

Postgraduate Diploma on Swallowing Disorders (Proposal)

The **objectives** of the course are:

- Increase knowledge of dysphagia and related diseases for multidisciplinary personnel, and add to the existing professional knowledge base.
- Train multidisciplinary professionals in the study of dysphagia diseases and in the design and application of preventive and corrective techniques and in the importance of working as a multidisciplinary team.
- Further the development of the professional clinical skills in dysphagia.
- Integrate different perspectives to have larger information on swallowing physiology, dysphagia pathophysiology, assessment, rehabilitation and management as well as clinical training with dysphagia patients.

The **competences** students will acquire are:

- Basic theoretical and clinical knowledge in Dysphagia across the lifespan.
- Ability to critically evaluate the research literature in Dysphagia.
- Basic clinical skills in area of Dysphagia within professional scope of practice (screening and assessment of OD).
- Recognition of the roles and expertise of multidisciplinary team members.

Access requisites. The applicant students must have a qualification:

- an official Spanish/Italian university first degree qualification;
- a university degree issued by a university regulated by the European Higher Education Area (EHEA);
- a university degree issued by a university outside the EHEA framework validated or recognized as adequate qualification for EHEA university postgraduate degree studies.

The **teaching languages** will be English and Spanish depending on registrations (it could be two parallel courses, one on each language). In Milan the course will be in Italian.
All courses will have a component in English.

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