

Course brief

Title: International Course on Tuberculosis in Children and Adolescents

Dates:

Asynchronous content to be completed between April and May 2025

In-person session: from the 1st to the 5th September 2025 in a Sub-Saharan African country

Language: English

Number of participants (maximum): 25

Introduction

This training is aimed at helping healthcare providers/participants apply learned concepts to improve the care of children and adolescents with presumptive and diagnosed TB in their work settings, especially at primary and secondary levels of health services.

The course will be offered in a blended learning format. This means that the participants will need to complete the online materials hosted on the Union Courses Online platform and attend 60min online live sessions with subject matter experts. Participants will also attend a one-week in-person session in a country in Sub-Saharan Africa (to be confirmed) to discuss key concepts and practice delivering the training to others.

Course goal

This course will provide the knowledge and skills to improve management of children and adolescents with TB and strengthen programmatic practices.

Learning objectives

After completing the course, participants should be able to understand and describe the local epidemiology of childhood and adolescent TB and identify vulnerable groups and determine the necessary interventions. They will also learn about screening for TB, the diagnostic, treatment and prevention modalities and support strategies for adherence during treatment of TB and TB infection.

Target audience

This course is designed for healthcare workers in TB high-burden countries involved in training and management of TB, child and adolescent TB or child and adolescent health. These professionals include

child and adolescent TB technical working group members, TB or child TB focal points, training officers, paediatricians, TB coordinators, health information specialists, laboratory and radiology staff and other healthcare providers at sub-national levels of health services.

Course format

This course will be delivered as a hybrid course: participants will need to complete online materials in their own time, attend online live sessions and then participate in a 5-day in-person session.

The course materials include:

- Pre-recorded lectures developed by the course faculty (slides, audio, and interactive elements). Each educational unit (EU) is about 30 minutes long. To reinforce learning, the learner will need to complete a quiz at the end of each educational unit.
- The presentations include transcripts to facilitate understanding of the content.
- There are additional readings available to complement the lectures.
- Weekly live sessions with faculty to discuss the content presented via the pre-recorded lectures.

The 5-day in-person session will review some of the key points from the online materials as well as new concepts. A summary of the online content will be presented, followed by question-answer sessions and practical exercises. There will also be a field visit to local health facilities to familiarise with TB services for children and adolescents in a South-Saharan country.

Course director: Dr Stephen Graham

What are the costs to participate in the course?

The course fee is 3,000 EUR. It will include:

- Unlimited access to the online course materials
- In-person session for 5 days
- Lunch and coffee/tea breaks during the in-person session

The fee does **not** include return travel from the participant's home country to the in-person session, travel insurance, visa costs or accommodation.

The fee is payable via credit card or international bank transfer.

How to apply for the course?

To complete your registration, you will need to complete an online form, submit a CV and the details of your sponsor or the person paying for the course fees. Register here:

<https://courses.theunion.org/>

Unfortunately, The Union does not have funding to offer scholarships to attend this course. We encourage participants to find a sponsor locally.