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*The purpose of Public University to seek academic excellence of each and every student, to perfect its professors, to train its students for them to fit into the labor market, to carry out technological and scientific investigations, is not contradictory at all but complementary to its social responsibility to cater for the needs of national and regional development. Public Universities seek redistribution of knowledge and improvement of living standards of community as a whole.*

**Ana Jaramillo**





## **Introduction**

We present, through this Postgraduate Students Guide, a short overview about curriculum offered at National University of Lanús.

As per our Statute, University has a primary mission: “To contribute through production and distribution of knowledge and scientific- technological innovations to economic, social and cultural development of the region aiming to improve living standards and strengthening democratic values within society, combining universal knowledge with knowledge acquired from our community.”

It is, within this frame, that the postgraduate offer is organized in Seminars, Specializations, Masters and Doctorates, which are meant to meet the mission of the University producing socially relevant knowledge with outstanding theoretical and scientific academic level.

Academic offer is organized around the four Departments within which each career is registered. In each case, the present Guide presents in a systematic way the Career Objectives, Study Plans, Graduate Profile and contact information.”

## **The National University of Lanús, brief Historical Review.**

The National University of Lanús was created by Act 24496 June 7<sup>TH</sup> 1995. In September of the same year National Government appointed Ana Jaramillo, Sociology Ph.D as Rector and Organizer of the University. In December 1995, the premises located at “29 de Septiembre” St. were transferred as per Acts 24750 and 24751. The Campus has a surface of 12 hectares being one of the most important green spaces within the area.

As Rector Ana Jaramillo said: *“National University of Lanús was once a dream, now it is a reality. We all built it. We keep on building it every day. A collective and supportive project meant to fulfill its social responsibility of forming professionals with the highest degree of academic excellence. Intellectuals, technicians and citizens, working alongside the community, making their best effort to improve living standards.”*

# Department of Community Health

## Specializations









# Specialization In Comprehensive Approach Of Social Issues At Community Level.

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Certified by CONEAU. "B" Category.

Degree obtained: **Specialist in Comprehensive Approach of Social Issues at Community Level.**

## **Professional Outlook**

This Specialization is framed in the cooperation agreements between the National Ministry of Social Development and the National University of Lanús. Classes are conducted in the offices of Posadas, Tucumán, San Juan, Lanús and Córdoba.,

The specialization seeks to train professionals for the development of social policies in communities from a perspective of integrality and interdisciplinarity.

This training of professionals aims to:

Articulate academic and professional training of students with service training; supervise the application of theoretical and methodological skills during interventions.

Generate constant space for reflection and exchange with colleagues about the requirements of the context and the different possible solutions. Provide instruments for the analysis of the main axes of social, economic, cultural and political realities with the aim of enhancing the understanding of the articulation

of interventions in the aforementioned realities. Develop technomethodological skills and competences for comprehensive approach of community issues from a promotional, territorial and multi-actoral perspective. Guide students, with tutorials and supervision, through their theoretical, methodological and technical training.

## **Syllabus**

Social policies.  
Social Epistemology.  
Local Development and Participative Strategies.  
Strategic Planning.  
Community Organization and Social Advancement.  
Community Intervention Instruments.  
Social Networks and other mechanisms for the articulation of social actors.  
Interdisciplinary work on territorial approach.  
Supervised Practice in CIC.  
Integrated Seminar.



### **Graduate Profile**

The Specialist shall muster a series of academic aspects which define graduates of this career. Graduates shall prove theoretical and conceptual competencies about: community dynamics, its actors and relationship networks. Current social policies and purposes of comprehensive human development and citizen rights which inspire and nurture them.

Local Development as social promotion, as strategy for productive growth and as a means of strengthening social participation and inclusion. The prevailing social issues at community and regional level from the perspective of understanding its complexity.

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# Specialization In Epidemiology

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Certified by CONEAU. "A" Category

Headmaster: **Dr. Marcio Alazraqui.**

Career commenced in the year 2008.

Degree Obtained: **Specialist in Epidemiology.**  
Duration: 2 years. Attending mode.

## **Professional Outlook**

The Specialization in Epidemiology strongly emphasizes professional training, that means, intensive training in the use of epidemiological tools for the resolution of problems in the health-disease-attention process.

## **Syllabus**

Epidemiology: Theories and Objectives

Epidemiological Studies.

Analysis Tools.

Epidemiology in Health Systems and Services.  
Systems of information.

Seminars on Integration and Research.

Elaboration of Final Integrated Project.

## **Graduate Profile**

The Specialization is intended for health professionals of the public, private and/or social security areas. The program is based on the acquisition of knowledge, tools and skills necessary to intervene in problems from an epidemiological perspective.

Graduates shall be able to:

Apply knowledge and skills acquired during the course about epidemiology in order to contribute to the management of effectors and programs with the aim of improving living standards.

Develop evaluation instruments ex ante and ex post of health systems and services by understanding such phase as essential for the management of effectors and programs.



Evaluate, analyze and use the information arising from their professional field and from health services and systems. Formulate, execute, direct and assess health plans, programs and projects as regards epidemiology. Participate in teams which shall be able to provide technical assistance to government agencies and non-governmental organizations.

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# Specialization In Healthcare Management

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Certified by CONEAU. "B" Category.

Headmaster: **Mg. Jorge Arakaki.**

Career commenced in the year 2006.

Degree obtained: **Specialist in Healthcare Management.**

## **Professional Outlook**

This Specialization offers a great opportunity to deepen the study of the main aspects and issues that health services and systems deal with in order to provide care to the community.

## **Syllabus**

Planning.

Management Information Systems.

Management of Healthcare Organizations.

Programming and Assessment.

Seminar on Integration and Research.

Elaboration of Final Integrated Project.

## **Graduate Profile**

This Specialization trains professionals for planning and management of healthcare systems in public and non-governmental fields. Graduates shall be able to program and assess policies of healthcare systems at regional and national level.

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## Specialization In Community Mental Health

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Certified by CONEAU.

Headmaster: **Dr. Emiliano Galende.**

Career commenced in the year 2007, within the framework of a Cooperation Agreement between The Ministry of Social Welfare (La Pampa Office) and The Municipality of Lanús (Remedios de Escalada Office)

Degree obtained: **Specialist in Community Mental Health.**  
Duration: 2 years. Attending mode.

### **Professional Outlook**

To provide students with the opportunity of acquiring highly specialized knowledge about healthcare. The curriculum design is intended for health specialists who shall be able to organize, manage or supervise health services in hospitals as in smaller health units from a social service perspective. Graduates shall emphasize diagnosis or construe epidemiological issues by planning, managing and assessing specific measures within the perspective of Primary Health Care. Graduates shall also be able to integrate

their measures and actions, from an interdisciplinary perspective, to those of other professionals who work in the health field.

### **Syllabus**

Fundamentals and Organization of Community Mental Health.  
Public Health, Epidemiology and Mental Health Research.  
Planning and Management of Mental Health Services.  
Strategies for Attention.  
Elaboration of Final Integrated Project.

### **Graduate Profile.**

By the end of the Specialization, graduates shall be trained in Community Mental Health and able to develop attitudes which tend to modify practices in Public Services of Mental Health. Graduates shall also be able to tackle issues related to health and mental illnesses in the community; develop the necessary skills for the comprehension of problems in the social field where they arise in order to make a diagnose within the core of the community; Such diagnose shall work as a source for the analysis, comprehension, prevention and solution of the aforementioned issues by combining





decision-making with information and community cooperation. Graduates shall be trained for management and planning of mental health services, its corresponding assessment of quality, efficiency and effectiveness. Students shall be able to make use of research tools, especially clinical and epidemiological, and of knowledge related to testing theories, community and institutional practices. Graduates shall develop the skill of working in interdisciplinary and intersectoral teams. Furthermore, they must respond to the needs in the mental health field and to the demands of the community from an institutional perspective by integrating services into the community.

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# Department of Community Health

## Master's Degree





# Master's Degree In Epidemiology, Management And Health Policies

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Certified by CONEAU. "B" Category.

Headmaster: **Mg. Leonardo Federico.**

Career commenced in the year 1998.-

Duration: two years. Attending mode.

## **Professional Outlook**

This Master grants an outstanding opportunity to delve deeper into the main aspects and problems that healthcare and its related services must face. Here are the main objectives of this Master's Degree: To give a comprehensive perspective about organization and management of programs, services and/or healthcare systems in connection with care models, prioritizing social approach and contextualization of problems "about" and "from" health.

To acquire a comprehensive knowledge about epidemiology and its applications to diagnose, assess efficiency and effectiveness of healthcare interventions and the implementation in healthcare systems and services.

To provide a framework of reference for the analysis of public policies about healthcare and for studying, formulating and assessing organizational policies.

To develop research skills from a critical and creative approach which links theory and practice in order to respond to health issues.

To develop abilities and skills for effective management, implementation of policies and for the use of epidemiology. To create a healthcare system that generates studies and reliable information about healthcare services.

To foster project formulation for the improvement of healthcare services articulating with training of healthcare workers, either through in-service training or specialization by means of Master Degrees.

To provide technical assistance to governmental and non-governmental organizations in the fields related to this Master Degree.

## **Syllabus**

Planning and Policies.

Epidemiology. Theories and Objects of Study.

Epidemiological Studies.

Analysis tools.





Management.

Programming and Evaluation.

Integrated Seminars.

Thesis Seminar.

Elaboration and defense of Thesis.

### **Graduate Profile.**

Graduates shall acquire theoretical and epistemological tools in the field of epidemiology and healthcare policies. The training granted shall enable them, to analyze and play an important role in the management of planning healthcare policies in public and non-governmental areas. Graduates shall be able to conduct researches regarding epidemiology and healthcare management.

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# Master's Degree In Community Mental Health

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Certified by CONEAU. "B" Category.

Headmaster: **Dr. Daniel Rodríguez.**

Career commenced in the year 1998.

Degree obtained: **Master in Community Mental Health.**  
Duration: 2 years. Attending Mode.

## **Professional Outlook**

To design a new training model in Community Mental Health directed to professionals who face in a practical and institutional way problems related to Community Mental Health. To integrate into the training process assistance actions, local research and the ability to disseminate Mental Health values in the community and institutions.

To target the training of professionals towards integration models with other professionals, institutions, Public areas and community organizations related to Mental Health problems.

To apply, during the training process, an ongoing evaluation system of the learning process, its results and its impact in the community and the institutions where professional practices are carried out.

## **Syllabus**

Fundamentals of Community Mental Health.

Social Policies and Mental Health.

Collective Health.

Institutional Dimension of Community Practices.

Children and Adolescents Problems.

Mental Health Care.

Research Theory and Practice.

Integrated Seminars.

Elaboration and Defense of Thesis.

## **Graduate Profile**

Graduates shall be able to: Scientifically tackle Community or Individual Mental Health Problems and undertake the resolution to such problems. Acquire the necessary skills to understand the problems in the development of the community in order to diagnose, understand, prevent and solve such issues by integrating decision-making with information and involvement of the affected community. Students shall be able to make use of research tools, especially in the community



and of knowledge related to testing theories, community and institutional practices. Work in interdisciplinary teams and be able to found the advancement towards Mental Health transdisciplinarity. Respond to the needs of the community related to Mental Health and to individual demands in order to promote Mental Health resources in the community and of individuals. Participate in the design of specific programs of Community Mental Health. Disseminate values of Mental Health from institutional and sectoral involvement.

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# Department of Community Health

## Doctorates









# Doctorate In Community Mental Health.

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Certified by CONEAU. "A" Category.

Headmaster: **Dr. Emiliano Galende.**

International Posgraduate Course with Agreements with the following Universities: Concepción (Chile), Mayor de San Simón, Cochabamba (Bolivia), Granada y Sevilla (Spain), Nova de Lisboa (Portugal), Royal Free and University College and London University (United Kingdom).

Career commenced in the year 2004.

Degree obtained: **Doctorate in Community Mental Health.**

Attending mode.

## **Objectives**

The completion of the reform on psychiatric care and the creation, management and assessment of community services as an alternative to traditional care in psychiatric institutions will mainly depend on having rigorous investigations and skilled professionals committed to the objective. It is necessary to develop the highest academic level in community mental health for the training of

professors and researchers who, besides providing technical management of programs and services, cooperate at Universities to guide academic programs towards the new criteria of Mental Health Care.

## **Syllabus**

Fundamentals of Community Mental Health.  
Community Theories and Practices.  
Social Services Strategic Planning.  
Ethical and Legal Aspects of Mental Health.  
Psychiatric Epidemiology. Statistics and Record Systems.  
Assessment of Care Systems. Evaluation Tools.  
Evaluation focused in Socio-familial Contexts.  
Studies on Care Costs.  
Epidemiology and Services in the Latin-American Context.  
Research Theory and Practice.  
Thesis Workshop.  
Integration of Mental Health Care in Primary Health Care.  
Mental Health in children and adolescents.  
Elaboration and defense of Thesis..



### **Graduate Profile**

The aforementioned objectives, together with training strategies, shall ensure the graduate's skills to: Be able to scientifically approach mental health and illnesses within the community. Acquire the necessary skills to understand problems regarding community development in order to diagnose, comprehend, prevent and solve them by integrating decision-making with information and involvement of the affected community.

Graduates shall be able to plan and manage mental health care services and assess its quality, efficiency and effectiveness providing technical assistance to the public and private sectors. Students shall be able to make use of research tools, especially linked to the services and the community and of knowledge related to testing theories, community and institutional practices.

Produce epidemiological information and design mental health care programs within the community.

Lecture at University and postgraduate level as well as to promote, at Colleges, the development of researches about Mental Health.

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# Doctorate In Collective Health

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With Interim Official Recognition granted by “CONEAU” (National Commission for University Evaluation and Accreditation).

Headmaster: **Dr. Marcio Alazraqui.**

Career commenced in the year 2012.

Degree obtained: **Doctorate in Collective Health.**

## Objectives

The general objective of this Doctorate is to train outstanding professionals who shall not only be able to generate innovative knowledge and information through scientific research, using theoretical, methodological and instrumental resources which will allow the development of significant researches regarding Collective Health but also teach and provide professional advice in the specific areas of this program.

## Syllabus

Basic Training  
(academic subjects shared between every specific field)  
Collective Health Theories

Epistemology and Health

Thesis Seminar 1

Thesis Seminar 2

Thesis Seminar 3

Qualitative and Quantitative Methods

Specific Training

(subjects corresponding to the chosen field of expertise)

Specific Training Seminar 1

Specific Training Seminar 2

Specific Training Seminar 3

Specific Training Activity (about a specific topic)

Elaboration and defense of Thesis

## Graduate Profile

Graduates from the Doctorate in Collective Health shall have a solid training in theoretical frameworks and epistemology in Collective Health Sciences as well as in qualitative and quantitative



research strategies and methodological triangulation. Graduates shall also have theoretical, conceptual and methodological foundations about the functioning of health care organizations and about epidemiology, management, health care policies and social sciences related to health care. Thus, graduates shall be able to elaborate, develop and conduct researches; to train social and healthcare workers at university and postgraduate level as well as to work at national and international organizations within the field of Collective Health.

From the expertise point of view, their professional training shall enable them to:

Take into account the different theoretical frameworks and analysis strategies aimed to address social and healthcare issues.

Consider the complexity of any object of study of the Collective Health field taking into account methodological aspects as well as aspects related to the history of the object and the sociopolitical context in which it is set.

Analyze social issues and health policies specially emphasizing Latin American reality.

In terms of skills, graduates shall be able to prove methodological, procedural and instrumental competencies to: Articulate – according to their complexity- social, political, organizational and epidemiological fields in the assessment of different situations related to health. Moreover, graduates shall be able to produce information and knowledge about healthcare systems and services. Furthermore, graduates shall be able to conduct researches and/or direct investigations linked to the healthcare field, either projects or theoretical and/or development, procedural and instrumental studies. Also, they shall be able to carry out managerial duties as well as technical consultancy in governmental and non-

governmental organizations and healthcare institutions in the fields of competency of this Doctorate. Graduates shall be able to participate in the process of training researchers by playing an active role in teaching and investigation activities.

From the attitudinal approach, graduates shall be able to prove ethical competencies and skills in their professional performance by: taking into consideration citizenship, needs and rights as well as cultural differences of the subjects involved; acknowledging the role of public policies as regards fostering social integration and reducing social inequality; working in intersectoral articulation considering the different subjects involved and the history of current processes; accept and request the contributions of other professionals in the field of health, collective health practices as a way of enriching interdisciplinary tasks.

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