

As part of the special admissions contest for international students, provided for in Decree-Law no. 36/2014 of 10-03 and subject to the regulations of the University Institute of Health Sciences (IUCS – *Instituto Universitário de Ciências de Saúde*), which are available on its website, the deadlines and conditions for admission in 2019-2020 have been made public:

1. Scientific subjects/exams and places:

COURS	Scientific subjects of the specific academic qualification (a)	PLACES (b) (c)
Dental Medicine	Biology and geology	4 + 20 (d)
Psychology	Biology and geology or Philosophy or Physics and chemistry or	8
Pharmaceutical Sciences	Biology and geology	12
Biochemistry	Biology and geology or Physics and chemistry or Mathematics	4
Nutrition Sciences	Biology and geology	6
Biomedical Sciences	Biology and geology or Physics and chemistry or Mathematics	12
Forensic Laboratory Sciences	Biology and geology or Physics and chemistry or Mathematics	9

(a) Must be verified through documentary evidence submitted at the time of application or verified through a written exam to be taken at the IUCS; the exam benchmarks are available on the website <sup>1</sup>.

(b) Places pending publication of an ordinance by the Minister of Science, Technology and Higher Education and requested clarification on the maximum number of places.

(c) Bachelor/integrated master courses will only operate if a minimum of 20 students enroll in the 1<sup>st</sup> year of the course, independently of the admissions contest regime through which they apply.

(d) In 2019-2020 and for Dental Medicine, there are 2 place quotas: 4 places that are reserved for students participating in the protocol between the IUCS and the Caetana Herédia University of Peru, and the general quota with 20 places.

2. Required minimum grades in specific academic qualifications

Successful completion of higher education access qualifications in the country of origin, in accordance with the respective classification system or, if Portuguese, a grade of 95 out of 200 points.

3. Mandatory documents to submit at the time of application

- a) Application form;
- b) A statement regarding placement, following the approved model, for non-European Union students (see on the website; clarification from SEF regarding nationality/residence requirements);
- c) Personal identification document or passport;
- d) Diploma or academic transcript of courses conferring access to higher education, showing the grades earned, and which must be authenticated by the official education services of the respective country (MEC in Brazil, for example) and be recognized by the diplomatic or consular authority for Portugal in that country (or carry a Hague Convention apostille).
- e) Document issued by a competent authority attesting to the applicant's qualifications and that these grant him or her access to higher education in the country in which they were conferred, unless that documentation already exists at CESPU;
- e) Original copy of a Portuguese diploma of secondary education or legal equivalent, when applicable;
- d) Declaration from SEF regarding duration of residence in Portugal or a certificate of foreign residence;
- f) Certificate of training in the Portuguese language for evaluation of suitability, when applicable.

Foreign documents originally issued in any language other than Portuguese, Spanish, French, English or Italian must be submitted accompanied by a translation that has been recognized by the Portuguese diplomatic or consular authority of that country (or carry a Hague apostille).

<sup>1</sup>See <https://www.cespu.pt/ensino/candidaturas/concurso-especial-para-estudantes-internacionais>

4. Deadlines:	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> phase	3 <sup>rd</sup> phase
Application	05 to 22 February/19	15 April to 03 May/19	01 July to 06
Notice of provisional results	04 March/19	20 May/19	16 September/19
Appeals	06 to 08 March/19	20 to 23 May/19	16 to 19 September/19
Written exams (when applicable)	25 March/19	3 June/19	20 September/19
Notice of final results	27 March/19	5 June/19	24 September/19
Appeals	27 March to 02 April/19	5 to 11 June/19	24 to 26 September/19
Enrollment	Until 05 April 2019	Until 17 June 2019	Until 27 September 2019

(D) Possible phase, to be published in a Notice for all places left unfilled. New phases, to be held at a later date, may be established. (e) Rescheduling of exams in each phase – courses with:

- fewer applicants than the number of available places: exceptionally, a new date may be authorized upon submission of a well-founded written request;

- the number of applicants exceeds the number of available places: rescheduling is not authorized, but admitted applicants may conditionally

re-apply to a possible later phase with a waiver of application fees, if they can justify missing the exam.

#### 5. Nationality/residence requirements, conditions of access and admission

Those stipulated in the special admissions contest regulations for international IUCS students, available on the website.

#### 6. Prerequisites:

Medical declaration, to be submitted at the time of enrollment for all courses and following the approved model

#### 7. Fees:

- Application: 200€ - Application without credit transfer  
350€ - Application with credit transfer (See attachment I)
- Enrollment: €300
- Insurance: 35€ (simple) or 150€ (extra)
- Tuition: The same as for all other

#### 8. Applicant placement

To clarify the content of no. 2 of Art. 9 and Art. 13 of the special admissions contest regulations for international students of IUCS, applicants will be ranked according to the final grades achieved in one of the following exams, on the scale or conversion to the scale of 0 to 200 points:

- i. Entrance exams held in Portugal;
- ii. Higher education access exam taken in the same scientific area in the country of origin; only applicable when the student submits documents, and these are considered adequate, that provide evidence of the grades obtained in the specific component (for example, Biology), the grading scale used and the respective course contents;
- iii. Exam completed at IUCS;
- iv. Secondary school and/or university subjects in the same area as the required access exam (applicants who do not possess/cannot provide documentary evidence of the exams mentioned in i. and ii. and who can prove sufficient knowledge, through documentary evidence, to support the decision to waive the IUCS exam: grades earned in the subject areas of the required access exam - for example, Biology, the respective course contents, information on the grading scale used).

Gandra, 5 February 2019

The Dean,

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## ATTACHMENT I - APPLICATION WITH CREDIT TRANSFER

Applicants to the special application contest for international students may request that their application include an assessment for the transfer of course credits under the following terms:

### 1. TYPE OF TRAINING THAT CAN BE ASSESSED FOR CREDIT TRANSFER:

- a. Higher education in a degree program - training completed as part of another higher education degree program, taught at Portuguese or foreign institutions of higher education, obtained before or after the course framework changes instituted by the Bologna Process;
- b. Individual subjects - course units completed with passing grades in Portugal, under the terms of Article 46-A Of Decree-Law 74/2006, altered and republished by Decree-Law 65/2018 of 16 August.
- c. Higher education in a non-degree program - training completed as part of a non-degree-conferring program, taught at a Portuguese or foreign establishment of higher education;
- d. Informal training - other training not encompassed by the above subsections.

### 2. MANDATORY DOCUMENTS TO SUBMIT AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION:

#### 2.1. Accreditation of training listed in all subsections of number 1, except d).

Only those requests for credit transfer accompanied by original or certified copies of the following documents will be considered:

- a. the course curriculum of the program,
- b. certificate of the grades earned in each subject or course unit,
- c. respective course content,
- d. the course hour load for all subjects or course units completed with a passing grade (if this information is not included in a);
- e. Exclusively for the transfer of credits included in subsections a and c of number 1: a document issued by NARIC-Portugal stating that the course is defined as a higher education course under the legislation of the country of origin;
- f. Diploma Supplement, when applicable or possible.

For foreign qualifications, all copies of documents must be authenticated by the official education services of the respective country and recognized by the Portuguese diplomatic or consular authority (or carry a Hague Convention apostille) or be original documents issued by the institution of higher education.

#### 2.2. Accreditation of training listed in subsection d. of number 1:

The credit transfer request must be accompanied by original or authenticated copies of the certificates or transcripts that provide proof of the grades earned (when applicable), the course content and hour load of the completed modules or subjects, as well as the program's course curriculum.

2.3 Foreign documents originally issued in any language other than Portuguese, Spanish, French, English or Italian must be submitted accompanied by a translation that has been recognized by the Portuguese diplomatic or consular authority of that country (or carry a Hague Convention apostille).

### 3. LIMITS: Credit transfers are subject to the maximum limits provided for by law and foreseen in the credit transfer regulations of the IUCS.

### 4. FEES

In addition to the application with credit transfer fee (350€), there is an additional credit transfer fee of 5€ per ECTS credit transferred above 60 ECTS, to be paid at the time of enrollment (the 350€ application fee includes the transfer of 60 ECTS). Students requesting no more than 60 ECTS of transfer credits do not pay additional credit transfer

fees.