

PhD Thesis Project Offer

(valid during the calendar year 2025)

Provisional Title of the Doctoral Thesis

Application of qualitative research and mixed methods in health sciences.

Subject area* / Research line

Physiotherapy. Research line of physiotherapy, occupational therapy, rehabilitation and physical medicine.

Summary of the Doctoral Thesis (maximum 300 words)

The present line of research aims to deepen the research conducted with qualitative and mixed methodology in the health sciences.

The growing presence of complex situations and unexpected events within health and social environments, related to beliefs, values, ethnicity, culture, and the incorporation of new technologies and devices in the treatment of diseases, implies the use of methodologies that deepen and reflect the perspective of groups and individuals receiving health care.

These methodologies allow patients and their families to be heard and their perspective on health care, the use and distribution of resources and how these factors impact their daily lives, their families' lives and their social and cultural context.

These methodologies answer questions related to the clinical practice process, how decision making takes place, what is behind following or abandoning a treatment, and why and how the social context can be determinant for an intervention with proven efficacy to be accepted or rejected.

Through this line of research it will be possible to conduct research using qualitative designs such as phenomenology, ethnography, grounded theory, participatory action, qualitative case studies, descriptive and interpretative qualitative studies, longitudinal qualitative studies. As well as the use of different mixed designs such as sequential, convergent, integrated, multiphase designs, and the application of qualitative sub-studies within clinical trials.

Is the development of this thesis associated with the execution of any research project? If so, provide details of the project (title, funding entity, and execution period)

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Academic Profile of the Student (maximum 200 words)

Graduates and professionals in the health sciences who want to conduct research using qualitative methodology and/or mixed methods.

Graduates and professionals in the social sciences and humanities who want to conduct studies and research related to health-disease, disability-dependence, and health care processes, using qualitative methodology and/or mixed methods.

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