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Practice Resources

Endocrinology Master's Degree in Italy

Physicians interested in earning a 60-credits master's degree in endocrinology and living awhile in Sicily, Italy, can do both under a unique 16-week program established for English speakers at the University of Messina. The program has, to date, attracted a predominance of general practitioners, endocrinologists, pediatricians, gynecologists, nuclear medicine specialists, and pathologists. dermatologists.

Titled "Childhood, Adolescent and Women's Endocrine Health," the program was devised by Salvatore Benvenga, M.D., and launched in 2003. It grants admits up to 10 degrees physicians and up to 10 nonphysicians per year. Dr. Benvenga is professor of medicine and chief, Program of Molecular and Clinical Endocrinology, and director of the Master's on Children and Women's Endocrine Health Policy at the University of Messina. The program has been endorsed by the Italian Society of Endocrinology.

Content

The master's degree comprises four modules, childhood and adolescence, women in the fertile age, women in the menopausal age, and endocrine and metabolic emergencies. Clinical stages (only for physicians) and interactive teaching modalities are a major features of the master.

Qualifications

Candidates must have an M.D. to complete all four modules and earn a degree with a diploma. However, graduates in other areas, such as psychology or law, may attend some sessions one or more modules and earn a certificate of attendance on passing a test.

Timeline

The next round of teaching runs from January 14, 2008 to July 4, 2008. Applications for the following year's courses are due by December 30, 2007.

Fees

Tuition and fees for the 2007–2008 course total 2,970 2,700 Euros. Single modules cost 850 750 Euros each, including fees.

Accommodation

The university has arranged special discounts at downtown hotels for attendees from abroad.

For more information about the program, visit the University of Messina Web site at www.unime.it or contact Dr. Benvenga at s.benvenga@me.nettuno.it.