European Master’s in
SUSTAINABLE REGIONAL
HEALTH SYSTEMS

Detailed program description

This Master programme is delivered together by
University of Deusto (Spain), Corvinus University of Budapest (Hungary),
Vilnius University (Lithuania), and University of Verona (Italy)

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1. PROGRAMME INFORMATION

1.1 PROGRAMME AIMS

The European Master in Sustainable Regional Health Systems aims to fill the gap in Health Management by approaching the theme of health system management and planning on a regional level. This Master promotes the benchmarking of the different health system models helping to construct the comprehensive health system management and planning, including health care and promotion, as well as the interrelation between health and socio-economic areas. It aims to spread out the European model of health promotion and health planning, sustainability and the role of health system in social cohesion and strengthening of social capital. The programme is open to well motivated students who have completed Bachelor or equivalent degree in Sociology, Psychology, Law, Political Science, Anthropology, History, Medicine, Social Work, Social Education, Nursing, or Public Health and are willing to specialise their knowledge in the health care sector.

1.2 MAJOR LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Adequate understanding of the different areas of knowledge in relation to social factors affecting patients in critical and complex situations. Knowledge and understanding of the dynamics of health policies and of alternative health models, their costs and consequences.
- An understanding of the principles, concepts, policies and practicalities at the leading edge of managing progressive health systems and its relevance to broader public policy agendas
- An understanding of the principles, concepts, policies and practicalities at the leading edge of health entrepreneurship and its relevance to science and technology based business.
- The ability to search for alternative solutions with an understanding of the social contexts involved, being aware of the consequences of the option chosen.
- A good ability to communicate at the level of the working team, groups and social net-works, and also to plan the institutional communication strategy efficiently.
- A comprehensive vision of the model of management upheld by the institution, being able to develop it and communicate it.
- The ability to adapt quickly to the new situations of a system undergoing constant change.
- Deep awareness of social factors and their impact on the health system.
- The ability to adequately use new information and communication technologies and an understanding of the impact these can have on working health contexts, being able to evaluate this impact, and planning its implementation.
- The ability to adopt values and attitudes placing the patient at the centre, and as the key reference for the work done, developing the different strategies of quality in the health system from this perspective.
- Understanding of the value systems (personal, organisational, professional) that shape decision making in health organisations and markets and how values translate into quality of patient care.
- To enhance attitudes appropriate to promote values of solidarity and commitment with the surrounding community to embed personally in the administration of regional health systems.
1.3 PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

1st Semester (September–January)
The Introduction workshop (5 ECTS) – Universidad de Deusto (Spain)
Core modules (25 ECTS) – Universidad de Deusto (Spain)
  – Entrepreneurial mindsets,
  – Managing sustainability,
  – Critical skills set

2nd Semester (February–June)
Management Modules (30 ECTS) – Corvinus University of Budapest (Hungary)
  – Trade off between equity and efficiency,
  – Delivering progressive health systems,
  – Strategic asset management,

3rd Semester (September–January) – Specialization modules (30 ECTS)
Patient safety and quality issues – University of Verona (Italy)
  – Quality and the consumer,
  – European health legislation processes,
  – Managing innovation

Social aspects of health care – Vilnius University (Lithuania)
  – Sociological perspectives on population health,
  – Health advocacy,
  – Managing innovation

Students choose according to their interest. Allocation of students between partner universities in the 3rd semester may be influenced by available places.

4th Semester (February–July) – Internship (10 ECTS) and thesis writing (20 ECTS) – at one of the consortium universities

1.4 DEGREE

Upon successful completion of the programme, the degree is awarded by Universidad de Deusto (Spain), University of Verona (Italy), and Vilnius University (Lithuania). Credits earned at Corvinus University of Budapest (Hungary) are transferred to partner universities.
1.5 ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission may be granted to applicants who meet the following common admission criteria:

– A university degree in Sociology, Psychology, Law, Political Science, Anthropology, History, Medicine, Social Work, Social Education, Nursing, Public Health etc, that they want to specialize in the scope of the health.
– A sufficient score of one of the following English language certificates (TOEFL, First Certificate, IELTS).
– Statement of intent. Applicants must submit a statement of intent indicating why the Master’s is relevant for future carrier.

1.6 APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Admission is organised by Vilnius University. All the inquiries regarding the admission procedure should be directed at the following address:

Skirmante Savickaite
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Office of International Programmes and Relations
Vilnius University, Lithuania
email: skirmante.savickaite@cr.vu.lt

Applications should be registered electronically via the http://www.reghealth.org website. Additional information about the admission process, application deadlines and tuition fees are also listed there.

1.7 TUITION FEE

The tuition fee is 8.000 € per year. Tuition fee waivers up to 50% of the fee are available in limited numbers. Tuition fee waivers are awarded on academic merit.
2. COURSES AT THE CORVINUS UNIVERSITY OF BUDAPEST

A detailed course description and requirements of all courses are available at the following website: http://www.reghealth.org

Please note that all course descriptions are subject to change and it is always the course syllabus handed out in the first class of the given course that is valid for the given semester!