

89. HOSPITAL PEDIATRIC PSYCHOLOGYⁱ

Level II

**Department of Education, Languages, Interculture, Literatures, and Psychology
(FORLILPSI)**

Co-designed master with Meyer University Hospital

Any external bodies and subjects willing to collaborate in various capacities in carrying out the course	AOU Meyer di Firenze - Servizio di Psicologia Ospedaliera Pediatrica
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Practical-professional profile of the course and industry sector of reference	<p>The Master aims to raise awareness of the role and specificity of the Pediatric Psychologist in taking psychological charge of the patient and family in the diagnosis and treatment paths within various departments of a hospital, with the fundamental objective of guaranteeing and spread the principle of the patient's integrated mind-body functioning and his care in terms of physical, mental and social well-being.</p> <p>In particular, the course intends to highlight the role of the hospital Pediatric Psychologist both with regard to the prevention and identification of psychological and social problems connected to the disease, considering its meaning starting from the patient's developmental trajectory and the specificities of the disease. Furthermore, the Master aims to identify the protective factors for the family system and for the expert system (effective communication, networking, elements of bioethics in decision making, positive and narrative psychology interventions, etc.) involved in pediatric chronic disease.</p> <p>The training path proposed by the Master presents a dual direction of innovation for our territory. The first is the multidisciplinary nature of the expertise as the topics will be treated according to the perspective of the doctor, that of the psychologist and that of applied research on the topic. The second is represented by proposing a training path that accompanies, from the initial to the final phase, in taking charge of the patient and his family with references to the specificity of the chronic diseases faced.</p> <p>The master's degree is aimed at psychologists who intend to acquire skills to operate as experts in pediatric psychology in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - various departments of public or private pediatric hospitals;

- public and private socio-health services, aimed at the care of newborns, children and adolescents with organic, functional, genetic pathologies, etc.;
- home care social and health services for newborns, children/adolescents with chronic pathologies and/or disabilities;
- Private and public psychoeducational services;
- Private and public territorial services;
- Home services;
- Territorial services and rehabilitation centers for newborns, children/adolescents affected by organic, functional pathologies, etc.;
- Local authority offices within which policies for the protection of minors with organic, functional, genetic pathologies, etc. are defined.
- In relation to employment opportunities, the professional must also take into account the indications of the National Health Service (NHS) and the requirements required by the latter (degree in psychology, qualification to practice and specialization in psychotherapy).
- The training activities will be divided into modules that include lectures, group work, case analyzes and practical exercises led by experts in the medical-pediatric, psychological-pediatric and pediatric research fields. Furthermore, internships are planned at the AOU Meyer in Florence.
- At the end of the Master the participants will have acquired the ability to answer the health question of:
 - children and adolescents, with actions aimed at the promotion and protection of health and the care and treatment of conditions of discomfort and psychopathology, in order to: promote individual and social development, reduce psychological suffering, prevent and manage emotional distress and psychological (consequent to the development of the disease); facilitate coping methods and treatment adherence; implement resources and skills; promote lifestyles suited to maintaining health;
 - family members, in order to implement parenting skills from birth (offer support and containment for siblings); alleviate the psychological suffering of the family unit in the presence of the disease; promote family support in the presence of serious and disabling illnesses; offer support during phases of change and/or critical moments within the life cycle;
 - healthcare personnel, through training and psychological support, to promote the caregiver-patient-family relationship and understand the defensive dynamics of a complex job.
- The Master is also suitable for doctors, pediatricians and professionals who work in the healthcare sector so that they can implement their knowledge of the psychological implications of organic pathologies and provide their assistance to the patient and family with a global vision; these professionals will be able to deepen their knowledge regarding normal trajectories child development and support good mental health.

Access prerequisites	Master's degree obtained according to the regulations ex D.M. n. 270/2004 or pursuant to Ministerial Decree n. 509/1999: - LM-41 Medicine and Surgery - LM- 51 Psychology - LM/SNT1 Nursing and midwifery sciences - LM/SNT2 Rehabilitation sciences of health professions - LM/SNT3 Sciences of technical health professions - LM/SNT4 Sciences of health professions of prevention
Admission procedure	Selection by qualifications
Duration	9 months
Teaching methods	Presence/distance mode
If remote or mixed mode is proposed, specify: synchronous, a-synchronous, platforms intended to use	Remote activities will take place synchronously through the GMeet platform
Language of instruction	Italian
Attendance requirements	70%
Location of the course	The S. Salvi headquarters of the Department of Education, Languages, Interculture, Literature and Psychology (FORLILPSI) via di San Salvi, 12 San Salvi Complex Pavilion 26, 50135 Florence The headquarters in via Laura 48 of the Department of Education, Languages, Interculture, Literature and Psychology (FORLILPSI) and/or Meyer Health Campus headquarters Via Cosimo Il Vecchio 26, Florence
Foreseen lecture schedule	Lessons will take place on weekends according to a detailed timetable that will be communicated at the beginning of the lessons. It is expected that some weekends will be in-person, others will be in-person synchronous distance
Examinations procedures and schedule	For each integrated course, progress tests will be carried out at the end of the lessons
Final examination	At the end of the course there is a final test which consists of: presentation of a report relating to the type of training activity practical/internship
Description of the activities and training objectives of the internship	Student carry out an internship period aimed at putting into practice the skills acquired during the master's degree. General and specific objectives of the internship: acquisition of knowledge on the illness experience of the hospitalized child and the family in the context of the main organic pathologies. Observational activities are planned to be carried out under the supervision of experts. Specifically, it will involve: Observation of clinical psychological support interviews of outpatients and hospitalized patients, aimed at a psychodiagnostic part and support for the patient and family. Participation in team meetings and seminars, test and interviews.

Available places and enrolment fees	
Full-fee students	
Minimum number	10
Maximum number	20
Enrolment fee	2300 euro
Single Modules	
None planned	

ⁱ This document is a translation of the form A.1 relating to the characteristics of the course attached to the Decree of the Deputy number 652 (record 154925) of 13th of July 2023, drafted in Italian and issued on the Master | Didattica | Università degli Studi di Firenze | UniFI and which therefore constitutes the only official document. This English translation cannot be used for legal purposes and has the sole purpose of supplying information in English on the content of the public notice.