

POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMME ELDERLY CARE 2.0

The growing number of elderly people is one of the major universal social challenges inextricably bound to a rising demand for health care as well as a demand for larger and better trained health workforce in elderly care. Our postgraduate Elderly Care 2.0 is responding to this training need. During a 3-month programme we offer a comprehensive state of the art of interdisciplinary best practices in contemporary caring for the elderly. Moreover, we intend to shape future-oriented health care workers, desperately needed in the North and South, who are trained in gerontological and geriatric knowledge as well as in critical thinking, evidence-based decision-making and problem-solving.

"Cultural differences don't matter. We as care givers are facing the same problems concerning fulfilling clients needs in elderly care."

Yi Chu - Master in Nursing

ARE YOU INTERESTED?

Applicants should at least have an academic Bachelor degree of a minimum of 3 years from a university or another recognized higher education institute/equivalent to a (para)medical profession in Health and Welfare (Lecturer, Researcher, Policy Maker, mid- and senior management staff, Staff Nurse, Physiotherapist, Occupational Therapist, Medical Doctor, Speech Therapist, Dietician) and must be able to prove their proficiency in English (minimum level B2 of the European Reference Framework for Languages). A minimum of two years post-qualifying experience is an asset.

MAIN OBJECTIVES?

On completion of the interdisciplinary program, the student is able to:

- explain the most important geriatric syndromes and the underlying biomedical mechanisms;
- demonstrate a comprehensive vision on healthy and active ageing;
- demonstrate knowledge and understanding of care strategies which optimize the abilities of physically and/or cognitively impaired older people;
- provide appropriate, effective and efficient support, care, advise and education for the older patient, carers, health care professionals and policy makers at micro, meso and macro level;
- use proper assessment in the domain of gerontology and geriatrics;
- demonstrate knowledge and understanding of: policies regarding health and welfare, the impact of population changes regarding social and economic aspects, medical care and cure systems, research opportunities in these area.

PROGRAMME/ORGANIZATION

UC Leuven-Limburg offers a high-level training programme for elderly care professionals based on the classically recognised pillars of geriatric and gerontological sciences. To reinforce critical thinking, evidence-based decision-making and problem-solving skills more interactive teaching methods are applied (together with students by coaching and mentoring e.g. carousel and group discussions, guided independent learning by means of selfstudy assignments, case methods, brainstorming, peer working).

Within this context the training is seen as an interactive and empowering force that enables individuals to achieve a higher understanding about:

1. Elderly Care and the Society (socio-economic and health policy);
2. Biomedical Sciences in Geriatric Care (as promoter of Healthy and Active Ageing);
3. Psycho-geriatric Care (as clinical expert in Psychological Ageing);
4. Geriatric Healthcare Professional as Coach and Innovator (as communicator at micro, meso and macro level).

The programme consists of 30 ECTS.

Lessons will take place during an eleven week period (medio September 2016 - medio December 2016).

Classes will be alternated with weekly study visits.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

LOCATION

Lessons will be held at campus Gasthuisberg, Herestraat 49, 3000 Leuven, Belgium.
There will also be weekly scheduled study visits.

ONLINE

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COST

€ 2950

CERTIFICATION

After the successful completion of all modules and assignments, UC Leuven-Limburg award an official certificate 'Postgraduate Certificate in Elderly Care'.

Registration per module is possible and results in a certificate of achievement.

ADMISSIONS

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