

ERASMUS PRACTICE/PLACEMENT VERSUS ERASMUS STUDY PROGRAME

European students should follow this procedure in order to access any of the Malaga hospitals for an Erasmus Practice Internship.

The aim of the following hints is to clarify common aspects of the application procedure for ERASMUS PRACTICE, PLACEMENT OR INTERNSHIP VERSUS ERASMUS STUDY PROGRAME in Malaga, since we have facing different problems in this matter. We believe the misunderstanding is raised by the different nature of the link *University – Hospital* in Malaga, and the way we work it through.

Hospitals in Spain, even the University Hospitals, have their own autonomy and the University has no authority whatsoever when it comes to hospital practice residences.

Lecturers at the University, including the Erasmus Coordinators, do not deal with hospital practices other than those assigned to their subjects. These practises are a core part of the curriculum and only accessible to University students, including visiting Erasmus students, which are bound to attend lesson and exams.

All of this has nothing to do with the type of practical training which is included in the Erasmus Practice/Placement/Internship Program. Regarding this frame of clinical practices, the student is not enrolled in the University and he/she comes only for the purpose of their stay at the hospital.

To begin with, the Erasmus Coordinator in the origin, or the student itself, should directly address the chosen hospital in Malaga. It is thus important for the student to have got in contact with the appropriate Hospital Department previously to his/her departure to Malaga. According to Erasmus Practice Program, before the student is engaged in this program, his/her home university must have reached an *Erasmus Practice Agreement* with the hospital.

Once this document is signed, the hospital submits the “*Carta de aceptación*” or an Acceptance Letter for this student. It is essential for the student to have this written confirmation from the hosting Hospital Department. In this letter, the length of the residence (minimum of 3 months) as well as the objectives of his/her stay should be clearly stated.

In case of failure to produce both documents (i.e.: the “*Carta de Aceptación*” and the signed *Erasmus Practise Agreement* between the home University and the chosen department), any option of staying in a hospital in Malaga will be invalidated. Once the paperwork is in order, and the student arrives to the Hospital, he/she should contact the head of the hospital department, or the assigned tutor, if any, so as to be taken through the induction program and then properly allocated within the ward.

At the end of the three months residence period, the student should elaborate a memoir, i.e. “*Memoria de actividades*” or Record of Activities. It should be signed and sealed by the Hospital and delivered to the Erasmus Coordinator in his/her home country.

On the basis of the aforementioned conditions, Erasmus Practice clinical activities do not belong to any of the academic courses held by the Medical Faculty. By no means will thus the Dean of the Medical Faculty be able of signing either a record of activities or a document related with this Erasmus Practice or Internship framework.

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