



PUBLIC NOTICE: CALL FOR APPLICATIONS no. 28/2025

Católica Medical School

- Lisbon -

Academic year 2026/2027

2nd Cycle

(Integrated Master in Medicine)

- (Special Admission for Degree Holders – 1st Phase) -

The Integrated Master in Medicine is regulated by Decree-Law no. 74/2006 of 24th March, modified and republished by Decree-Laws no. 230/2009 of 14th September, no. 115/2013 of 7th August, no. 63/2016 of 13th September, and no. 65/2018 of 16th August, and of Decree-Law no. 42/2005 of 22nd February, governed by the principles of the Regulation of Study Cycles of the Católica Medical School, approved by Order NR/REG/0244/2023 of 25th May 2023, and by the other conditions contained in this Public Notice.

The Special Admission for Degree Holders is governed by Decree-Law no. 113/2014, of 16 July, republished by Decree-Law no. 11/2020, of 02 April, and by the Regulation for Access to the Undergraduate and Integrated Master Study Cycles of Universidade Católica Portuguesa, approved by Order NR/R/0208/2023 of 9th May 2023.

1. Conditions for admission of applicants

1.1. Applicants Holding a Portuguese Higher Education Qualification

1.1.1. Applicants may apply for special admission for holders of higher education degrees **up to the final deadline for application, submission of documents, and final grades**, provided they cumulatively meet the following conditions:

- a) Be a citizen of Portugal or of a European Union (EU) country;
- b) Hold a Portuguese higher education degree: Bachelor's (1st cycle), Master's (2nd cycle), Integrated Master's (1st and 2nd cycle) or PhD (3rd cycle);
Or
Hold a foreign higher education qualification obtained abroad and legally recognized as equivalent to a Portuguese higher education degree;
- c) Have completed, in any year, the national entrance exams for higher education in Portugal, obtaining a minimum score of 140 points (0-200 scale) in each of the following subjects:
 - i. 02 - Biology and Geology;
and
 - ii. 07 - Physics and Chemistry;
and
 - iii. 16 – Mathematics;

Or



Have completed, in any year, final exams of secondary school subjects taken abroad, equivalent to the Portuguese subjects, which may be accepted as entrance exams, achieving a minimum score of 140 points (0-200 scale) in each of the following:

- i. Biology;
and
 - ii. Physics;
and
 - iii. Chemistry;
and
 - iv. Mathematics;
- d) Have fulfilled the prerequisites for admission to the course, in the year in which you are applying, namely:
- i. Selection criteria:
 - Minimum English proficiency level: CEFR level B2;
 - Group A — Interpersonal Communication;
 - ii. Ranking criteria:
 - Motivation letter/ Portfolio;
 - Mini Multiple Interviews;
- e) Have obtained a minimum application score of 140 points (0-200 scale).

1.1.2. Applicants who do not meet the requirement in paragraph c) above may take written internal exams at the Católica Medical School:

- a. Each applicant may register for all three internal exams or only for the specific ones desired during the first step of the application process;
- b) The internal exams are conducted in English and cover the subjects included in the entrance exams - national exams of Portuguese secondary education - set for the Integrated Master's in Medicine (programmes available on the website of the Instituto de Avaliação Educativa, I.P.), indicated in paragraph b) of the previous number;
- c) The Católica Medical School offers preparatory sessions annually for applicants intending to take the internal exams.

NOTE: This Notice does not replace the need to read and accept the Regulation for Admission to the Integrated Master's in Medicine at the Católica Medical School, except for Articles 3, 4, and 16.

2. Number of Vacancies:

There are **ten (10)** available vacancies in the Special Admission for Degree Holders.

3. Deadlines

Applications (online)	From 5 th January 2026 (from 09:00 a.m.) to 26 th January 2026 (until 23:59)
Portfolio (online)	From 5 th January 2026 (from 09:00 a.m.) to 28 th January 2026 (until 23:59) Each applicant has 48 hours to complete the portfolio after application validation.
Internal Exams (in person)	3 rd , 4 th , and 5 th February 2026
Mini Multiple Interviews (in person)	6 th February 2026



Submission of Documents and Final Grades (online)	From 10 th to 11 th February 2026
Results (online)	19 th February 2026
Registration (online)	From 19 th to 23 th February 2026
First Day of Classes (in person)	08 th September 2026

Note: The last day of applications and registrations corresponds to the deadline of the respective payments.

4. Necessary documentation

The necessary documentation is as follows:

- Passport-type photo;
- Identification document – Citizen Card or, in the case of other types of identification, the Tax Identification Number must also be provided;
- Academic Degree Certificate, if holding a Portuguese higher education qualification;
Or
Foreign Higher Education Degree/Diploma Certificate legally recognized as equivalent to a Portuguese diploma. Recognition must be issued by the Directorate-General for Higher Education or a Portuguese public higher education institution (<https://www.dges.gov.pt/pt/pagina/reconhecimento>);
- ENES Form (Portuguese National Secondary School Exam Transcript), from any year, if the Applicant holds a Portuguese secondary education diploma;
And/Or
Proof of successful completion of the required entrance exams, considered legally equivalent to the corresponding Portuguese national exams, including the grading scale, for applicants holding a foreign secondary education qualification.

Notes:

- The prerequisites are mandatory and are elimination factors, intended for the selection and ranking of applicants, and are only valid for the academic year for which the student is applying. Failure to meet the ranking prerequisites will result in exclusion from the stage of the competition you are applying for.
- Original documents/certificates are not required during the application; however, it is mandatory to present face-to-face all original documents submitted in the application process.
- Original documents issued abroad, in accordance with the legislation of the respective country, and documents issued outside Portugal legalized by a foreign civil servant, are considered legalized under Portuguese Law if the signature of the public servant is certified by a Portuguese diplomatic agent or consular officer in the respective State and the signature of that agent is authenticated with the respective consular seal. In cases of documents issued by signatories of the Hague Convention of 5th

October 1961, the documents will be legalized by apostille, under the terms of Article 3 of the convention.

- If the documentation to be submitted is in a language other than English, it is imperative that a translation is provided in accordance with the notarial legislation.
- Applicants under this special admission procedure are not eligible for international student status.

5. Submission of the application

Applications to the Integrated Master's Degree in Medicine at the Católica Medical School must be submitted exclusively through the online system, available on the [Católica Medical School's](#) website.

6. Assessment of applications and publication of results

The selection and ranking of applicants will be carried out by the appointed jury, composed of the Dean of the Católica Medical School, Professor António Medina de Almeida, and the members of the **Admissions Assessment Committee**.

The application grade will be a weighted average of the assessment of the following criteria:

Criterion (expressed on a scale from 0 to 200)	Weighting
a) Age of applicant	20%
b) Area of the last Higher Education Degree	10%
c) Type of Higher Education Degree (last degree)	5%
d) Secondary school entrance exam grades (required)	25%
e) Grade of the ranking prerequisites	40%

The detailed marks to be awarded for the criterion "Applicant's age" are:

Criterion	Age range	Score
a) Applicant's age	< 35 years	200
	≥ 35 e < 45 years	150
	≥ 45 years	100

The detailed marks to be awarded for the criterion “Area of the last Higher Education Degree” are:

Criterion	Field	Score
b) Area of the last Higher Education Degree	Medical and Health Sciences	200
	Exact and Natural Sciences	175
	Engineering and Technology	150
	Other Fields	100

The detailed scores to be awarded for the “Type of Higher Education Degree” criterion are:

Criterion	Degree	Score
c) Type of Academic Degree in Higher Education	3 rd Cycle - PhD	200
	2 nd Cycle - Master's Degree or Integrated Master's Degree	150
	1 st Cycle - Undergraduate	100

The detailed marks awarded for criterion “d) Secondary School Entrance Examination Grades” correspond to the grades indicated in the official documents submitted by the applicant or those obtained in the internal entrance examinations, expressed on a 0–200 scale.

The detailed marks awarded for criterion “e) Classification of prerequisites” are determined in accordance with attached I of the Regulations for Access and Admission to the Integrated Cycle of Studies leading to a master’s degree in medicine at the Católica Medical School, on a scale of 0 to 200.

The application grade is calculated on a 0–200 scale using the following formula. The final result is rounded to the nearest tenth, with values equal to or greater than 0.05 being rounded up:

$$NC = (a \times 0,2) + (b \times 0,1) + (c \times 0,05) + (d \times 0,25) + (e \times 0,4)$$

The results will be communicated to applicants through the online application process and will be classified as follows: Admitted / Not Admitted / Excluded. The anonymized final ranking list will also be available for consultation in the online application process.

7. Operation

The Integrated Master’s in Medicine has a duration of 6 years (360 ECTS). Classes are generally held from Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Assessments also typically take place within these hours. The program is taught in English. It includes academic activities conducted both inside and outside the classroom, and specific software is actively used. As such, students are required to have a laptop computer to fully participate in all learning activities.

8. Tuition fees, payments and other fees

The amounts for tuition fees, payments and other fees are determined annually, and published in a separate document (*Tabela de propinas, taxas e emolumentos*), so these values may be subject to change in subsequent academic years.

The updated values can be consulted on the [Católica Medical School's](#) website.

The application fee is non-refundable, including in cases of cancellation, withdrawal, or exclusion of the application.

The registration requires the payment of the respective fee (which includes student insurance), as well as the first three (3) monthly tuition instalments, in accordance with the *Tabela de propinas, taxas e emolumentos*.

In the event of **cancellation of enrollment by September 1st, 2026**, the second and third tuition fees will be refunded. In the event of withdrawal from the programme, it is important to note that the enrollment fee, as well as the initial monthly fee, are non-refundable. This policy remains in effect even if the withdrawal is requested within the designated timeframe.

9. Registration

Information regarding registration will be sent to admitted applicants after the results have been published. To complete the registration, the payment of the annual registration fee and the first three (3) monthly tuition fees will be required, as well as the submission of the online enrollment form, including information requested by the Ministry of Science, Technology and Higher Education (RAIDES survey).

If the applicant does not register within the established deadline, their application will be considered to be withdrawn.

The original documents submitted during the application process must be presented **by September 10th, 2026**, under penalty of cancellation of enrollment, and without any refund for payments made until that date. The submitted documents must be original or authenticated copies. For archival purposes, the Academic Services may make a copy of the original document, which will be returned to the student at no additional cost.

10. Credit transfer from previous education

If applicable, applicants may submit a request for the acceptance of curricular units completed in their original higher education programme when completing the application.

Applicants may also request credit transfer for previously completed training or education. When requested, the credit transfer will be processed according to the Regulation of Credit Transfer at Universidade Católica Portuguesa, approved by Order NR/C/0332/2019 of October 24th, 2019, and the appropriate fees will be applied.



11. Contacts

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Academic and Administrative Services of Católica Medical School:

Office hours (in person and via telephone): Monday to Friday, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Online office hours: by appointment, scheduled by e-mail (medicina.fm@ucp.pt)

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Lisbon, 22nd December 2025

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