

## **SNOMED CT Foundation E-Learning Course Call for Applications**

IHTSDO is pleased to invite applications for the SNOMED CT Foundation Courses. Applicants must be prepared to spend roughly 30 hours to the course and associated study over the period of the course. You must also commit to complete the course within four months from starting.

### **Objectives**

The objective of this course is to extend the depth and breadth of knowledge of SNOMED CT in the global community. The course aims to provide authoritative coverage of a broad range of topics related to SNOMED CT at a relatively basic level. It also enables the growth of more detailed understanding of SNOMED CT by enabling those who complete this course to join more advanced SNOMED CT E-Learning courses in future.

### **Is this course for me?**

Yes - if you are seeking a broad foundational knowledge of SNOMED CT to help you in your current role or future career.

Yes – if you want to prequalify for more advanced SNOMED CT courses.

If you have only a casual interest in SNOMED CT you may prefer to look at some of our open access training materials before deciding to apply to take the course.

### **How much do I need to know about SNOMED before I start?**

There are no specific requirements for prior knowledge of SNOMED CT. This course is a good starting point for you to learn about SNOMED.

However, if you have existing knowledge of SNOMED CT, the course is an opportunity to fill gaps, perhaps dispel a few common misunderstandings and demonstrate knowledge required to join more advanced SNOMED CT E-Learning courses.

### **Why should I take this course?**

The knowledge you gain during the course will be of direct value if you are engaged in roles or tasks that need an understanding of the fundamental aspects of SNOMED CT.

If you successfully complete the course you will receive a completion certificate. The certificate will note the level of knowledge of SNOMED CT that you have demonstrated during the course. It will also pre-qualify you for entry to more advanced E-Learning courses.

### **How much does the course cost?**

The course is free of charge and does not require any travel.

You will need a computer with a reliable Internet connection to access E-Learning materials.

### **How much of my time does the course require?**

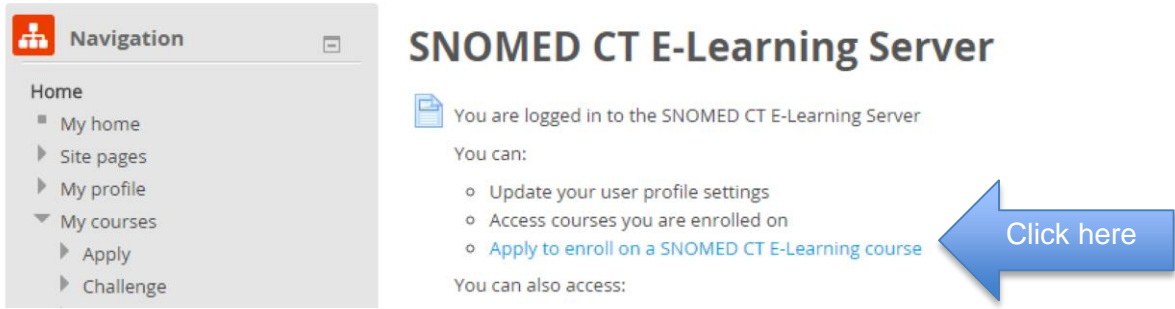
The course is self-paced and there are no fixed times for specific learning activities. To complete the course you must view the online presentations (18) and take four online assessments within four months of your course entry date. We strongly recommend reading additional materials referenced during the course and overall the expected commitment is approximately 30 hours.

## How do I apply to take the Foundation Course?


To apply please follow the process outlined below:

1. If you do not have a SNOMED CT E-Learning Server account
  - Fill out the [New Account](#) form with your details.
  - An email will be immediately sent to your email address. Read your email, and click on the web link it contains. Your account will be confirmed and you will be logged in.
  - You will then have access to the course application form. Go to step “3 Complete the application form”
2. If you have a SNOMED CT E-Learning Server account
  - Login to your account at <https://elearning.ihtsdotools.org>
    - If necessary use the [forgotten password link](#)
3. Follow the links to the SNOMED CT Foundation Course Application form

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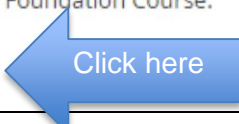
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## SNOMED CT Foundation Course Application Form

Use this form to apply for SNOMED CT Foundation Course.

[Answer the questions...](#) 

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## What is the deadline for applications?

There is no deadline for applications. Applications for this course will remain open indefinitely.

## When will I know if my application is accepted?

Applications will be processed at least once a month and the following timetable sets out the expected response time:

Application received	Response sent no later than	Expected course start dates
By end of last working day of August	Response by end of first working day after 16 <sup>th</sup> of September	First working day of October
By 9 <sup>th</sup> September	Response by end of first working day after 16 <sup>th</sup> of September	First working day of October (if places available) or November
By end of last working day of September	Response by end of first working day after 16 <sup>th</sup> October	First working day of November
The timetable will follow a similar pattern for each subsequent month until further notice.		

## How is the course taught?

This course is taught using the following distance learning methods:

- E-Learning presentations including audio narrative
  - Six presentations to be viewed in each month of the course
  - Each presentation lasts between 15 and 30 minutes
  - Option to pause, resume and review parts of the tutorial any number of times
- Directed study
  - References to relevant freely available web-based documents and resources that can help you to enhance your understanding of topics covered in E-Learning presentations
- Online self-assessments
  - Assessment questions posed during presentations and/or as separate tests to stimulate learning and allow you to assess your own progress
  - An online Q&A forum on which to ask questions on topics currently being taught.

## Will this course be available in other languages?

Unfortunately, IHTSDO is only able to teach this course in English. IHTSDO shares E-Learning source materials with its national Members, who are permitted to translate all or part of this course. For Member contact details please refer to <http://www.ihtsdo.org/members>.

## How will successful completion of the Foundation Course be assessed?

Successful completion of the course requires all the following conditions to be met:

- All E-Learning presentations viewed within the relevant 4 week period of the course;
- Passing interim online assessments in week 5 and week 9 of the course;
- Passing a final online assessment at the end of the course.

Those who successfully complete the course receive a completion certificate indicating that they completed the course with a grade mark (A+, A, B or C) depending on overall results in online assessments.

## What topics does the Foundation Course cover?

The outline below shows the topics covered as part of the Foundation Course curriculum.

<p><u>A: Basics</u> To be completed by end of week 4 of the course</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learning about SNOMED CT</li> <li>• Introduction to SNOMED CT</li> <li>• Benefits for organizations</li> <li>• Clinical terminology matters</li> <li>• Ownership, organization and licensing</li> <li>• Exploring SNOMED CT content</li> </ul>
<p><u>B: Design and distribution</u> To be completed by end of week 8 of the course</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building blocks: concepts, descriptions &amp; relationships</li> <li>• Release files &amp; formats</li> <li>• Concept model</li> <li>• Content development</li> <li>• Extensions</li> </ul>
<p><u>C: Derivatives and implementation</u> To be completed by end of week 12 of the course</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reference sets</li> <li>• Customisation</li> <li>• Language preferences &amp; translation</li> <li>• Mapping</li> <li>• Expressions</li> <li>• Implementation</li> </ul>
<p>Note: Topics in parts B and C of the Foundation Course are taught to an introductory level. These topics will be covered in more detail in advanced courses.</p>	

Please send all questions about SNOMED CT E-Learning courses or applications to [elearning@ihtsdo.org](mailto:elearning@ihtsdo.org)