



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



Academic Year 2005-2006

MASTER'S DEGREE IN HEADACHE MEDICINE

The Master in Headache Medicine is aimed at developing excellence among experts in this field of clinical medicine. Its purpose is to promote and disseminate epidemiological, nosographic, genetic, pathophysiological, diagnostic, social- health, clinical and therapeutic knowledge 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 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. The Master is included in the Global Campaign to Reduce the Burden of Headache Worldwide (GC), an initiative in collaboration with WHO, and is endorsed by the European Headache Federation.

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 75. Applicants must already have a specialist degree in either one of the following disciplines: Medicine and Surgery, Odontoiatry, Pharmacy, Pharmaceutical Technologies, Biotechnologies, Health Economics, Psychology or Sociology.

The Master in Headache Medicine is not compatible with any contemporary academic course, excluding the High Formation Courses.

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. Scholarships for GC will be available.

Applications

Applications for admission must be sent to: Prof. Paolo Martelletti, Regional Referral Headache Centre, II School of Medicine and Surgery, “La Sapienza” University of Rome, Sant’Andrea Hospital, Via di Grottarossa 1035, I-00189 Rome, Italy (Tel. +39-06-80345250/5684; Fax +39-06-80345323; e-mail paolo.martelletti@uniroma1.it) in such a way as to arrive by 12 December 2005. The application, which must contain the personal details of the candidate (surname, name, date and place of birth) and bear his/her handwritten signature, is to be accompanied by the following documents:

- 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

Site

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

Rector

Giuseppe Guarini

Dean

Aldo Vecchione

Director

Paolo Martelletti

<http://w3.uniroma1.it/headache>. 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.

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.

The course is planned to start on 16 January 2006.

Training activities

The indispensable activities required cover the following disciplines: Molecular Biology, Maxillo-Facial Surgery, Epidemiology, Health Economics, Pharmacology, Clinical Pharmacology, Pharmacoeconomics, Medical Genetics, Public Health, Internal Medicine, Occupational Medicine, Neuroanatomy, Neurology, Child Neuropsychiatry, Neuroradiology, Neurotraumatology, Social Policies, Psychiatry.

The course consists of two basic modules and one advanced module. 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, whereas the programme for the second term consists of one advanced module. 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.

Diploma

In order to be awarded the Diploma of Master, a student must have 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, II School of Medicine and Surgery, “La Sapienza” University of Rome, Via Vitorchiano 81, I-00189 Rome, Italy (Tel +39-06-33274631, Fax +39-06-33274632, e-mail paolo.martelletti@uniroma1.it), or consult the website <http://w3.uniroma1.it/headache>.