

Faculty of Medicine



CHG 2MC Master complémentaire en chirurgie (Complementary Master of Surgery)



Programme management

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Selection Committee

The Selection Committee for specialist candidate assistant doctors (MACCS, in French) is composed of members of the teaching Committee, to which are added two guest members and two co-opted members.

Study objectives

This complementary master's programme aims to prepare doctors to become officially recognised holders of the specific professional title of Specialist Doctor in Surgery (Ministerial decree of 12.12.2002, published on 20.02.2003).

Admission conditions

- The applicant must hold the degree title of Doctor in Medecine or be a Doctor from a member country of the European Union authorising medical practice in Belgium.
- The applicant must be in possession of a document attesting that, at the end of the selection exams, he was retained as a specialist candidate in Surgery, in a Belgian medical faculty.

The juridical context and practical procedures regarding these selection tests can be obtained from the secretary's office.

Degree holders from outside the European Union are only allowed to register on the programme in the context of procuring a university certificate for partially specialised training for the duration of two years (if they are in the process of doing a specialisation in their country of origin) or for an in-depth specialised training course for the duration of one year (if they are already recognised as specialists in their own country).

The Royal Decree of the 30.05.2002, relating to the planning of the medical offer for the public, published on 14.06.2002, applies to those candidates wishing to obtain the title of specialist doctor in Surgery (those candidates are thus counted among the general practitioner candidates or specialists in the context of the numerus clausus).

Admission procedures

Applications for admission must be addressed to the academic supervisor.

The organisation of the entrance selection tests is arranged in accordance with the calendar and the general examination rules and regulations.

General structure of the programme

The training course includes full time apprenticeships in recognised services and teaching centres. It lasts for at least six years, full-time. The apprenticeship project established by the university promotor must be approved by the ministerial validation committee for the speciality. These periods of practical training include being on call.

Programme content

Parallel to the practical training, the specialist candidate will follow a university training programme organised as follows :

First part - Foundation studies

These two years of training consist of :

- theory : directives on operator and surgical techniques, including general pathology, loco-regional and general anaesthesia, resuscitation, traumatology and emergency care.
- seminars (including 6 hours of training on communication)
- supervised hospital training, organised within the apprenticeship services.

The theoretical sessions of the first two years form part of the specific university training programme (FUS, in French).

Second part - Higher studies

Four years of training, consisting of :

- seminars (disciplinary and inter-disciplinary seminars on thoracic and vascular surgery, digestive and pediatric surgery, organ transplants).
- supervised hospital training (clinical demonstrations of digestive and general surgery, organ transplant surgery, vascular and thoracic surgery).

Evaluation

Ongoing evaluation is assured by the practical training supervisor and the results are passed on to the president of the committee by means of a special form. Annual evaluation is carried out on the basis of these forms and includes assessment of effective participation in the training (both university-based and organised by scientific firms).

Federal exams are organised by the Ministry of Public Health in the 2nd and 6th years of the programme (final exams).

Further to the application of the Royal Decree of 16 March, 1999, at the end of the first two years of training, the candidate will receive an attestation proving that he has successfully accomplished a specific university training course.

Registration for the final exams is only authorised if the candidate has published an article and a paper in connection with the speciality.

Upon fulfilment of the above-described training requirements, the teaching committee will award the academic title in Surgery. This title does not replace official recognition by the ministerial validation committee. It attests the successful completion of an academic and scientific study programme in the context of specialised training leading to this validation.