

LASALUS

Professionalization on Result-based Healthcare Management through Distance Education and Simulation-Based Training

Funded by the European Commission (EC) through the Erasmus+ Programme of the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA)

1. Consortium composition

Coordinating Institution: Universidad ISALUD

Partner Institutions:

European Universities:

- 1) Università degli Studi di Roma “La Sapienza” (UNIROMA1), from Italy.
- 2) Università degli Studi di Pavia (UNIPV), from Italy.
- 3) Universidad Pública de Navarra (UPNA), from Spain.
- 4) Ecole des Hautes Études en Santé Publique (EHESP), from France.

Latin-American Universities:

- 1) Universidad Pública de Buenos Aires (UBA)
- 2) Universidad Evangélica de El Salvador (UEES)
- 3) Universidad Nueva San Salvador (UNSSA)
- 4) Universidad Gran Asunción del Paraguay (UNIGRAN)
- 5) Universidad Iberoamericana del Paraguay (UNIBE)
- 6) Universidad ISALUD de la Argentina

Technology Development Partner:

Consorzio di Bioingegneria e Informatica Medica (CBIM) di Pavia

Associated Institutions:

- 1) Ministero della Salud Italiano
- 2) Organización Iberoamericana de la Seguridad Social (OISS)
- 3) Federación de Asociaciones de Trabajadores de la Sanidad Argentina (FATSA)
- 4) CIRNA ONLUS Foundation of Pavia

2. Aims and Objectives

Aims

- 1) To support the modernization, accessibility and internationalization of higher education in the field of Health Care Management in LA Countries, in cooperation with HEIs from EU which are willing to bring their expertise and experience related to the specific objectives of the project;
- 2) To support LA Countries in their improvement of quality, relevance, equity of access, planning, and delivery of training offers in Health Care Management of their Higher Education Institutions (HEIs);
- 3) To contribute to the development of sustainable and inclusive socio-economic growth in LA Countries, as well as an increased social cohesion and equity, thanks to a better access to enhanced quality and efficient health care services by means of an improved management of those healthcare services;
- 4) To reinforce education in response to today's main challenges of LA countries (employment, economic stability and growth, as well as an active participation in democratic life), especially within the field of healthcare services, which are the ones that move the greatest amount of economic resources worldwide, employ the highest number of people and are able to produce, faster than by any other means, social equity, wealth redistribution and the full exercise of a social right: health;
- 5) To enhance the relevance of higher education in the field of Health Care Management, for the labor market and the society, improving the level of competences and skills through innovative education programmes;
- 6) To promote voluntary convergence of training offers in Health Care Management of Latin American HEIs, with developments in this field in European HEIs, helping along people to people contact, intercultural awareness and understanding, in a multi-country HEIs networking

Objectives

- 1) To Develop and to implement a new constructive and collaborative Latin-American curricula in health care management using e-learning components and simulation-based training that contribute not only to the development of healthcare management specific knowledge and skills, but also of more transferable skills.
- 2) To develop a Health Management Training Simulator, aimed not only at teaching healthcare management, but also at developing different scenarios for strategic planning and daily management of financing, regulatory and healthcare organizations.

3. Relevant characteristics of the project

LASALUS is a multi-institutional and interdisciplinary project, co-funded by the Erasmus+ programme, which is aimed at developing a postgraduate degree, in a distance-learning format, in Healthcare Management. LASALUS will be implemented throughout Latin-America, with the utilization of a simulator (virtual hospital) which, apart from being one of the products of the project, is a completely innovative technological development.

Once LASALUS Project finishes, after a three-year development period (October 2015 to October 2018), each Latin American University will have been able to develop and to approve, through its competent authorities, a postgraduate distance degree in Healthcare Management, which may also be granted, jointly, by a European University .

Once LASALUS Project finishes, each University, either Latin-American or European, would be co-owner, with the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) and the European Commission, of the property rights over the “Healthcare Management Simulator”, which will provide the international community with “hours of healthcare management simulation”, in order for them to be applied in teaching and consulting tasks as well as in the creation of different scenarios and strategic management.

Once the implementation period has finished, the sustainability of LASALUS Project will be granted, since managerial simulation through information and communication technologies (ICT), as in any simulation-based learning, is the most innovative method in modern teaching. There are no simulators in the field of Healthcare Management teaching that comprise and include every single stage of said management: Planning, Organization, Direction, Evaluation, Control and Accountability.

Consequently, it will be both of scientific and economic interest, to all partner Universities (Latin American and European ones), to contribute to the growth and upgrade of their LASALUS simulator, which will have a great demand for “utilization hours of the healthcare management simulator” from teaching and healthcare provider organizations as well as financing and healthcare regulatory bodies.