



### Postgraduate Diploma in Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding

Deadline: 30 Aug 2013

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Type:	Course
Location:	Web-based
Date:	11 Sep 2013 to 30 Oct 2015
Duration:	24 Months
Programme Area:	Peacekeeping
Website:	<a href="http://www.unitar.org/ptp/">http://www.unitar.org/ptp/</a>
Price:	\$6,700.00
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### BACKGROUND

#### **Conflicts are everywhere...but solutions exists!**

The Postgraduate Diploma in Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding presents empirical knowledge and insight on conflict resolution, transformation, mediation and management in an educational setting. Practitioners and academics from prestigious universities, the United Nations and peace research institutes get together with participants from different countries in this virtual course, no

matter where they live, to learn about peace and security and to prepare for professional practice.

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

At the end of the Postgraduate Diploma Programme, students will be able to:

- Analyse the nature and characteristics of contemporary conflicts;
- Access information and knowledge to develop efficient intervention programmes;
- Formulate a plan of action for peaceful interventions, both for the prevention of conflicts and for their resolution;
- Lead and facilitate negotiation and mediation processes.

## CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

To receive the Postgraduate Diploma in Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding, candidates must complete the following courses in no more than two years.

- Introduction to Peace Operations
- History of UN Peace Operations
- Conflict Analysis
- Conflict Resolution
- Transitional Justice
- Natural Resources Management
- Gender, Peacebuilding and Security
- Leadership in Peace Operation

Students will also have to choose one optional course selected among the following courses:

- Protection of Civilians in Peace Operations
- Human Security in the Practice of Peace Operations
- Protection from Sexual Violence, Exploitation and Abuses.

## TARGETED AUDIENCE

The Postgraduate Diploma aims to prepare candidates for professional careers in the field of peace and security, a goal which is reflected in our selection of teaching staff and trainers.

Beyond UNITAR staff, we invite experienced practitioners from our partner institutions, universities and organisations to consider studying for the Postgraduate Diploma. With guest trainers and lecturers from various continents, the Postgraduate Diploma programme creates a stimulating balance between the theoretical and the practical and ensures that students receive cutting-edge and relevant knowledge.

The Programme addresses:

- Personnel of peace operations (civilian, military and police);
- Civil servants and staff of international, regional and national organisations involved in peace and security;
- NGO representatives and humanitarian workers;
- Researchers and academics;
- Students;
- Any person with responsibilities and interest in solving conflicts.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### **Application Procedure**

Your application must include:

- Completed application form [download here](#);
- Cover letter / personal statement (approx. 400 words);
- Essay (approx. 400 words) on a subject related to the Postgraduate Diploma;
- Copies of your previous degrees;
- Curriculum vitae (optional);
- Copy of your passport and passport size picture;
- Letter of reference.

Applications should reach UNITAR in January of each year for courses starting courses in the Spring semester, and in August of each year for courses starting in the Fall semester. Information on fees is available online at:

[www.unitar.org/event/pkp](http://www.unitar.org/event/pkp). You must register online: [click here to register](#) and forward all the relevant application documents to ptp [at] unitar.org

([ptp\[at\]unitar\[dot\]org](mailto:ptp@unitar.org)). You will receive a confirmation e-mail once you submit your application. Only complete applications will be reviewed and considered for admission.

## **Selection Procedure and Eligibility**

Each application will be reviewed by the Selection Committee of UNITAR.

To gain admission on the official Postgraduate Diploma course, candidates must have an official university degree.

This notwithstanding, UNITAR may admit candidates with pending degrees, as long as all necessary courses for said degrees were passed.

The Selection Committee will verify prior to enrolment that the courses taken were the equivalent level of a university degree and that they allow admission to postgraduate courses in the country of issue of the qualification.

In some cases, candidates with at least 5 years of diplomatic experience or experience in the field may be accepted on the postgraduate programme without a university degree.

Participants are not expected, however, to have prior experience in or knowledge of the field.

Candidates must be proficient in English and have reliable access to the internet.

## **Tuition Fees and Scholarships**

Full Scholarships covering the fees may be available to outstanding candidates from developing countries and these will be advertised on the UNITAR website: <http://www.unitar.org/ptp/>

Fee waivers may be available for candidates from Least Developed Countries (LDCs) to cover parts of the fees. Once the fee waiver has been applied, fees will be: **USD 4700**

Candidates having taken relevant UNITAR courses in the past and candidates currently enrolled in UNITAR courses may decide to register for the above Postgraduate Diploma. The completed courses may be transferred and accepted as part of the fulfilment of the degree requirements in specific cases. Prices and completion deadlines apply.

Download our [brochure](#) and [leaflet](#) for more information on other available qualifications.