

Faculty of Medicine



GAEN2MC Master complémentaire en gastro-entérologie (Complementary Master of Gastroenterology)



Programme management

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Selection Committee

The Selection Committee for candidate specialist assistant doctors (MACCS, in French) is composed of the 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 Gastroenterology (Ministerial Decree of 9.03.1979, published on 15.03.1979) modified by the Ministerial Decree of 18.03.2004, published on 14.05.12004.

Admission conditions

First part

- 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 Gastroenterology, 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 Cardiology (those candidates are thus counted among the general practitioner candidates or specialists in the context of the numerus clausus).

Second part

- Candidates must have satisfied the requirements of the first exam of the specialised study degree in Internal Medicine.

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, and comprises three years of foundation studies in Internal Medicine and a higher training of three years in Gastroenterology. The apprenticeship project established by the university promoter must be approved by the ministerial validation committee for the speciality. These periods of practical training include being on call.

Programme content

First part - Foundation programme

Three years, full-time, consisting of :

- Hospital work experience in practical training services, under the supervision of special practical training supervisors approved by the Ministerial Committee and recognised by the teaching committee of Internal Medicine.
- Theory
- Seminars
- A period of supervised clinical training

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

Second part - Higher studies

Three years, full-time, consisting of :

- Hospital apprenticeship periods in practical training services and under the guidance of training supervisors approved by the Ministerial Committee and recognised by the teaching committee of Gastroenterology.
- Theoretical sessions (common courses, UCL-ULB) : Theoretical bases on digestive endoscopy, theoretical bases on functional digestive explorations, Physiopathology and therapy for liver and biliary tract diseases. Demonstrations of functional exploratory techniques.
- Seminars : Seminar on Gastroenterology, Pluridisciplinary seminar on Gastroenterology.
- A supervised apprenticeship in a hospital : Demonstrations on gastroenterological endoscopies.

Evaluation

Semestrial clinical evaluations : these evaluations are established (in writing) by the practical training supervisor for each candidate and focus on different items. The evaluations of all of the candidates are reviewed during the two semestrial meetings by the ensemble of the practical training supervisors.

First part

At the end of these three years of training, each candidate will be evaluated during the course of an interview aimed at testing his general knowledge in internal medicine.

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

Second part

The writing and presentation, before the committee, of a **thesis** (20-25 pages) drafted in the form of a scientific article, destined for publication, in relation with a subject linked to Gastroenterology.

Upon fulfilment of the above-described training requirements, the teaching committee will award the academic title in Gastroenterology.

This title does not replace official recognition by the ministerial validation committee. It attests to the successful completion of an academic and scientific study programme in the context of specialised training leading to this validation.