

**SYLLABUS****University Unit:**

Center for Biological and Health Sciences

**Graduate Program:**

Developmental Disorders

**Degree:** Master degree     Professional Master degree     Doctoral degree**Subject:**

Research Methods in Developmental Disorders

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**Workload:** 48 h/a    **Credits:** 04

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Elective            |

**Syllabus:**

Understand the scientific purpose of writing of a thesis. Analyze different research methods in developmental disorders research, including quantitative and qualitative approaches. Enable the acquisition of skills to conduct studies in its phases: formulation of the research problem and null hypothesis; elaboration of the design with selection of instruments, sampling, and data analysis; procedures for data collection and tabulation; descriptive and inferential analysis of results; establishment of guidelines for preparation of the thesis.

**Program Content:**

- Research planning: research problem definition, hypothesis, control of variables, sample size. Types of research design.
- Theoretical bases for competitive research projects.
- Systematic review and meta-analysis
- Descriptive analysis: use of Excel and SPSS for descriptive statistical analysis.
- Scientific writing
- Use of software for quantitative analysis of textual data
- Test t and Analysis of variance
- Correlation and regression analysis
- Two-dimensional analysis
- Exploratory Factor Analysis
- Non-parametric analysis

**Evaluation Criteria****Evaluation:**

According to the General Regulation of *Stricto Sensu* Post-Graduation, Art. 95:

A - excellent: corresponds to scores in the interval between 9 and 10;

B - good: corresponds to scores in the interval between 8 and 8.9;

C - regular: corresponds to scores in the interval between 7 and 7.9;

R - reproved: corresponds to scores in the interval between 0 and 6.9.



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