



COURSE DATA

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2138 - Master's Degree in Research in and Rational Use of Medicines	Facultat de Farmàcia i Ciències de l'alimentació	1	

SUBJECT-MATTER

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2138 - Master's Degree in Research in and Rational Use of Medicines	Quality of care	ELECTIVES

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SUMMARY

In the healthcare system, one single patient frequently receives attention by numerous professionals from the care circuit, which includes community physicians and specialists, nurses, community and specialist pharmacists, psychologists, among others. In any of these episodes, or the practices, processes and/or structures that supports them, the **pharmaceutical quality and patient safety is not always guarantee**.

The **main objective** of the course is **to design integrated processes that improve the quality pharmacotherapeutic and patient safety**. Particularly, to show its application in higher risk environments, as it is the case of acute patients. And **under a triple perspective**: 1) **individual** (centered on a single patient), 2) **population cluster** (centered on groups of patients at risk) and 3) **system of use of drugs**.

PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE

RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER SUBJECTS OF THE SAME DEGREE

There are no specified enrollment restrictions with other subjects of the curriculum.



OTHER REQUIREMENTS

General knowledge in pharmacotherapy, pharmacokinetics, physiology and physiopathology.

COMPETENCES / LEARNING OUTCOMES

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Analizar la utilización de medicamentos para la buena práctica asistencial. Capacidad para evaluar resultados farmacoterapéuticos.

Be able to access the information required (databases, scientific articles, etc.) and to interpret and use it sensibly.

Be able to access to information tools in other areas of knowledge and use them properly.

Be able to apply the research experience acquired to professional practice both in private companies and in public organisations.

Be able to integrate new technologies in their professional and/or research work.

Be able to make quick and effective decisions in professional or research practice.

Capacidad para desarrollar y proponer procedimientos que contribuyan al uso racional del medicamento.

Critically analyse one's own work and that of colleagues.

Dominar la comunicación científica. Poseer habilidades sociales y comunicativas en la práctica asistencial.

Know how to write and prepare presentations to present and defend them later.

Manejar adecuadamente las fuentes de información biomédica y poseer la habilidad de hacer una valoración crítica de las mismas integrando la información para aportar conocimientos a grupos asistenciales multidisciplinares

Students should apply acquired knowledge to solve problems in unfamiliar contexts within their field of study, including multidisciplinary scenarios.

Students should be able to integrate knowledge and address the complexity of making informed judgments based on incomplete or limited information, including reflections on the social and ethical responsibilities associated with the application of their knowledge and judgments.

Students should communicate conclusions and underlying knowledge clearly and unambiguously to both specialized and non-specialized audiences.

Students should demonstrate self-directed learning skills for continued academic growth.

Students should possess and understand foundational knowledge that enables original thinking and research in the field.



To acquire basic skills to develop laboratory work in biomedical research.

To be able to assess the need to complete the scientific, historical, language, informatics, literature, ethics, social and human background in general, attending conferences, courses or doing complementary activities, self-assessing the contribution of these activities towards a comprehensive development.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS

1. Methodological basis

1. Introduction to the quality in pharmacotherapy and patient safety: methodological basis.
2. Morbidity related with medications: approach to its causes and consequences.
3. Tools for improving the quality in pharmacotherapy and patient safety: analysis cause-root (ACR) and failure mode effects analysis (FMEA).
4. Design of research studies in quality in pharmacotherapy and patient safety.

2. Improvement systems

1. Management of pharmacotherapy: evaluation and selection of drugs, therapeutic protocols, and clinical pathways.
2. Systems of pharmacoterapeutic morbidity prevention: integrated processes into the pharmaceutical chain.
3. Rational use of drugs: strategies for the improvement of the Health Service.

3. Pharmacotherapeutic conciliation and integration between health care levels

1. Health care transition and pharmacoterapeutic continuity on the hospitalized patient.

4. IASER method for the improvement of the quality of pharmacotherapy and safety of patients

1. Detection and prioritization of pharmacotherapy needs of the patients.
2. Identification of patients with opportunities for improvement of pharmacotherapy.
3. Pharmaceutical intervention to prevent and solve morbidity due to pharmacotherapy.
4. Pharmacotherapeutic monitoring of the patient.
5. Evaluation of the pharmacotherapeutic, clinical, pharmacoeconomical, and humanistic results.
6. Validation of quality pharmacoterapeutic programmes. Diffusion of results, indicators and incorporation of improvements.



5. Practical work of pharmacotherapeutic morbidity prevention in high risk patients groups.

1. Practical work in groups of patients selected with the aim of preventing morbidity due to pharmacotherapy

WORKLOAD

PRESENCIAL ACTIVITIES

Activity	Hours
Total hours	0,00

NON PRESENCIAL ACTIVITIES

Activity	Hours
Attendance at other activities	0,00
Individual or group project	40,00
Independent study and work	40,00
Preparation of lessons	20,00
Preparation for assessment activities	0,00
Resolution of case studies	5,00
Total hours	105,00

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

During the activities, both theoretical and practical, the applications of the subject contents in relation to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) will be indicated. This is intended to provide knowledge, skills and motivation to understand and address these SDGs, while promoting reflection and criticism.

Master classes (25 h). They are aimed at obtaining basic knowledge. The presentation of fundamental concepts and relevant contents of the course will be done combining the dogmatic and heuristic methodologies and using suitable audiovisual means. Health professionals, experts in the corresponding topic, will be invited.

Seminars on resolution of cases (25 h). Different problems are proposed to the students who should solve them and discuss the solution during classroom sessions under the supervision of the professor, entailing an active participation of the student.

Workgroup (20 h). 6-8 students, organized in a group, will explore the use of drugs, analyze and evaluate the pharmacotherapy in conflictive situations. At the end of the course each group will do an oral presentation of its resulting paper.

To complete the non-contact hours of **Theory**, the materials provided for face-to-face teaching will be



adapted, incorporating explanatory notes and locutions so that the student can access them at any time. Synchronous or asynchronous videoconferences by the BBC will also be used. Use of the virtual classroom forum to answer questions. For the **practical sessions** of the theoretical content, the use of videoconferences by BbC, the visualization of the \"demos\" carried out by the teacher through videoconference sessions and the completion of the exercises proposed through the \"Task\" option of the virtual classroom, in the established schedule.

The tasks derived from the **work carried out individually and in groups** must be delivered using the \"Task\" option in the virtual classroom.

For **Tutorials**, which will be held at the student's request, email may be used when they cannot be resolved in person.

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EVALUATION

Evaluation of theoretical teaching. Will be performed through continuous assessment and represents 40% of the overall mark.

The assistance of at least 80% of the theoretical classes is required to obtain the minimum in the continuous evaluation.

If the student's attendance at lectures is less than 80%, and his or her absence is justified, the student will be assessed through a written prove on the matter imparted during the theoretical classes.

Individual and group papers. It represents 40% of the overall mark.

Oral exposition of practical work. It represents the 20% of the overall mark.

Evidence of copying or plagiarism in any of the assessable tasks will result in failure to pass the subject and in appropriate disciplinary action being taken. Please note that, in accordance with article 13. d) of the Statute of the University Student (RD 1791/2010, of 30 December), it is the duty of students to refrain from using or participating in dishonest means in assessment tests, assignments or university official documents.

In the event of fraudulent practices, the **"Action Protocol for fraudulent practices at the University of Valencia"** will be applied (ACGUV 123/2020): <https://www.uv.es/sgeneral/Protocols/C83sp.pdf>

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