Frequently Asked Questions: ELC Jan 2016 Edition

1. What is the meaning of ELC (E-Learning course) being offered by HL7 India?

Answer: This is a web based course covering the concepts of HL7 standards- V2, V3, CDA & FHIR. More about it-

http://www.hl7india.in/e-learning/

2. How long do applicants have to complete the course, or is the time indefinite?

Answer: The course is spread over a period of fifteen weeks. The participants are expected to finish the last activity within two weeks once every module is made active. Once the course is completed, no further changes can be made to the activities by the participant.

3: How much time should I set aside on a daily or weekly basis to keep up comfortably with the course work?

Answer: Approx. 5 hours per week should do, 50 hours total. It is also dependant on your previous knowledge or background on HL7 and its different versions. Participants, who are new to HL7, might require more time.

4. Mode of the training/how the course is going to be conducted?

Answer: This is web based course and consists of 15 units/chapters covering introduction to Healthcare interoperability, Vocabularies, HL7 V2, V3 and CDA & Intro to FHIR.

Every week there will be one new unit released which will consist of-

- Reading material
- Activity (kind of subjective but conceptual assignment)
- Quiz (objective questions based on reading material)
- Discussion Forum
- Hints and tips to solve the assignment

The participants will be able to download everything apart from the quiz. The participants will have two weeks of time to complete the activity. Quiz will be available to complete up to end of the course.

Every week there will be one new unit released and participants will have two weeks to complete activity of that unit. This means that after first week, every week two units will be active in parallel, first unit will have second week and second unit will have its first week. This is how 15 units will be finished in 15 weeks.

5. Who should attend the course?

People working in healthcare IT or planning to work in future. Past participants included people from a technical background as well as domain people. Some of the roles who we have trained are developers, managers, Business Analysts, Business Development Managers , functional analysts, integration developers, interface analysts etc.

6. What are the pre-requisites?

There are no pre-requisites to attend this course. It starts with basic concepts of Healthcare and interoperability and teaches you the HL7 standards. English language knowledge (read and writes); familiarity with computers and use of email, browsers and PDF documents is desired by each participant.

7. When does registration for this course start and close?

Answer: Registration is already open and closes on March, 28th 2016 unless the registration sells out first.

8. Do I need to be an HL7 India Member to take this course?

Answer: No, membership is not required but is highly recommended. There are several benefits of membership among important is lower registration rate for ELC and discounted price for HL7 certifications. Discount in both ELC course and certification fee is good enough to strongly recommend becoming member first.

9. How do I proceed after registration?

Answer: The week before the course begins you will receive instructions on how to obtain your user name and password to access the course presentation. Units and activities shall be released on a weekly basis.

10. How student's queries/doubts will be addressed?

Answer: Through Question-Answer discussion forum for each unit where you can post any doubt related to reading material or activities/quiz. Entire communication would be written and through online course portal. I would address to each your query at earliest. Queries would be resolved with highest priority to give real time feel to all participants.

11. What will be the course like?

Answer: Participants will be provided their login credentials for logging into the ELC portal. Each week, the course coordinator will release a new unit on-line. Each unit has, reading material and mandatory activities, self-evaluation questionnaires to review concepts, and in some cases there are additional reading materials and optional activities for those who want to learn and practice a little more. All activities are based on real implementation scenarios. See the course descriptions for more detailed information.

12. How will the participants be evaluated?

Answer: Tutors will review students' activities, moderate the forums, and will aid students in their learning process. The forums will remain open after the course is closed to serve as a communication network between students and their tutors.

Each participant has to complete all mandatory activities/assignments and quizzes in order to complete the course.

13. Does my computer need special characteristics?

Answer: No, there are no special requirements for your computer. The only things that you must have are internet browsing and PDF viewing capabilities.

14. What are the scheduled class times?

Answer: The course modality is virtual and has no predefined class times. You may work on the course when you have time.

15. Will participant get any certification for completing the course?

Answer: Yes, from this edition, each participant would get course completion certificate. There is a criterion to complete the course-

You have to attempt all mandatory activities/assignments and quizzes and in total need to get 60% average marks to get course completion certificate.

If you have enrolled for one particular module like HL7 Intro and V2.x then you need to complete all mandatory activities and quizzes for those modules and need to get average 60% marks.

You will get your certificate in electronic copy (soft copy) within two to three weeks of course completion.

More information would be provided once you enrol for the course.

16. Who will provide the course completion certificate?

Answer: Best attraction of the course is that course completion certicicate would be provided directly by HL7 International. It will be a electronic copy (no hard copy certificates supported by HL7.org to support less use of paper and make world greener). Please note that this certification is not equivalent to HL7 V2, V3 or CDA exam certification. This certificate would be granted to you by HL7.org for completing this online course successfully.

17. Can I finish my course before 15 weeks?

Answer: NO. Every week there would be new unit published for all participants. You have to follow the units as they published. You will finish the course in 15 weeks. Each unit will be published and will be available online through course portal as per their specified dates only.

18. Will there be real time interaction with course tutor?

Answer: NO. There will be no real time (Verbal or Face to Face) or one to one interaction between tutor and students. All communication will be through course question-answer forums (i.e. only written communication through course only). But each query will be addressed and response will be provided in a timely manner.

19. The HL7 India website has mentioned FC: Full course fees as 26335.00 for members. How do I acquire the membership and what is the membership fee

Answer: Please visit HL7 India site, here-
http://www.hl7india.in/memberships/

20. What are the benefits of membership?

There are lot of benefits with membership. Not just you will get discounted price for ELC course but it will provide great discounts in the certification exams as well. The certification exams fee for non-members is U.S $350 and for members it is $199. And you will get a discounted price for all three certifications provided by HL7 (V2, V3 and CDA). Also, there are lot of other benefits for members. Please visit Membership page on HL7 India site.

21. Does the course also include certification charges?

Answer: NO. This is 15 weeks fundamentals course covering all three standards (V2, V3 and CDA) of HL7 along with Intro on FHIR. This will clear your concepts and will help you in preparing for certification exam. But course fee does not at all cover certification exam fee.

22. When will course start?

Answer: Course will start from April 2016. Please check HL7 India website for announcement of start date with other details.

Interested parties can drop an email to elearning@hl7india.org or secretary@hl7india.org. We will make sure you are informed before time the exact start date.

23. Do you provide hard copy of reading material?

Answer: No, this is web based online course and every week there will be a unit released. You can download the reading material (pdf) and activities. You can take a print out of those materials and read it at your convenience.

24. What all Certifications provided by HL7?

Answer: HL7 offers certification testing to help professionals achieve industry-recognized levels of proficiency and expertise. Advance your career and enhance your marketability by adding "HL7 Certified" to your credentials.

Certification Exams Offered:

Clinical Document Architecture (CDA®)
Version 2.7
Version 3 RIM 2.36

How to enrol for any certification exam:

http://www.hl7india.in/certification/

25. <u>Current Status and Updates-</u>

1. Enrolments for the ELC have already begun. Exact start date will be announced soon, please check HL7 India website for the same.

3. Payments- through DD as well as NEFT (Net-Banking) transfer, check http://www.hl7india.in/e-learning/ for more details

4. Be a HL7 India Member first, benefits- discounted ELC price, huge discounts in certification cost, discounts on paid material of HL7 Inc., more info here- http://www.hl7india.in/memberships/

5. Send your scanned copy of application form of membership as well as ELC enrolment form to- elearning@hl7india.org, memberships@hl7india.org, treasurer@hl7india.org

6. Payment for both membership and ELC enrolment can be done through Net-banking

7. Membership is not a mandatory process for enrolling in ELC, though there are surely good benefits of memberships, most important one is that certification cost of members is U.S $199 in comparison to $350 for non-members. You can avail discounted certification cost on all three certifications provided by HL7 Inc.

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