



**CRITERIA FOR COURSES SEEKING APPROVAL AS A
DIPLOMA COURSE IN CLINICAL TROPICAL MEDICINE AND TRAVELERS' HEALTH**

AS FULLFILLMENT FOR THE DIPLOMA COURSE PATHWAY FOR
ASTMH EXAMINATION IN
CLINICAL TROPICAL MEDICINE AND TRAVELERS' HEALTH

BACKGROUND

Since 1995, the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene has offered the Certificate of Knowledge in Clinical Tropical Medicine and Traveler's Health (CTropMed® program) to recognize individual excellence in training and knowledge.

The Certificate of Knowledge in Clinical Tropical Medicine and Travelers' Health is conferred on:

- licensed healthcare professionals applying via Practice Pathway or those healthcare professionals (regardless of licensure) who have passed an ASTMH-approved Diploma Course.
- have direct experience in the fields of tropical medicine and/or travelers' health.
- have passed the CTropMed® Examination.

DIPLOMA COURSE

With the goal of fostering professional development, the Society has advocated and facilitated the development of new training programs in Clinical Tropical Medicine and Travelers' Health and has established a mechanism for recognizing these courses and criteria to attaining the CTropMed® certificate. These courses, known as "Diploma" Courses, may vary considerably in format and even in broad objectives, but in order to be approved by the Society they should cover the topic matter included on the Exam and should have an expectation of conferring on the trainee a certain degree of competence in the subjects described below.

Name of Course: _____

Course Director/Contact: _____

Course Director/Contact Email: _____

Course Director/Contact Phone: _____

Course Institution: _____

Course City, State, Country: _____

Prospective courses must meet ALL criteria for ASTMH course approval. All courses who meet the criteria and are approved as ASTMH-approved Diploma Course will have to renew/reapply every five years. Course criteria are listed below.

To submit a proposal for a Diploma Course, please include the following in one document of no more than 5 pages total for sections 1-4:

1. Brief General Description of Proposed Course
2. Coverage of Educational Guidelines: Please refer to the [Exam Content Outline](#) and indicate how the referenced topics will be covered.
3. Course time distribution: Minimum of 300 hours contact time – this can be in person, virtual or combination of both.
 - a. At least 150 hours of specific content delivery time covering the content material referenced above. These hours can consist of didactic lectures, case studies, small group problem solving sessions, etc. and may be delivered in a variety of formats including online and in person. Please include total time of content delivery hours and a brief description of content delivery hours.
 - b. At least 35 hours of laboratory time which can be delivered, ideally as practical hands on, but can also be delivered virtually. Please include total time of lab hours and a brief description of format and subject content of lab hours.
 - c. The balance of the time is flexible and can be innovative but must be supervised and complemented with educational material (i.e., video-based cases, travel clinics with accompanying curriculum, clinical rounds, computer modeling, anthropometrics analysis, etc.). No more than 50% of this flexible time should be spent on a single activity such as a travel clinic. Please include total time of flexible hours and describe the activities comprising the balance of the course.
4. Please indicate proposed dates for the course, venue, target audience, estimated cost, and any other features of the course you would like to bring to the Course Approval Committee's attention.
5. Please submit abbreviated CV's (one page max per faculty member) of key faculty indicating clinical tropical medicine training and overseas experience.
6. Please submit Dean's letter of commitment or other similar indication of institutional support. Must be on institutional letterhead.