**World Vision International Nutrition Centre of Expertise offers distance learning courses on global nutrition issues**

**\*\* Free of charge until June 2014 for first-time users \*\***

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Do you or your staff need **on-the-job** training on critical issues like ***Reducing Childhood Anaemia***, ***Reducing Maternal Anaemia*** and ***Reducing Childhood Stunting***? We are offering innovative distance learning courses that apply best practice to maximise adult learning and transfer to development workers’ jobs. The courses are designed to enhance your capacity to make sound decisions and implement programmes that make an impact on reducing anaemia and stunting.

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**Go beyond reading lectures and taking quizzes online!** These courses offer a practical learning experience for development workers: an opportunity for local groups to take the online courses together; image- and audio-rich online presentations and webcasts, featuring technically up-to-date content; forums for learners to discuss their work experiences and local applications; and community practice for learning skills. The facilitator is an expert in international nutrition programming, and provides live technical assistance, guidance, feedback, technical support and, most importantly, recognises and builds from the expertise that the learners already have.

**Courses offered November 2013–June 2014**

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| **Course** | **Weeks** | **Apply By** | **Dates** |
| Reducing Maternal Anaemia (RMA) | 7 | 21 Oct 13 | 4 Nov–22 Dec 2013 (study week 25–29 Nov) |
| Reducing Childhood Anaemia (RCA) | 12 | 4 Nov 13 | 18 Nov 2013–7 Feb 2014 (study week/holiday 23 Dec to 3 Jan) |
| Reducing Childhood Stunting (RCS): Parts 1 and 2 | 4+9=13 | 17 Dec 13 | Part 1: 6–31 Jan 2014Part 2: 3 Feb–2 May 2014 (study week 17–21 Mar) |
| RCA | 12 | 3 Mar 14 | 17 Mar–30 May 2014 (study week/holiday 14–24 Apr) |
| RMA | 7 | 6 May 14 | 19 May–27 Jun 2014 (study week 2–6 Jun) |

**Course descriptions**

# Comments from learners who completed an NCoE e-Learning nutrition course

“The problem is very critical in our country . . . and the solution is easy and applicable.”

“The course technology for me it is new and was very interesting.”

“I practiced . . . and improved my team's capacity and also with Ministry of Health Staff.”

“It challenged and empowered me at the same time.”

“The course was very useful for me. It was my first online course during my professional career.”

 “I have learned a lot from course content and group discussion with multi-experienced staff members.”

“I found this course very relevant and interesting. I highly recommend it to other colleagues who may wish to participate in future.”

“E-learning worked very well for me. I wouldn’t have managed it if it was face to face course with all the busy schedule I have with other courses that I am currently doing that occupy all my weekends. The reading did not interfere with my work at all. I did all my lessons and assignment either during my lunch time or at home after work. The course was designed in such a flexible way. If you missed the webinar for example, you are able to get the recording with all the information so internet interruptions were not an issue to me. The online interactions made me feel like I was in the real class learning with the rest of the course mates.”

“You only need access to a computer (you need to be computer literate); internet connection (I used a modem); some spare time, but not too much; determination; willingness to learn and share. You are better off if you have a group of fellow participants, but you can still do the course on an individual basis.”

***Reducing Maternal Anaemia***: This six-week on-the-job training course (with a one-week study break) helps learners understand what maternal anaemia is, its multiple causes and how to prevent it with practical field assignments and expert facilitation.

***Reducing Childhood Anaemia:*** This 11-week on-the-job training course (with a one-week study break) expands on the maternal anaemia course, focussing on how to understand childhood anaemia and how to address this issue in the community.

***Reducing Childhood Stunting:*** Part 1 of this on-the-job training course is a four-week introduction to childhood stunting that explores how every sector contributes to the reduction of stunting via different pathways. This course is useful for staff from various sectors who want to understand their role in addressing stunting. Part 2 is an eight-week course (with a one-week study break) on nutrition-specific interventions along the life cycle that help to prevent childhood stunting.

**Who should take these courses?**

Development workers (from various sectors) applying evidence-tested nutrition programming and practice, as well as other interested learners.

**Course facilitator**

Miriam Yiannakis (*Nutrition Policy and Partnerships Advisor, Nutrition Centre of Expertise*) is a nutritionist with more than 10 years’ experience in programme management and technical support. She has worked with World Vision in Southern Africa, Asia, and Pacific regions, including seven years based in Malawi with the multi-sectoral Micronutrient and Health (MICAH) programme, and two years in Cambodia as the Asia Pacific Regional Nutrition Advisor. Her expertise lies in managing integrated multi-sectoral programmes for results in maternal and child health and nutrition.

**Course fee**

$350 USD per course, but free for first-time users.

**How to register?**

Please fill in this application form, save it with your name in file name, and submit to Carmen Tse (course administrator): carmen\_tse@worldvision.ca