

CALL FOR ADMISSION TO THE BSc. DEGREE IN PHYSIOTHERAPY

Academic Year 2020/2021

(Level 6 MQF, 240 ECTS)

GENERAL DIRECTOR

The Bachelor Degree in Physiotherapy accredited by the National Commission for Further and Higher Education of Malta (NCFHE) with license n.2015-011, duration four years full time (240 ECTS, Level 6 MFQ) will be effective for the Academic Year 2020/2021.

By resolution of 9 July 2020, UCM's Board of Directors approved the report submitted by the Director of the BSc. Degrees in Physiotherapy, which listed **70 (seventy) places available**, divided as follows:

- 30 (thirty) for the Malta branch, of which 20 are reserved for Maltese students;
- 40 (forty) places for the Messina branch.

DECREES

Art. 1 - Requirements for application

Students in possession of a five-year secondary education qualification may apply.

Art. 2 - Contents of the admission test and evaluation criteria

Access to the Degree Course in Physiotherapy will be allowed after passing a special admission test which will take place on September 28, 2020, at **11.00 a.m. at the Messina branch, Istituto San Giovanni Bosco, Via Brescia, 5 - 98124 Messina (ME)**.

The admission test consists in sixty (60) questions on topics of general knowledge and logical reasoning, biology, chemistry, physics, mathematics; each question will have five answer options and students have to mark only the correct one.

The admission test will **begin at 11.00 a.m.** and **100 minutes** will be allocated for it.

A maximum of **ninety (90) points** will be awarded for the evaluation of the tests taking into account the following criteria:

- 1,5 points for each correct answer;
- minus 0.4 points for each incorrect answer;
- 0 points for each answer omitted.

Applicants will be considered eligible only if they have obtained a score above zero (0).

Applicants who have not answered any questions will not be ranked.

In the case of a tie, the score obtained by the applicant for the solution, in descending order, of the

questions relating to logical reasoning, general knowledge, biology, chemistry, physics and mathematics, respectively, will prevail.

In case of further tie, the youngest applicant will be selected.

Art. 3 - Appointment of the Board

The Board of the competition, composed of teachers and UCM staff, will be appointed by a special measure after the deadline of the Call for Admission.

Art. 4 - Application to participate in the competition

To take part in the competition referred to in this decree, EU and non-EU applicants must pre-register exclusively online, at www.ucm.edu.mt, and follow the instructions given in the relevant notice.

At the end of the pre-registration procedure, on the UCM portal, the notice of payment of €150.00 (euro one hundred and fifty.00) for the registration fee for the competition will be generated, to be paid without delay **by 4.00 p.m. on 25 September 2020** under penalty of exclusion from the test.

The pre-registration procedure will be open **until 12.00 pm on 25 September 2020**; then, the link will be deactivated and it will no longer be possible to complete the pre-registration application.

The sum of €150.00 (euro one hundred and fifty.00), paid as a contribution for participation in the competition, is not refundable.

Art. 5 - Applicants with disabilities and applicants with SLDs

Applicants with disabilities will have to express their needs in order to allow for the organization of the test to take them into account. These applicants will be granted an additional time not exceeding 50% the time defined for the admission tests in the previous Art.2 of this Decree.

In particular, the applicant with a disability must specify, by means of an explicit written request attached to the application form, any necessary help in relation to his/her disability documented by a suitable certificate issued by the public health facility competent for the area.

Applicants with specific learning disorders (SLDs) must produce appropriate certification issued no more than three years before by National Health Service facilities or by facilities and specialists accredited by it. These applicants will be granted 30% more time than the time established for the admission tests referred to in the previous Art.2 of this Decree.

The above mentioned application, accompanied by the necessary certifications, must be sent without delay by 12.30 pm on 15 September 2020, by e-mail, to admissiontest@ucm.edu.mt, under penalty of exclusion.

The IT documents attached to the above e-mail (the duly signed application, any attachments and the

applicant's identity document) must be produced in static, non-editable format ("image" or PDF) and with a size not exceeding 4 MB (black and white scanning is recommended).

For any information, applicants can contact UCM Malta branch directly, at the following address: Panta House, Valley Road, Msida, MSD 9024 or sending a request to info@ucm.edu.mt

Art. 6 - Execution of the admission test

The admission test will take place on **September 28, 2020 at the Messina branch, Istituto San Giovanni Bosco, Via Brescia, 5 - 98124 Messina (ME)** for a maximum time of 100 (one hundred) minutes.

The test will begin at 11.00 am.

Applicants must present themselves at 10.00 a.m. at the entrance to the classrooms where the admission tests will take place, accompanied by a valid identity document and a receipt of the €150.00 fee paid for participation in the test.

The identity of the applicants will be verified at the entrance to the classrooms.

The test will be held in accordance with the following rules

- a) A black pen provided by UCM shall be used to complete the answer form;
- b) Applicants are forbidden to interact with each other during the test, to introduce and/or use mobile phones, palmtops, smartphones, smartwatches, tablets, earphones or other similar equipment in the classrooms, as well as to introduce and/or use pens, pencils, stationery (or any other instrument suitable for writing) in the applicant's personal possession and/or to introduce and/or use manuals, school texts, as well as reproductions, even partial ones, handwritten notes, blank sheets and reference material;
- c) the applicant must fill in the personal data sheet and sign it also for the purposes of certifying that the data referred to in point (g) below correspond when submitting the paper;
- d) the applicant will tick the chosen answer by placing an X in the corresponding box. You may correct the answer you have already given to a question only once, taking care to completely blacken the box previously marked with an X and choose another one: in any case, only one X in only one of the five boxes must appear in order to be given the relevant score;
- f) At the end of the test, the applicant will be invited to reach a location at a suitable distance from the Board where he/she will be asked to choose a pair of adhesive labels present there. Each label must be affixed on the answer form and on the personal data sheet by the applicant who will have to make sure that the alphanumeric codes on the labels of the chosen pair correspond. Then, the applicant has to sign the declaration on the truthfulness of the personal data and the

correspondence of the label codes applied to the personal data sheet and the answer form, at the bottom of the personal data sheet and using a pen provided by UCM exclusively. At the end of these operations, the applicant is requested to place the personal data sheet in the closed container at the dedicated workstation and the answer form in the closed container at the board workstation.

The following are grounds for the cancellation of the test:

1. the conduct of the test in an examination room other than the one in which the applicant is registered, unless the change has been authorized and recorded in the minutes by the Examination Board;
2. the introduction and the use in the classroom of mobile phones, palmtops, smartphones, smartwatches, tablets, earphones or other similar equipment, manuals, school texts and/or reproductions, even partial ones, handwritten notes and reference material;
3. the signature or markings of the applicant or a member of the Board on the answer form (both front and back);
4. the interaction between the applicants and/or attempts to copy and/or exchange any material, including the exchange of personal details and/or answer forms, in the possession of the applicants.

The cancellation of the test will be ordered by the Board.

Each applicant will be given an individual envelope, containing:

1. a personal data sheet without any identification code;
2. the questions related to the admission test, bearing the identification code of the envelope.

Any corrections or marks made by the applicant on the personal data sheet will not lead to its replacement. The personal data sheet will only be replaced if the signs or corrections made by the applicant make it objectively difficult to identify the applicant: in this case, the Board will provide a replacement personal data sheet taken from one of the reserve packages and record the operation in the minutes. The replacement of the personal data sheet will not, in any case, result in the replacement of the entire envelope.

Art. 7 – Results and matriculation

On the basis of the score obtained in the test, calculated in accordance with Art. 2 above, a single list will be drawn up.

Matriculation to the Degree Courses will be open until the available places run out and, in any case, no later than **October 15, 2020**.

The list of qualified applicants will be published on the website www.ucm.edu.mt

Art. 8 – Final provisions

We reiterate the obligation to comply with the terms and provisions set out in this Call for Admission. UCM reserves the right, at any time, to exclude applicants from the test announced in this Call for Admission in the event of failure to comply with the provisions of this Call for Admission or with the deadlines specified herein or for failure to meet the requirements.

Art. 9 - Mandatory vaccinations for students enrolled in the BSc. Degrees in Physiotherapy

The selected student, on enrolment, will declare his/her commitment to undergo a TB test to be carried out within 60 days of enrolment using the Mantoux technique, in accordance with the guidelines for the control of tuberculosis, which regulates antitubercular vaccination; this test will be carried out at the local health authority.

By January 31, 2021 students must send their health certifications by e-mail to admissiontest@ucm.edu.mt.

Failure to comply with these deadlines will result in the administrative blockage of the student's career.

Art. 10 - Information on the protection of personal data

The information regarding the processing of applicants' personal data refers to the General Regulation of the European Union on Data Protection no. 679 of 2016.

Malta, August 3, 2020



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