

## Degree in Human Nutrition Sciences

### **INTEGRATED COURSE: PRACTICAL ASPECTS IN GENERAL AND SPECIALIST MEDICINE**

**ECTS: 14**

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**ECTS: 5**

**SSD: MED/13**

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### **FREQUENCY**

The attendance is not mandatory.

## **PREREQUISITES**

Knowledge of the basic concepts of:

- anatomy of organs and systems
- human physiology
- pathophysiology of the endocrine system and the cardiovascular system
- nutritional biochemistry
- evaluation of nutritional status and body composition
- physiological nutrition and nutritional needs.

## **LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

The integrated course “Practical Aspects in General and Specialist Medicine” is aimed to provide general knowledge on the anatomy and physiology of the cardiovascular and endocrine systems, as well as the basic notions of the principal diseases in Internal Medicine, Endocrinology, and Cardiology. The student will also know the molecular basis of the metabolic regulation of hunger and satiety and the psychoactive role of food, will be able to analyze the nutritional status in eating and nutrition disorders (DAN), and will know the principles for nutritional rehabilitation in restrictive eating disorders and compulsive.

The student will know the role of nutrition in pathological and physiological conditions (such as pregnancy, breastfeeding, and senescence). At the end of the course, the student will have acquired a detailed knowledge of nutrients and different food groups and will have learned the main risk factors for the principal diseases in Cardiology, Internal Medicine, and Endocrinology. In particular, the course will focus the role of nutrition in treating lipidic disorders, diabetes, and hypertension. The student will evaluate the main dietary patterns to prevent the principal pathologies and the synergy that these can have compared to other lifestyle corrections. He will understand the importance of teamwork in the treatment of DAN, he will be able to interpret the evaluation of body composition via impedance measurement and adipometry, and he will have acquired the basics of nutritional counseling in DAN.

## **LEARNING OUTCOMES**

The student will be able to:

Know the main pathologies of the endocrine system

Know the diagnostic tools most used for the diagnosis and differential diagnosis in Endocrinology

Know the basis of therapeutic approaches to the main pituitary, thyroid, adrenal, gonadal, and phospho-calcium metabolism diseases

Know the role of nutrition in preventing and treating endocrine diseases

Relate dietary style to the genesis of many cardiovascular diseases, in particular atherosclerosis and its consequences, such as coronary heart disease and peripheral vascular diseases.

Personalize individual dietary patterns aimed at correcting the main risk factors

Concretely contribute to the treatment of atherosclerosis, arterial hypertension, heart failure and electrolyte alterations, a possible source of cardiac arrhythmias

know the nutrients, the food groups and the concept of functional foods.

know the critical tools for a proper assessment of nutritional status and eating habits of healthy subjects and patients with relevant disorders in the setting of Internal Medicine.

know the practical aspects of nutrition in different physiological contexts.

know the practical aspects of nutrition in different pathological contexts of Internal Medicine.

Achieve full understanding of the psychogenic role in eating and nutrition disorders.

Acquire the right predisposition for team work.

Recognize the different types of eaters (for reward, compulsive, hedonic, social) and have the basis for structuring a highly personalized nutritional plan.

Understand how to intervene in the primary and secondary prevention of DAN.

Understand the alterations in the nutritional status of DAN and know how to interpret body composition.

**Ability to apply knowledge and understanding**

The objective of the integrated course is the development of analytical methodological capacity. For each individual module, the students will be able to apply the knowledge acquired to each specific situation and be able to identify clinical situations characterized by atypical presentations, proposing an adequate nutritional therapeutic procedure. The students will also have to develop their own learning skills, integrating the knowledges from textbooks with scientific papers, in order to consolidate and to expand their knowledges even independently.

**Communication's skills**

The integrated course promotes communication skills to improve students' individual abilities to argue with effectiveness and expressive precision. These skills will be achieved specifically in teacher-student interactions within different scenarios. Students will learn an adequate technical-scientific language and will develop communication skills that allow an effective relationship in different clinical contexts.

**Autonomy of judgment**

At the end of the course, the student will be able to make general assessments relating to the main topics treated during the lessons. They will be able to independently develop the logical reasoning and strategies aimed to apply the experimental method and to correctly analyze the experimental data. They will be able to interpretate the diagnostic tools used in the clinical practice of internal, endocrine-metabolic, cardiovascular, and eating disorders. The student will have developed the ability to integrate their scientific knowledge acquired by applying it to specific clinical situations, to formulate an appropriate assessment that guides the therapeutic decision-making process.

**Learning ability**

The student will have acquired skills and learning methods to improve their skills in internal medicine, endocrinology, cardiology and eating disorders, also through the consultation of scientific literature.

## **COURSE SYLLABUS**

### **Endocrinology**

Food and eating behavior

General principles of endocrinology

Anatomy and physiology of the endocrine system

Regulation of hormone secretion and negative feedback

Pituitary disease (pituitary adenomas, hyperprolactinemia, GH-related disorders, disorders of pubertal development, hypopituitarism, diabetes insipidus)

Hypogonadism, amenorrhea

Thyroid diseases (thyroiditis, hypothyroidism, hyperthyroidism and thyrotoxicosis, thyroid nodules, thyroid cancer)

Iodine and thyroid

Adrenal disorders (Cushing's syndrome, Addison's disease, endocrine hypertension)

Disorders of calcium-phosphorus metabolism and osteoporosis

Hypovitaminosis D

Hyperandrogenism and polycystic ovary syndrome

Endocrine disruptors

Doping

### **Practical aspects of nutrition in cardiology**

General notes on the cardiovascular system (Anatomy and physiology of the cardiovascular system)

The reasons why the heart and the cardiovascular system get sick.

Cardiovascular risk factors (arterial hypertension, diabetes mellitus, dyslipidemia) and risk calculation.

Arterial hypertension and low-sodium diet

The role of cholesterol in atherogenesis

The DASH, plant based and Mediterranean diet in the prevention of cardiovascular diseases

Coronary heart disease and its clinical manifestations (myocardial infarction, angina pectoris)

Electrolyte alterations and heart

Alcoholic substances and the heart

The importance of dietary style in the prevention of cardiovascular diseases

Physical exercise as prevention and treatment of cardiovascular diseases

Diabetes and cardiovascular diseases

Heart failure

Arrhythmias and cardiac arrest

### **Practical aspects of nutrition in internal medicine**

Introduction to nutrients and foods: macronutrients and micronutrients, nutritional value and function of food, food classification and food groups, functional foods.

Assessment of the nutritional status : clinical and laboratory assessment of the nutritional status, anthropometric measurements, assessment of body composition and basal metabolic rate.

Dietary reference values of Nutrients and Energy for Italian population (LARN).

Assessment of eating habits, practical aspects for dietary planning.

Practical aspects of nutrition in different physiological and functional contexts : nutrition during pregnancy and lactation, nutrition in the elderly, nutrition for sports and exercise.

Practical aspects of nutrition in different pathological contexts : nutrition in cardiometabolic diseases (obesity, diabetes mellitus, dyslipidemias, hypertension, gout), nutrition in gestational diabetes mellitus, nutrition in gastrointestinal disorders (esophageal disorders, gastroesophageal reflux disease, stomach diseases, inflammatory bowel disease, liver

disease, biliary tract disease, disorders of the exocrine pancreas), nutrition in kidney disease, nutrition in lung disease, nutrition for patients with cancer.  
Food intolerance and food allergy in adults. Vegetarian and vegan diets. Ketogenic diets.  
Basic concepts of enteral and parenteral nutrition in Internal Medicine.

### **Practical aspects of eating and nutrition disorders (DNA)**

DNA: diagnosis, incidence, etiology

DNA below threshold

The role of the nutritionist in DNA

Evaluation of nutritional status in DNA

Analysis of body composition in DNA: bioimpedance measurement and stratigraphy of the subcutaneous tissue

Nutritional rehabilitation in anorexia nervosa, bulimia nervosa and binge eating disorder

Nutritional counseling in anorexia nervosa, bulimia nervosa and binge eating disorder

Food addiction, rewards system, and psychoactive role of food

DNA and personality structure

Discussion of clinical cases in DNA

### **TEACHING METHODS**

Video lessons\*

Interactive teaching

\* Each video lesson is approximately 15 minutes.

### **EXAM**

Written test

### **SUGGESTED TEXTBOOK AND BIBLIOGRAPHY**

#### **Endocrinology**

- Material provided by teachers
- Manuale di Endocrinologia, A. Lenzi. Carocci Editore 2023

#### **Practical aspects of nutrition in cardiology**

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- 2023 ESC Guidelines for the management of cardiovascular disease in patients with diabetes: Developed by the task force on the management of cardiovascular disease in patients with diabetes of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC) Nikolaus Marx, Massimo Federici, Katharina Schütt, Dirk Müller-Wieland, Ramzi A Ajjan, Manuel J Antunes, Ruxandra M Christodorescu, Carolyn Crawford, Emanuele Di Angelantonio, Björn Eliasson ...  
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European Heart Journal, Volume 43, Issue 40, 21 October 2022, Pages 3997–4126
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European Heart Journal, Volume 40, Issue 3, 14 January 2019, Pages 237–269

## **Practical aspects of nutrition in internal medicine**

### **Recommended books**

- Manuale di Nutrizione Applicata (a cura di Riccardi, Pacioni, Giacco, Rivellese ; Edizioni Idelson Gnocchi, V Edizione, 2020).
- Dietologia. Alimenti. Alimentazione nel sano e nel malato. Integratori alimentari (a cura di Zangara,

### Useful book

- Tabelle di composizione degli alimenti (Vitale & Giacco; Edizioni Idelson Gnocchi, Edizione 2020).

### Practical aspects of eating and nutrition disorders (DNA)

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