



Dear Erasmus Coordinator,

I would like to introduce myself. I am Merícia Bettencourt and I am working in the **Superior School of Nursing S. José de Cluny** as Coordinator of Erasmus Program.

The Higher School of Nursing S. José de Cluny, founded in 1940 has the traditional mission to educate nursing professionals scientifically, technically, ethically and humanely competent in Professional care taking.

It is a non-public institution, located in Funchal, capital of Madeira Island, Portugal.

In 2013/2014 our Nursing School intends to increment its internationalization, now also through student and professor exchange programs within the Erasmus program (we were awarded with Erasmus University Standard Charter). So, we are available and excited to establish bilateral agreements with nursing higher education institutions. Given our geographical location we give preference to Western European countries, like for example England, Ireland, France, Belgium or Spain. However, we are open to considering other countries within the Erasmus Program.

Our Study Plan of the Bachelor in Nursing stands by the Bologna Process philosophy. It has a total duration of eight semesters to which correspond 240 ECTS.

The theoretical component corresponds to 50% of the ECTS and includes simulated practice. The Higher School of Nursing S. José de Cluny is provided with a modern and properly equipped laboratory for simulated practice.

The clinical education corresponds to 50% of the ECTS. It takes place in health care centres and hospitals (general and specialized units in medical, surgical, psychiatric and palliative care). It is a rigorous teaching and of great professor/student proximity.

It would be a great pleasure for us if we may make a partnership and sign a bilateral agreement.

If you would like to cooperate, please contact us.

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I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Your sincerely,

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