

EMECC NURSING

Emergency and Critical Care Nursing

Duration: 18 months

Course description:

Emergency and intensive care nurses must be prepared to deal with life-threatening problems and complex situations in extreme environments, reasons why they should be endowed with specific knowledge, skills and attributes to provide care to critically ill or unstable patients and their families. Emergency nurses must be able to prioritise patient care and to provide accurate assessment and effective ongoing management for a diversity of patient populations in situations ranging from life-saving interventions to managing critical situations. The Erasmus Mundus Master Course in Emergency and Critical Care Nursing (EMECC NURSING) is the first international joint degree in advanced nursing available in Europe. It offers a highly specialized education in nursing, with an advanced perspective. The programme combines theoretical teaching, research methodology and activities, communication & management of critical scenarios and advanced evidence-based practice, using state of the art clinical technologies.

The Master's main objective is to provide a structured and methodologically sound training programme that will cover the shortage of specially trained staff that burdens our health systems' intensive and acute care services.

EMECC NURSING is promoted by a consortium coordinated by the University of Oviedo (Spain) and counting with the partnership of the Metropolia University of Applied Sciences of Helsinki (Finland), the University of Algarve and the Polytechnic Institute of Santarém (Portugal). All have a track record of nurse training in tight collaboration with local hospitals –some of them also collaborating as Associated Partners in the Consortium- and have, therefore, jointly developed a clear picture of the real-life situation of their acute care units. EMECC NURSING course structure balances theoretical education on evidence based nursing, comprehensive clinical practice and a solid scientific instruction through a 90 ECTS (one and a half year) Postgraduate course leading to an international joint degree and diploma supplement recognized by all four institutions. Semester 1 will equalize the level of students and offer a strong theoretical and methodological base to build candidate competence. Students will also be able to choose on a first, broad specialization on Adult & Geriatric or Paediatric & Neonatal Clinical Nursing. Semester 2 courses focus on core Clinical Practice and choice of elective study track. Core modules' target is to ensure a sound professional quality of the candidates, while the elective modules allow students to configure the Master towards one of four optional study tracks: Crisis Resource Management in Nursing, Adult, Geriatric or Paediatric & Neonatal Emergency and Critical Care Nursing. Semester 3 consists of a Master Thesis project that includes additional specialization through a tutored practicum. The guided research culminates in a report that will be presented and evaluated by the consortium before awarding the joint degree.

Website: <http://www.masternursing.uniovi.es>

Partners:

UNIVERSITY OF OVIEDO, Spain (Co-ordinating institution)
HELSINKI METROPOLIA UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES, Finland
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