VCPH Virtual Classroom

This is the Virtual Classroom home page:

1. In the upper right hand corner of the screen you can verify that you are logged in.

2. On the left side you will see grey blocks (Logged in user, Messages).

3. At the bottom you will have the “My courses” section, with links to the courses in which you are enrolled.

4. In the center, you can access the Help Desk and the courses in the following categories: Self-learning, With tutoring, Open, Call for applications and Upcoming.
**Course categories in the VCPH Virtual Classroom**

- **Call for applications.** These are courses with tutors, in which applications to participate are still being accepted. The selection process is guided by PAHO’s technical cooperation criteria and the participant profile that has been determined for the course. Course coordinators make efforts to ensure participation by all eligible countries.

- **Courses with tutoring.** Courses that include interaction with tutors and the other participants. Generally, these course require specific time commitments (usually 8 to 10 hours per week).

- **Self-learning courses.** These courses are open access. You can complete them independently at your own pace without defined times.

- **Upcoming courses.** PAHO/WHO courses currently in the design phase.

- **Open courses.** Tutored courses that have already finished. You can access all the learning resources and materials.
Main Formats of the VCPH Courses

The courses in the Virtual Classroom have different formats and themes that define how the course content and activities will be displayed. In the next few slides we explain the most common formats of VCPH courses.

**Topics format**

In this format, each module or thematic unit is shown underneath the other. The contents can be found in the central part of the screen (**1 - orange box**) and there may or may not be blocks on the sides (**2 - green**).
Tabs Format (One-topic format)

In this format each module or thematic unit is on a tab. You can access each topic by clicking on each tab (1 – light blue). The contents and activities are located in the central part of the screen (2 – orange) and there may or may not be blocks on the sides of the course (3 – green).
Grid format

In this format, each module is shown with its image. When you click on the image, a window will open with the contents and activities of the module. Press the X in the upper right hand corner to return to the main page of the course with all the modules.

"La formación del saludista adecuado para la enfermería pública se relacionaba con una imagen del saludista interventor-técnico-normativo, mientras que en el momento actual, reclama un sujeto intérprete-medrador, es decir, interprete de las maneras cómo los actores individuales y sociales, en su diario vivo construyen sus saberes, desarrollar las acciones relacionadas con la promoción de su salud y cuidan sus enfermedades, y mediador estratégico con los poderes científico, político y económico para apoyar la elevación de los niveles de salud y vida."

"The training of the public health professional directed towards public disease-etry used to be associated with the image of the public health worker as an inventor-technician-rule maker, whereas the present context necessitates him/her to act as an interpreter-mediator, that is, an interpreter of the ways in which individuals and social actors construct their knowledge, develop actions related with health promotion and care for their diseases in their daily lives; and a strategical mediator of scientific, political and economic powers to support the improvement of quality of life and health."

How to return to the main page of a course

When you are on any course page (assignment, forum, grades, file, etc.), you can return to the main page of the course by clicking on the short name in the navigation route, as indicated in red in the image.
Blocks
Blocks are grey and can be found in columns at the left- and right-hand side of courses. They offer different options. Below and on the next page we present a description of the most common blocks in Moodle.

The Administration block is sensitive to both the context and the user's role. This means that the contents of the block change according to where you are: the classroom home page, course main page, assignment, forum, etc. Similarly, the options will be different for coordinators, tutors, and students.

In the picture we see the Administration block as it appears on the main page of a course for students.

The People block has a link to a page with a list of all course participants (students, tutors, coordinators), with their names, pictures and other general information.

Some blocks can be moved to the side of the screen, using the "Dock" icon.

The contents of the block can be hidden, using the "-" icon. To show the contents again click on the "+" icon.
The **Messages** block displays the list of pending messages to be read and also the user that posted them.

The **Online users** block allows participants to view online users either in the course or in the classroom, depending on the page where you are at that moment.

The **Comments** block allows you to post comments not only on the main page of the course, but anywhere the block has been added. This allows students to express their opinion on any element of the course.

The **Activities** block allows access to all course activities. For example, if you click on “Forums”, you can access all the forums in the course.
User Menu

Once logged in the Virtual Classroom, in the upper right hand corner you will see your name and profile picture. If you click there, the **User menu** will open, showing different links:

- A. Dashboard
- B. Profile
- C. Grades
- D. Messages
- E. Preferences
- F. Log out
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