



PROPOSAL FOR THE CREATION OF A HEST CLUSTER ON HUMANIZATION IN HEALTH

1. SUMMARY

The present proposal was prepared by Deusto University¹ and included changes recommended by the Kircher Council. The Council approved the proposal as a HEST common initiative to be developed by the network.

Higher education formation for humanized health is critical for the Sustainable Development Goals on Good Health and Well-Being. As a result of the Covid-19 global pandemic, this issue has become an even more crucial for the formation and training of doctors and health professionals and health policy. As Jesuit education institutions, the universities and faculties of the Kircher Network aim to educate future doctors and health professionals who are competent and compassionate.

The project will seek to generate an international collaborative community of faculty members on formation and training in health humanization. The group will focus on developing teaching and learning competencies in "humanization in health" as part of the degrees and continuing education higher education programs offered by the Jesuit schools of medicine, health sciences, psychology and social work². It will aim to develop collaborative virtual teaching resources and a repository of best practices, materials and tools for the formation of students and the training of doctors and health professionals on the humanization of health. It will also seek to develop academic reflection and research on the topic of humanization of health.

The group will bring together faculty members from the Kircher Network's schools of medicine and health sciences and scholars from the faculties of philosophy and theology. The schools of medicine and health sciences from other Jesuit universities members of the International Association of Jesuit Universities (IAJU) will also be invited to join the group's common projects and initiatives.

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² Based on the information available on the Internet, 8 universities and centres of the Kircher Network offered programs in medicine, health science, psychology and social work: Faculdade de Filosofia e Ciências Sociais; Jesuit University Ignatianum; Université de Namur; Université Saint Joseph; Pontificia Università Gregoriana; Universidad de Deusto; Universidad Pontificia Comillas; Universidad Loyola Andalucía.

2. FOCUS

The group will focus on discussing and developing the training and teaching competences regarding “humanization in health” applied to schools and faculties involved in academic degrees in the area of Health Sciences (Medicine, Nursery, Psychology, Physiotherapy, Sport Sciences, etc.). Scholars from the faculties of philosophy and theology, especially those working on the application of Ethics to health sciences, and formation and training of doctors and health professionals, will also play a role in this group. A research approach on this issue will also be stressed.

3. OBJECTIVES

- To generate an international collaborative community of faculty members and scholars working on teaching and reflection on the humanization of health.
- To enrich the discussion on humanization of health, especially on what it implies for the formation and training of doctors and health professionals.
- To develop a collaborative online site with resources, materials and tools for the formation and continuous training of students and professionals in humanized health. To generate cooperation opportunities and exchange of best practices on higher education of doctors and health sciences professionals in a humanized approach to health.

4. MAJOR ACTIVITIES

- Meetings focused on sharing experiences and best practice in teaching and training in the humanization of health sciences.
- Lectures, webinars, workshops.
- Field research activities on training abilities and their impacts.
- Web resource site with a repository of tools and best practices.

5. RESULTS

- Publications.
- Repository of tools for faculty training.
- Guidelines for faculty training and student formation for a more humanized health.

6. FACULTY MEMBERS NEEDED

- Two faculty members from each university to coordinate the activities and interact in a working group.
- Experts in the area of humanization in health (bioethics, public health, etc.).

7. RESOURCES NEEDED

- Travel and lodging expenses for the Kircher members of the group.
- Materials for the in-person meetings.
- Designing costs of the virtual repository of resources.