

**Course Announcement:** Global Health Engagement Orientation Course (GHEOC)

30 October – 3 November 2023, Falls Church, Virginia

**Background:** The Air Force Medical Readiness Agency, Global Health Engagement (GHE) and International Health Specialist (IHS) Program Branch (AFMRA/SGXI) hosts the Global Health Engagement Orientation Course (GHEOC) twice a year, welcoming a broad range of DoD personnel that directly support DoD GHE strategy, planning, coordination, and execution. The GHEOC is executed as a team effort by the Service GHE offices, Air Education and Training Command, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences Center for Global Health Engagement, Defense Security Cooperation University, and other partners.

**Course Objective:** The GHEOC prepares personnel in GHE-focused positions to develop steady-state operations, activities, and investments (OAI) in support of combatant command campaign plans. Steady-state OAI include Joint, Service, and multinational exercises, as well as security assistance (SA) and security cooperation (SC) activities that may build partner capabilities and capacity, enhance strategic partnerships, secure contingency, and peacetime access, and promote interoperability. The orientation provides foundational material on GHE, SA/SC, Assessment, Monitoring, and Evaluation (AM&E), and structure/functions of joint and Service headquarters staffs as relates to GHE. Learning activities are built within the course and focus on principles of security assistance/security cooperation, strategy, and global health as an instrument of National Security.

**Intended Audience:** The GHE Orientation Course is relevant to DoD personnel that plan, coordinate and execute GHE programs and activities as part of their daily duties, including US Air Force International Health Specialists, US Navy Global Health Specialists, Army personnel in GHE-focused positions, and personnel from joint organizations involved in GHE. The course is open to Active Duty, Guard, Reserve, Civilian and Contractor personnel with GHE duties.

**Course Logistics:** The course will be held 30 October – 3 November 2023 at the Defense Health Agency Gatehouse Rd Annex located at 8111 Gatehouse Rd, Falls Church VA 22042. Daily class hours will be 0800 to approximately 1700. Course pre-requisites and materials will be available via the Air Force's myLearning site, accessible to all CAC-holders. Lodging will be available at the Residence Inn-Fairfax Merrifield located at 8125 Gatehouse Rd, Falls Church VA 22042 (one minute walk to course venue). Additional details to follow in reporting instructions.

**Funding:** There is no course fee. TDY funding depends on Service/organization. Assigned Air Force IHS personnel TDY costs will be covered by the IHS Program Office. Navy and Army personnel require unit funding and command approval to attend.

**Student Application:** Interested personnel who meet the intended audience criteria above must submit their information in the attached spreadsheet to [usaf.pentagon.af-sg.mbx.ihs-program-office@health.mil](mailto:usaf.pentagon.af-sg.mbx.ihs-program-office@health.mil) NLT 12 Sep 2023. Course seat allocations will be determined by 28 Sep 2023 and selected personnel will be notified and provided reporting instructions.