

Certificate of Knowledge in Clinical Tropical Medicine and Travelers' Health (CTropMed[®] Examination)

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Striving for Professional Excellence in Clinical Tropical Medicine and Travelers' Health

September 30 - October 20, 2024





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Established by ASTMH in 1995, the examination assesses and recognizes individual excellence in training and knowledge. Fostering professional development in the fields of clinical tropical medicine and travelers' health is one of the Society's highest priorities. To that end, ASTMH developed the Certificate of Knowledge in Clinical Tropical Medicine and Travelers' Health (CTropMed® Examination) as a means to distinguish individuals who have demonstrated advanced knowledge and experience in these fields.

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

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



The CTropMed[®] Examination is offered globally through secure internet-based testing sites. View the list of testing centers <u>here</u>.

When:

September 30 - October 20, 2024 (Select the day within this window that works best for your schedule)

Where:

1,350 testing center locations in 115 countries. View the list of testing centers <u>here</u>.

Fees:

Members, take advantage of your special rate.

ASTMH MEMBER Early-bird rate \$500 US (\$635 US after May 20) NONMEMBER Early-bird rate \$640 US (\$785 US after May 20)

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The Two Pathways to Apply:

Diploma Course Pathway

- Physicians, physician assistants, nurses, nurse practitioners, students, paramedics, pharmacists and other allied health professionals.
 - Eligible without a professional healthcare license but must be working in the health/public arena.

Practice Pathway

- Licensed healthcare professionals (physician, physician assistant, nurse, nurse practitioner) in the U.S. or Canada or equivalent elsewhere in the world.
 - Physicians must have an unconditional, unrestricted license to practice medicine.
 - Nurses must have a current, unencumbered license as an RN valid through the date of the examination.

Q: What are the application requirements?

A: Demonstrating two months of practical experience AND Diploma Course or Practice Pathway.

1. Demonstrating Two Months of Practical Experience

All applicants, whether applying via the Diploma Course or Practice Pathway, must have two months of practical experience in a low or low-middle income country, a middle-income country or a domestic (U.S. and Canada) country. The clinical activity must be meaningful to clinical tropical medicine and travelers' health and/or refugee medicine.

For physicians, appropriate experience obtained during medical school may be used as long as the activities took place during the clinical phase of training and they were clinically engaged. If the two months of experience has not been completed, one may still apply for the examination as long as the remaining criteria for the selected pathway is met. Upon passing the examination, ASTMH will hold certificates until documentation of two months of cumulative experience is received by the Society.

In demonstrating your two months of practical experience, please format as shown:

Location: Arusha, Tanzania Institution: Selian District Hospital Duration: 8 Weeks Dates: November – December 2010 Clinical Work: Infectious disease research, patient care, disease surveillance, etc. Diagnoses Seen: Indicate diagnoses here

2. Through an ASTMH-approved Diploma Course or Practice Pathway

Diploma Course

- Successful completion of an <u>ASTMH-approved Diploma</u>. <u>Course</u> in tropical medicine. The course must have been accredited at the time the diploma was awarded. Course must be completed prior to June 17, 2024. No exceptions.
- If more than five years have lapsed since completion of Diploma Course:
 - Applicants must provide documentation of 15 hours of continuing education credit in tropical and/or travel medicine. Include a copy of the certificate(s) of attendance issued by the continuing education provider.
 - A license is not required for students and allied health professionals in healthcare professions who wish to sit for the examination and are applying via the Diploma Course Pathway; however, the ASTMH-approved
 Diploma Course must be completed prior to June 17, 2024 and applicants must have relevant practical experience in clinical care, public health and clinical/field research.

Reaffirming ASTMH's Commitment to Inclusion and Respect

Non-Discrimination Policy

ASTMH does not discriminate against any person on the basis of age, gender, sexual orientation, race, religion, national origin, medical condition, physical disability, marital status or any other protected classification.

Practice Pathway

- Evidence of a minimum of five years of substantial, cumulative practice experience in the field of clinical tropical medicine following completion of residency training.
 Substantial practice experience is defined as at least 10 percent of total professional time devoted to clinical tropical medicine in at least two of the following areas:
 - 1. Assessment and management of illness in persons in, or returned from, the tropics.
 - 2. Diagnosis and treatment of infectious diseases.
 - 3. Health evaluation and treatment of tropical infectious diseases.
 - 4. Diagnosis and management of common parasitic infections.
 - 5. Pre-travel health advice. Time devoted to pre-travel health advice may be used to account for no more than onehalf (5 percent total professional time) of the total time required for eligibility.
- For physicians, 30 documented hours of continuing education credit in tropical and/or travel medicine within the five years prior to the application deadline. Include a copy of the certificate(s) of attendance issued by the continuing education provider.
- For nurses, 30 documented hours of continuing education credit in a related field within the five years prior to the application deadline. Include a copy of the certificate(s) of attendance issued by the continuing education provider.
- Professional healthcare license.

2024 Annual Meeting

November 13-17 New Orleans, LA

New Orleans Ernest N. Morial Convention Center astmh.org ajtmh.org #TropMed24 X f in a



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REGISTRATION WILL OPEN IN JUNE.

Want to Brush up on Your Clinical Knowledge? Attend the <u>virtual Update Course</u> in Clinical Tropical Medicine and Travelers' Health

September 27-28, 2024

This two-day condensed course provides a broad overview of core topics in clinical tropical medicine and travelers' health.

About the Examination

The examination design complies with the American Psychological Association's joint technical standards on testing and testing-industry standards.

To designate knowledge areas appropriate for testing in the examination, specialists and other experts in the fields of tropical medicine and travelers' health are surveyed. Their reports are used to develop specifications and content for the examination. Access the exam outline **here**.

The exam consists of 200 multiple-choice questions, some of which are accompanied by diagrams or other images. Four hours are allowed to complete the examination. Each question contains four choices, with only one correct answer. The questions are developed and regularly reviewed by an ASTMH expert panel, with the assistance of **Meazure Learning**, a widely respected provider of high-quality testing and training for corporations, government agencies, educational institutions, and trade and professional associations.

Given the rapid changes in medical knowledge and scientific developments, ASTMH makes every reasonable effort to ensure that the examination reflects the current state of knowledge. However, it is important to note that no certificate program can guarantee medical competence, nor does this examination guarantee clinical competence.

Online Application for the CTropMed® Examination

All applications and payments must be **submitted online** by **June 17, 2024.** Once the submission site closes, applications will no longer be accepted.

Submission Requirements:

Diploma Course

- Complete <u>online application</u> for the exam and <u>pay your</u> <u>application fee online</u> by credit card. We accept Visa, Mastercard, American Express and Discover. For additional payment options, please email <u>Buffy Finn</u>, Manager, Membership.
- 2. Upload: (All uploaded documents must be in English)
 - Description of the two months of practical experience, including institution name, location, dates, nature of clinical work and a description of common diagnoses seen at the facility (see example on page 3).
 - Documentation of successfully completing an <u>ASTMH-approved Diploma Course</u>. Course must be completed by June 17, 2024.
 - Documentation of 15 hours of continuing education credit (only if course was completed more than five years ago).
 - ✓ Documentation of professional experience that includes medical education, residency, and fellowships including places and dates for each. Please list education with dates and degrees and any specialty certification with dates and names of issuing bodies. Please limit to two-pages max.

Practice Pathway

- Complete online application for the exam and pay your application fee online by credit card. We accept Visa, Mastercard, American Express and Discover. For additional payment options please email Buffy Finn, Manager, Membership.
- 2. Upload: (All uploaded documents must be in English)
 - Copy of current professional healthcare license.
 - Description of the two months of practical experience, including institution name, location, dates, nature of clinical work and a description of common diagnoses seen at the facility (see example on page 3).
 - Description of five years of clinical tropical medicine experience.
 - ✓ Documentation of 30 hours of continuing education credit.
 - Documentation of professional experience that includes medical education, residency, and fellowships including places and dates for each. Please list education with dates and degrees and any specialty certification with dates and names of issuing bodies. Please limit to two-pages max.

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Final Reminders:

- 1. ASTMH collects information regarding gender and race/ethnicity. The responses are for demographic purposes only.
- 2. Please do not upload transcripts or curriculum vitae.
- 3. It is recommended that applicants save and print a copy of the completed application for their records.
- 4. Payment due at the time of submitting your application.
- 5. Other fees:
 - If the candidate does not meet eligibility requirements or cancels their application for any reason, the candidate will receive a refund from ASTMH minus a \$95 US processing fee. No refunds will be issued after September 9, 2024.
 - If the candidate has to reschedule or cancel their previously scheduled exam date, time or location, <u>Meazure Learning</u>, not ASTMH, will add a \$50 US rescheduling/cancelation fee payable directly to <u>Meazure Learning</u> in order to reschedule or cancel.
 - For cancelations before September 9, there is a \$95 US processing fee assessed by ASTMH in addition to the \$50 US rescheduling/cancelation fee from <u>Meazure Learning</u>.
 - No refunds will be issued after September 9, 2024.

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CTropMed[®] Examination Application Checklist

Complete online application

- Pay fee online
- Upload copy of current professional healthcare license (for Practice Pathway applicants only)
- Upload description of practical experience/ domestic clinical activity
- Upload documentation of professional experience



- Upload documentation for pathway option: description of five years clinical experience OR
 - Upload documentation for Diploma Course Pathway: diploma course certificate
- Upload documentation of continuing medical or nursing education

All uploaded documents must be in English.