

## Annual Calendar of the Curriculum

The annual calendar is organised from October 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup> of each year. During the year, the following holidays from learning activities, both at the classroom and at the clinical training level, are provided.

**Christmas Holidays** = from December 21<sup>st</sup> to January 7<sup>th</sup>

**Easter Holidays** = from Holy Thursday to Tuesday

**Summer Holidays** = from 1st to 31st August

During national holidays (April 25<sup>th</sup>, May<sup>1st</sup>, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, July 12<sup>th</sup>, September 8<sup>th</sup>, November 1<sup>st</sup>, and December 8<sup>th</sup>) students may attend the training placement but only with the clinical tutor as the presence of the university tutor is not guaranteed.

### Clinical training opportunities for Erasmus students

The organisation of training activities for Erasmus students may take place - both in Udine and Pordenone provinces, in the following health care settings:

**Azienda Sanitaria Universitaria Friuli Centrale** – which includes Udine Academic Hospital accredited by Joint Commission International, that offering clinical placements in:

General Surgery, Orthopaedic Ward, General Medicine and Pneumological Ward, Intensive Care Unit, Intensive Coronary Unit and Cardiology, Casualty & Emergency Unit, Paediatric and Ward, Neuroscience department, Haematology - Oncology Units. Furthermore it includes Primary Care and Mental Health Department. (mental health only for student Italian speaking)

**Aziende Sanitaria Friuli Occidentale** - which includes Hospitals and Primary Care. settings It is possible to offer a clinical practice in Community Care, and Mental Health, (Mental Health only for student Italian speaking), In **Pordenone Hospital** the following clinical placements are offered: Surgery and Orthopaedic Unit, Intensive Care Unit, Post Operative Intensive Unit, Emergency Department Unit.

**IRCCS Centro di Riferimento Oncologico di Aviano** - Oncological Research Hospital, which offers the following clinical placements: Oncological ward and oncology Surgery, Palliative Oncological Care Centre – Hospice “Via di Natale” Aviano.

In all clinical training settings, the Erasmus student is under the supervision of a clinical tutor who works with the university tutor in order to assure the best clinical learning experience.

In order to achieve progressively all established learning aims, periodic briefing and debriefing sessions are offered – before, during and after each clinical placement - with both the university and the clinical tutor. For those Erasmus students speaking only English, a clinical tutor capable of speaking in English is available.

Based on the Bilateral Agreements between the University and the above-mentioned Clinical Trusts, aiming to ensure a variety of effective learning opportunities, we recommend considering the Fall semester. During Spring, the clinical placements opportunities are limited due to the contemporary presence in the clinical settings of local nursing students and other health-care students.

## Admission process and contact

For those incoming students who are interested, the following steps are recommended in designing and implementing the Erasmus project.

The International Students Service (ISS), which guarantees administrative procedures for the start and close of the Erasmus+ programme. All incoming students must be formally nominated by their Home University. The Home University will send the nomination letter by e-mail to [iss@uniud.it](mailto:iss@uniud.it) **before May 15<sup>th</sup>** (Fall term) and **September 30<sup>th</sup>** (Spring term).

See more detail at: <http://www.uniud.it/en/uniud-international/incoming-exchange-students>

The ISS will guide incoming participants in finding accommodation – in Udine or Pordenone, according to the requirements of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education. Information and assistance can be provided by the following persons and information sources:

<http://www.uniud.it/en/uniud-international/incoming-exchange-students/pre-arrival-information/accommodation-in-udine>

The Academic Erasmus coordinators of the NBDC who have responsibility for the clinical training plan for incoming and outgoing students.

Academic Erasmus Coordinator contacts:

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In order to be admitted to the clinical settings, students must present their **Health Certificate for working purpose** signed by own Institution/General Practitioner, including the following tests: Liver function enzymes (AST, ALT, GPT), total and fractionated bilirubin, serum glucose test, renal function test (serum creatinine) blood count cells (white and red cells, platelets, haemoglobin, ...), routine urine test, Screening tests for antibody to HCV HBsAg, HBsAb, HIV (within the last 3 months), Tuberculosis test (Mantoux or IGRA in the within the last 12 months), health certificate for work purposes. It is also necessary to have done the following mandatory vaccinations: Hepatitis B, Measles, Mumps & Rubella and Varicella.

Certification is also required regarding knowledge/skills achieved of Individual Protection Devices (IPD) – for the examinations taken with regard to safety issues in the work/learning environments, as well as any certification obtained regarding fire response skills, ergonomic precautions for safe patient mobilization, Basic Life Support and Defibrillation skills.

### Further opportunities

Welcome and Guidance are offered to incoming students by the International Nursing Student Group. In Udine and Pordenone, there is a buddy student service, providing support for the socialisation process.

Students may also take part in a summer course of Italian Language for students from every part of the world; access the University Library System and the Hospital library of Udine and the Scientific Library System of the Pordenone area.

## NURSING BACHELOR, UDINE UNIVERSITY



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# Training opportunities for the Erasmus+ Traineeship Programme

## Nursing Bachelor Degree Course

The Nursing Bachelor Degree Course (NBDC) is affiliated with the Medical Department of Udine University. Please visit: [http://www.uniud.it/en/education/offer/courses/medical-area/medicine/bachelor-degree-courses-undergraduate-180-ects/nursing?set\\_language=en](http://www.uniud.it/en/education/offer/courses/medical-area/medicine/bachelor-degree-courses-undergraduate-180-ects/nursing?set_language=en)

**The Degree programme is organised between two campuses:**

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## Brief Course Presentation

The Nursing Curriculum, which lasts three years, is based on the principles of the Bologna Declaration and a national set of rules, providing 180 University Educational Credits (Crediti Formativi Universitari, CFU), of which 60 are dedicated to clinical training.

The learning objectives are inspired by the Dublin descriptors and provide the application of knowledge and problem understanding within the nursing domain, independent decision-making, communicating abilities and independent learning.

The Nursing Curriculum includes: General and Clinical Nursing, Biomedical and Human Sciences focused on the individual, to the family, to the community of all ages among different health conditions, as indicated in **Table I**.

**Clinical training** is offered by the hospitals and community health care services within Udine and Pordenone provinces. The clinical training experience is inspired by the experiential learning model defined by White & Evan (1991, Figure 1), facilitated by University and Clinical Tutors (mentors).

**University tutors** are registered nurses with advanced education, usually at the Masters Level, who provide full-time tutorship functions: they assure individual and group-based tutorship during clinical placement, offering briefing and debriefing sections, developing, implementing and evaluating overall the clinical learning experiences of the students; they also offer individual tutorship for students requiring specific support.

**Clinical tutors** are expert registered clinical nurses, with at least two years of clinical experience in a specific field, who are responsible for the students' clinical learning process; they assure the quality of the safety care provided by the students towards patients. Clinical Tutors ensure consistent clinical training in accordance with programmed learning aims, organise and monitor the progress of the educational strategy.

Year	Theoretical Courses	CFU	Semester
I	Essential Nursing Concepts and the Health Care Relationship	8	October - March
	Work Environment Prevention and Safety	5	October - January
	Fundamental biological Mechanisms	5	October - January
	Morpho-Functional Bases of the Human Body	7	October - March
	Essentials of Pathology	5	October - March
	Clinical Nursing	7	October - March
	Laboratories I	1	October - March
	Clinical Training	16	Spring - Summer
	English Course (B1 Standard Level)	3	Winter - Summer
	Computer Science	3	
II	Clinical Nursing in the Surgical Area	7	October - January
	Clinical Nursing in the Medical Area	8	October - January
	Clinical Nursing in the Oncological Area	4	October - January
	Application of Therapeutic Pathways	4	October - January
	Clinical Nursing in Specialised Surgical Areas	4	April - May
	Clinical Nursing in Chronic and Disability Conditions	6	April - May
	Laboratories II	1	April - May
	Clinical Training	20	Winter - Summer
III	Clinical Risk Management and Patient Safety	11	October - February
	Clinical Nursing in Emergency and Critical Care	6	October - February
	Clinical Nursing in the Maternal/Paediatric Area	4	October - February
	Community Nursing	5	October - February
	Laboratories III	1	October - Sept.
	Clinical Training (Hospital and Community Settings)	24	From February to July
	Seminars	3	
	Elective Modules	6	
Final Examination (Thesis Dissertation and National Licensing)	6		
<b>Total</b>		<b>180</b>	

**Figure 1: The clinical learning cycle of the Bachelors in Nursing Science**

