

New Master's Programme (MSc)
“Evidence-Based Physiotherapy Management of
the Musculoskeletal Patient”

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The Department of Physiotherapy of the International Hellenic University adopts and implements an evidence-based quality assurance policy for the development and continuous improvement of its Master's Programmes (MSc), fully aligned with the Institution's strategy, the requirements of higher education, and the needs of the contemporary healthcare system. The aim of the policy is to promote academic excellence, strengthen research activity, and develop professional skills that will equip graduates with high value-added qualifications.

The Department's quality policy is founded on the following core pillars:

- The appropriateness of the structure and organisation of the MSc, based on the principles of transparency, scientific evidence, and educational effectiveness.
- The alignment of the MSc with the National and the European Qualifications Frameworks for Higher Education (Level 7).
- The alignment of learning outcomes with labour-market requirements and international developments in the field of physiotherapy.
- The use of internal and external evaluation tools to enhance the quality of teaching and research.
- The assurance of the quality of support services provided to students and academic staff.

To implement this policy, the Department applies a comprehensive framework of procedures and practices, which includes:

1. Continuous evaluation and review of the MSc, updating course content in line with new scientific evidence and the needs of clinical practice.
2. Setting and monitoring measurable quality targets, such as graduation rates, graduate employability, and participation in research projects and publications.
3. Student participation in evaluation processes through anonymous questionnaires and institutional feedback channels.
4. Use of evaluation findings to enhance course content and support the professional development of academic staff.
5. Close cooperation with the Institution's Quality Assurance Unit (MODIP) and the Department's Internal Evaluation Group (OMEA) to ensure quality at all levels of the MSc's design and implementation.
6. Application of the Programme Regulations of the MSc, which provide procedures for oversight, selection of teaching staff, supervisors and committees, ensuring equal treatment and academic and scientific competence.

The quality policy is further reinforced by:

- The selection of teaching staff with academic and clinical experience, active research engagement, and an international profile.
- The integration of distance learning with digital tools and educational platforms, as documented in a dedicated e-learning report that ensures pedagogical soundness and accessibility.
- Systematic linkages with clinical facilities and professional bodies to provide practical experience and strengthen applied knowledge.

- The organisation of seminars, lectures, and scholarly activities with the participation of distinguished professionals and academics of recognised standing.

The MSc "Evidence-Based Physiotherapy Management of the Musculoskeletal Patient" makes use of the provisions of the founding decision and the accompanying feasibility, sustainability, and budget reports to embed a quality culture that permeates all operational axes of the Programme.

In addition, specific strategic quality objectives have been set, concerning:

- the Programme's academic competitiveness at national and international level;
- the enhancement of teaching, through staff development and evaluation;
- the strengthening of research, with the active participation of students in publications and scholarly projects;
- internationalisation, through English-taught modules, exchanges, and links with international networks;
- links with the labour market, enhancing graduate employability and employment prospects;
- the promotion of social responsibility, by producing knowledge that responds to population needs and public health priorities.

The MSc Quality Policy is published on the Department's official website, on the Programme subpage, and is available in two languages:

- <https://phys.ihu.gr/metapychiakes-spoudes/pms-musculoskeletal-pt-el>
- <https://phys.ihu.gr/metapychiakes-spoudes/pms-musculoskeletal-pt-en>

The Policy is updated annually by the Programme Coordinating Committee (PCC) in cooperation with the Institution's Quality Assurance Unit (MODIP).

Note: The English version is provided for convenience; in the event of any discrepancy, the Greek text prevails.