



“La Sapienza” University of Rome II School of Medicine and Surgery

Academic Year 2003-2004

LEVEL II MASTER'S DEGREE IN HEADACHE MEDICINE

The level II Master in Headache Medicine is based on the clinical and scientific experience acquired by the II School of Medicine and Surgery of Rome's “La Sapienza” University, and is aimed at developing excellence among experts in this field of clinical medicine. Its purpose is to promote and disseminate epidemiological, nosographic, genetic, physiopathological, diagnostic, social health, clinical and therapeutic knowledge of the different forms of headache, a disease that has a considerable impact on the general population. This high-level post-graduate course will provide successful applicants with the instruments necessary to make a modern evaluation of headaches that will allow the correct clinico-therapeutic management of affected patients. Course participants will be able to acquire multidisciplinary competences that will enable them to relate to the problems of headache patients by means of the most wide-ranging, inter-cultural skills.

Admission

The Master in Headache Medicine is a one-year course of training in permanent excellence divided into two terms. The maximum number of participants is 30, but the course cannot be activated if the number of registered students is fewer than ten. Applicants must already have a specialist degree, or be holders of a degree awarded on the basis of the previous system, in one of the following disciplines: Medicine and Surgery, Odontology, Pharmacy, Pharmaceutical Technologies, Biotechnologies, Health Economics, Psychology or Sociology. If the number of applications exceeds the number of places available, a Commission of teachers of the Master's course nominated by the Teaching-Scientific Council will draw up a comparative classification of the qualifications presented, which will be published in the activation announcement. If the number of applications is less than the maximum number of places, no selection will be made.

Cost

The cost of the Master is euro 3,000, which must be paid in a single instalment at the time of registration. The Teaching-Scientific Council may assign study grants, which may also be obtained from private or public companies, or other bodies.

Applications

Applications for admission must be sent to the Master's Scientific Secretariat, Centro Cefalee, II Facoltà di Medicina e Chirurgia, Università “La Sapienza” di Roma, A.O. Sant'Andrea, Via di Grottarossa 1035, 00189 Roma, Italy (Tel. +39-0680345250/5684; Fax +39-0680345323; Email paolo.martelletti@uniroma1.it), in such a way as to arrive by 12 December 2003. The application, which must contain the personal details of the candidate (surname, name, date and place of birth, fiscal code) and bear his/her handwritten signature, is to be accompanied by the following documents (on unstamped paper):

- a copy of a valid identity document;
- a degree certificate bearing the final mark, as well as a list of all of the examinations taken and their marks;
- a curriculum vitae et studiorum, containing: the title of the degree thesis, as well as those of any post-graduate Specialisation, Master or Doctorate theses, together with the date on which the degree was awarded and its mark; a list of any other qualifications and certificates, including any certification regarding scientific, teaching and research activities that may be considered useful for the purposes of admission.

Registration

One week after the deadline for the presentation of applications, the classification of the successful candidates will be displayed on the premises of the Master's Scientific Secretariat and publicised on the website www.legaitalianacefalalgici.it/master. The registration must be completed by the successful candidates in accordance with the instructions that can be found on the website of the University: www.infostud.uniroma1.it.

Site

The teaching activities will take place on the teaching premises of the II School of Medicine and Surgery of “La Sapienza” University, as well as in the clinical structures referring to the Sant'Andrea Hospital Headache Centre in Rome.

Rector
Giuseppe D'Ascenzo

Dean
Aldo Vecchione

Scientific Coordinator
Paolo Martelletti

The number of credits necessary to obtain the Master may be reduced in the case of physicians who already possess a post-graduate Specialisation Diploma or another Master's degree. The entity of this reduction will be decided by the Teaching-Scientific Council on the basis of the curriculum of each individual candidate. The maximum reduction is 12 credits (20% of the total).

Duration and objectives

During the one-year course, the participants will be expected to acquire:

- a profound scientific and cultural understanding of headache medicine ranging from a detailed knowledge of the disability caused by the disease and its socio-economic impact, to its pathogenetic mechanisms, clinical aspects, diagnosis and treatment;
- a good knowledge of the instrumental investigations supporting diagnosis;
- the skills necessary to allow complete autonomy in terms of patient management, and the design and performance of research protocols involving patients affected by headache and/or cranio-facial disorders.

It is planned to start the course on 15 January 2004.

Training activities

The indispensable activities required in order to obtain the 60 credits necessary cover the following disciplines:

Human Anatomy, Anesthesia and Reanimation, Molecular Biology, Maxillo-Facial Surgery, Diagnostic Imaging Techniques, Health Economics, Pharmacology, Clinical Pharmacology, Pharmacoeconomics, Physiology, Medical Genetics, Hygiene, Internal Medicine, Occupational Medicine, Neurology, Child Neuropsychiatry, Neuroradiology, Otorhinolaryngiatry, General Pathology, Social Policies.

The course consists of two basic modules and one advanced module, for a total of 60 credits (equal to a minimum of 300 direct teaching hours). The lessons will be divided into two terms and require a commitment of 12 hours a week. The programme for the first term consists of two basic modules, each of which is worth 15 credits (a total of 30 credits), whereas the programme for the second term consists of one advanced module worth 26 credits. There will be an oral test at the end of each module, and the final examination will consist of the preparation and discussion of a thesis (four credits).

Diploma

In order to be awarded the Diploma of Master, a student must have acquired the 60 credits, passed the tests relating to the individual modules, prepared the thesis and passed the final examination. In the case of a serious failure to respect the attendance requirements, little progress or any other behaviour considered reprehensible on the basis of the University Regulations, the Teaching-Scientific Council may decide to suspend or terminate participation in the course. In such cases, the fees paid will not be returned.

Secretariat

For further details, please contact the Master's Scientific Secretariat or consult the website: www.legaitalianacefalalgici.it/master.