

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS TO
LEVEL II MASTER'S DEGREE IN
BILIOPANCREATIC ENDOSCOPY**

Academic Year 2017/2018

Art. 1 – Level II Master’s Degree

Humanitas University will offer a Level II Master’s Degree in Biliopancreatic Endoscopy in the academic year 2017/2018. The course will be directed by Professor Alessandro Repici, assisted by Dr. Andrea Anderloni and Dr. Silvia Carrara.

This Master’s Degree course will last one year and will be held in English.

Lessons are planned to commence on **5th February 2018**.

Seven (7) places are available. The minimum number of participants necessary to activate the course is 6.

Humanitas University reserves the right to verify whether the necessary conditions exist to increase the number of places.

Learning Objectives

The aim of this master’s course is to provide the anatomical basis and the technical skills necessary to perform an endoscopic ultrasound (EUS) of the pancreas and the biliary tract to obtain correct locoregional staging and fine-needle aspiration for focal lesions. Participants will also be instructed in the in situ preparation of cytological specimens.

Besides the EUS study of benign and malignant diseases of the pancreas, the course offers the opportunity to receive ERCP training, now a purely therapeutic procedure, both in oncology and in benign biliary diseases.

All cases of EUS followed by ERCP will be organized so that participants can take part in the two procedures so as to receive adequate training in both.

Specific learning objectives are:

- The proper use of and indications for imaging methods of pancreatic and biliary diseases
- In-depth study of the indications for EUS / ERCP in the context of pancreatic and biliary diseases
- Definition of the technical and methodological aspects of diagnostic and operative endoscopic ultrasonography
- Definition of the technical and methodological aspects of ERCP
- Clinical management of the patient, post procedure and follow-up
- Operational use of endoscopic drainage of pancreatic fluid collection
- Management of adverse events
- Improvement of personal skills in EUS and ERCP

By the end of the course, students will have acquired the theoretical and practical knowledge that will allow them to perform both diagnostic and therapeutic biliopancreatic endoscopy.

Professional skills acquired

This master's course will contribute to the students' medical and technical knowledge, and specifically, it will teach them how to correctly use the new endoscopic instruments, how to correctly use endoscopic ultrasound and ERCP in the management of malignant and benign biliopancreatic diseases, and how to evaluate the correct diagnostic-therapeutic pathway of diseases encountered.

Expected learning outcomes

At the end of this course students will have obtained the following results:

1. Knowledge and understanding: complete knowledge of using endoscopy for biliopancreatic diseases
2. Ability to apply knowledge and understanding: ability to correctly perform endoscopic ultrasound and ERCP
3. Autonomous decision-making: deciding on the correct diagnostic-therapeutic pathway of various malignant and benign diseases
4. Communication skills: informing and sharing decisions in a multidisciplinary context and with the patient
5. Learning skills: correctly perform the procedures learned during practical training

Future professional directions

With this master's degree, students will be able to:

- hold new positions where specific training in biliopancreatic diseases is required
- work in medical-surgical teams that treat benign and malignant diseases of the biliopancreatic tract
- hold senior positions in endoscopy services

Art. 2 – General requirements for admission

In order to submit an application to participate in this call, applicants must have a medical specialty degree or an equivalent certificate granted by a foreign institution in one of the following subjects:

- Gastroenterology
- Digestive system surgery and endoscopic surgery
- Surgery
- Internal medicine
- Hepatology

The equivalence of an academic title for any of the above-mentioned specialties, granted by a foreign institution, will be assessed by the Master Committee in compliance with the current

legislation and international agreements. To this purpose, the University may require the candidate to present the Declaration of equal Value in loco (i.e., "Dichiarazione di valore") issued by the competent Italian diplomatic authorities in the country where the degree has been granted.

Documentation that is incomplete or does not conform to the requirements will result in the rejection of the application.

Applicants must also hold certification to practice medicine, be members of a Medical Professional Association and have specific personal medical insurance. The latter must be presented upon enrolment.

Art. 3 - Admission

Admission is determined by a qualifications-based selection in order to guarantee a comparative evaluation of applicants, which will generate a merit ranking based on the following evaluation criteria:

- Up to a maximum of 10 points for a degree mark as follows:
 - 5 points for a degree mark <100/110
 - 8 points for a degree mark from 100/110 to 110/110
 - 10 points for a degree mark of 110/110 with honours
- Up to a maximum of 10 points for a specialization degree mark as follows:
 - 5 points for a specialization degree mark between 40 and 45
 - 8 points for a specialization degree mark between 45 and 50
 - 10 points for a specialization degree mark between 50 and 70 with honours
- Up to a maximum of 10 points for previous experience in digestive endoscopy as follows:
 - 5 points for previous experience in Level I digestive endoscopy (provide certificate)
 - 8 points for previous experience in Level II digestive endoscopy (provide certificate)
 - 10 points for previous experience in biliopancreatic endoscopy (provide certificate)
- If necessary, a Skype or in person interview will be requested.

Art. 4 - Applications

Applications to the selection process must be submitted **by the 21st of December 2017** following the online procedure as here described:

1. Register at the Humanitas University website at: <https://humanitas.esse3.cineca.it/> Once registered, the applicant will receive a username and password to access the reserved area of the website;

2. Enter the reserved area using the username and password received upon registration and complete the application, attaching the documents in PDF listed below (each file must not exceed 2 MB):
 - a) Application (Attachment 1) completed, dated and signed;
 - b) Curriculum Vitae et Studiorum complete with clinical experience gained in endoscopy;
 - c) Copy of a valid document of identification.

The declarations made in the admissions application (Attachment 1) have the same legal value as certifications as per the D.P.R. 445/2000.

Information entered can be modified until the moment of submission of the application.

3. On submission of the application, the system will automatically generate an email that confirms receipt of the application and that requests payment by credit card of the application fee of € 50 (including duty stamp).

This fee is non-refundable and must be paid by the deadline set for application submission.

The application is considered completed only on payment of the application fee. Receipt of payment can be confirmed by accessing the reserved area with username and password.

As per point 2 above, any missing document will result in exclusion from the admissions process.

Art. 5 – Admissions ranking

Applicants will be admitted to the course per ranking order until the number of places available has been reached. In the case of equal ranking, priority will be given to the younger applicant.

The ranking will be posted on the Humanitas University website at <http://www.hunimed.eu/courses/master-in-bilio-pancreatic-endoscopy/> **on the 28th of December 2017**

This ranking posting has all of the validity of an official notification of applicants admitted. As of the posting date, appeals may be put forward.

Any applicant admitted to the course who has not enrolled by the deadline set will be excluded. In such a case, the next applicant as per the ranking will take his/ her place.

Art. 6 – Enrolment

Those applicants admitted to the master's course must enrol according to the procedures set out at <https://humanitas.esse3.cineca.it/> by the **25th of January 2018** under penalty of forfeiture.

The enrolment fee is € 8,000.00, which includes the costs of the original master's diploma and duty stamp. The payment can be done in two instalments:

- € 4.000,00 at the moment of enrolment
- € 4.000,00 by the **4th of April 2018**

As regards insurance coverage, the applicant must present a copy of the specific insurance policy at the moment of enrolment.

In the event that a student withdraws from the course before 25% of the course has been completed, the first applicant on the ranking who was not admitted will take his/ her place. Withdrawal from the course does not entitle that student to reimbursement of fees.

Art. 7 - Compulsory attendance and graduation

Attendance of all lectures and training is compulsory. The declaration of attendance of equal to or greater than 75% of activity hours and a passing mark on the final test will result in 60 CFU (university credits), corresponding to 1500 hours of overall academic work (lectures and lessons as provided for by the curriculum of each course, plus study time and personal preparation) and a Level II Master's Degree diploma will be awarded.

Art. 8 – Forfeiture of benefits and reasons for exclusion

Under Article. 75 of the D.P.R. 445/2000, should the Administration find, on the basis of appropriate checks, that any statement made by the applicant is not truthful, the declarant shall forfeit any benefits arising from provisions made on the basis of false declarations.

Art. 9 – Treatment of personal information

In accordance with Legislative Decree no. 196 of 30 June 2003 and subsequent amendments, Humanitas University undertakes to respect the confidential nature of the information provided by the applicants. All information will be used only for purposes connected with and instrumental to the selection process and with the management of relations with the University, in compliance with current regulations.

Art. 10 – Head of the selection process

Dr. Monica De Mitri is head of the selection process of this public call.

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