



**L-Università  
ta' Malta**

## **Certificate in Foundation Studies in Medical and Dental Sciences**

### **Course overview:**

The Certificate in Foundation Studies in Medical and Dental Sciences will provide you with the knowledge as well as the personal and inter-personal skills and organisational framework, upon which to base your future undergraduate medical, dental or allied health studies.

The primary aim of the course is to provide you with the knowledge base, transferable skills, linguistic skills and general competence to allow you to progress successfully onto the University of Malta's undergraduate Medicine and Surgery and Master of Dentistry courses. The course offers specific training and support in those core health science and English areas where you require further assistance.

The course will provide teaching in the subject areas of human biology, biological chemistry, human anatomy, genetics, cell biology as well as Medical English and Maltese. In addition, you will be expected to attend regular tutorial sessions for each subject. During the tutorial sessions, you will be expected to show evidence of adequate revision of the week's work. At the same time, tutorials are intended as scheduled learning sessions in which students will receive training in how to apply their knowledge base and practice their language and communication skills.

The course will include continuous assessments to build up a realistic profile of your abilities. Tutors will be required to assess students periodically. As the course progresses and the level of spoken and written English improves and the mastery of subject content improves, you will be expected to show evidence of higher analytical and evaluation skills.

Skills such as the ability to apply your knowledge base, to show evidence of self-directed learning and attitude during tutorials will be assessed in the first and second semesters.

Student performance will be monitored continuously by the area coordinator and feedback will be provided through the course tutors. This will allow an awareness of your approach to learning and the identification of students who are encountering difficulties, so that remedial action such as the offer of small group coaching can be provided.

Successful completion of this course guarantees you a place on the course of Medicine and Surgery. Restrictions may apply in Dentistry.