

The ASCEND Global Obesity Training Centre Programme

An international educational initiative
in obesity management

Applications are invited from centres in Brazil, Canada, Spain and Saudi Arabia. To register interest please contact: obesity.centres.application@ascendprogramme.com

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Closing date **27 November 2020 (5 pm GMT)**

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EASO
European Association for the Study of Obesity

Successful centres will be eligible to apply to become EASO Collaborating Centres for Obesity Management (COMs)

This programme will be submitted for CME accreditation and is supported by an educational grant from Novo Nordisk A/S.



What is the ASCEND Global Obesity Training Centre Programme?

The programme is designed to enable eligible centres to cascade a high-quality, educational curriculum to clinics with aspirations to become globally recognized obesity treatment centres. It has been developed by an International Steering Committee in collaboration with the European Association for the Study of Obesity (EASO).

The training will take place in the centres over 2.5–3 days. Successful centres will receive relevant course materials and guidance on how to facilitate and deliver the programme nationally.

The expectations are that centres will organize up to 4 meetings (5 days) a year in their country for a total of approximately 50 health-care professionals. Centres will be eligible to apply for funding to deliver these meetings.

Why join the programme?

If your centre is selected as a training facility, it will be at the forefront of bringing about positive changes in health-care professionals caring for those living with obesity. You will take an active role in delivering practical training to health-care professionals in your country who wish to develop the knowledge and skills required to establish and operate a specialist obesity treatment centre. Successful centres will be eligible to apply to become EASO Collaborating Centres for Obesity Management (COMs).

The national training programme will provide health-care professionals with practical and theoretical learning focusing on:

- the implementation of state-of-the-art evidence-based care for obesity
- how to establish and operate a multidisciplinary obesity treatment centre.

When and where will the training take place?

At this time, applications are invited from centres in:

Canada

Brazil



Spain

Saudi Arabia

It is anticipated that training of the centres will take place in 2021 followed by the national cascade.*

Who is eligible to apply?

Centres should have, or have access to, a multidisciplinary offering in most, if not all, aspects of weight management. These range from effective history taking, psychological support, pharmacotherapy and surgery to a comprehensive understanding of the physiological challenges of weight gain.

Applicant centres will also be assessed against a number of criteria including:

- commitment to cascade sufficient national meetings each year
- ability to facilitate clinical observations for patient consultations or suitable alternative
- willingness to provide measures of achievement of learning outcomes and uphold integrity of programme.

International Steering Committee

The International Steering Committee comprises 6 faculty. This group will provide oversight of the programme content and will implement the training programme.



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Role of EASO

The European Association for the Study of Obesity (EASO) is a partner in this initiative and will have a pivotal role in selecting the training centres using their extensive experience with COMs.

Accreditation

The programme will be accredited through EACCME with additional local accreditation as appropriate.

What is the application process?

The application will be in 2 stages. The first stage is a short online questionnaire to establish if centres meet basic requirements to deliver a successful programme. Selected centres will be invited to provide more in-depth information about their facilities and capabilities.

All applications will be reviewed by the Steering Committee and representatives from EASO.

To submit an application, please apply here:

<https://www.ascendcentres.com/application>

Applications are now open.

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To register your interest for the programme or for any queries relating to the registration/application process, please contact: **obesity.centres.application@ascendprogramme.com**

What is ASCEND?

The Academy for Science and Continuing Education in Diabetes and Obesity (ASCEND) is a CME-accredited programme designed to improve the care of people with diabetes and obesity worldwide. Led by an international faculty, ASCEND provides practical, independent content about diabetes and weight management for medical practitioners worldwide.

See www.ascend-diabetes-obesity.com for further details.

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International Medical Press (IMP) specializes in providing independent and accredited medical education activities funded through educational grants. IMP acts as a supporting partner to the international Steering Committee and the national faculty in the development and delivery of the programme.

Financial support

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