014.pdf

Please read the *Preface* and the *Foreword* of the MOP on pages ii - iv. Here, you will find the rationale for the MOP and its intended users. It provides information on its evolution, the development process, the people involved in its development, and the bases for the prescribed procedures.

Refer to the following guide questions as you read the prescribed pages. There is no need to submit your answers.

Guide Questions:

1. Are you among the intended users of the NTP MOP? Do you personally feel the need for the NTP MOP?
2. Are you convinced that the policies and procedures contained in the NTP MOP are sound and evidence-based? Why, or why not?

C. View Slide Set # 1.2

The slide set for this module (Slide Set #1) is a summary of the preceding section. The slides contain the basic information on the NTP MOP that you should keep in mind for better appreciation of the next modules. Go through them to review the important points raised.

D. Prepare for the Live Chat Session

You are encouraged to participate in the weekly Live Online Group Chat Session on the set date and time which will be announced ahead of time. Refer to the *Activity Guide for Live Chat Sessions*. Please be present at the Chat Room from start to finish. Participation is optional but highly recommended if you wish to get immediate feedback on some questions or concerns.

If you have finished all the learning activities and completed all the requirements...

Congratulations for finishing Module 1!

You may now proceed to Module 2.

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