The University of Parma is among the oldest academic institutions in Europe. After the foundation of the Palatine School by Charlemagne and Alcuin of York in 781 A.D., on March 13th 962 A.D. Emperor Otto I conferred to the Bishop of Parma, Uberto, the power to order and elect legal leaders, with a Empire-wide authority. The historian Ernest Dümmler defined Parma a “celebrated seat of learning” since the 11th century, attracting students from countries beyond the Alps, and its growing popularity was so high that Napoleon maximized its jurisdiction.

The Medical School of the University of Parma has now decided to develop this European and international vocation opening a novel Medicine & Surgery course, entirely held in English, in the nearby city of Piacenza, which offers a hospital system that is not shared with other medical courses but will be uniquely dedicated to the new medical degree.

Students will develop a comprehensive medical knowledge, from health promotion to emergency medicine, from applied research to the latest medical technologies to health economics and management. The course is entirely conceived in an international context. The use of English will tremendously facilitate students’ communication abilities with patients and colleagues all over the world during their professional activity, both in biomedical research and in clinical medicine.

Structure of the Course: the single-cycle Master's Degree in Medicine and Surgery lasts 6 years; a maximum of 100 students/yr will be admitted based on the IMAT (International Medical Admission Test) test results.

Teaching is organized in 2 semesters/yr, starting in October and March, respectively. To achieve the degree, students must acquire 360 ECTS credits (CFU).

• The first 3 semesters are dedicated to the acquisition of advanced knowledge on human morphology, biochemistry, molecular biology and physiology;

• The 4th semester is dedicated to physiopathology of disease and clinical microbiology (and related disciplines);

• The 5th – 9th semesters are dedicated to clinical disciplines, with a peculiar attention to biomedical technologies;

• The 10th semester is dedicated to public health, the organization of national and international health systems, medical therapy and clinical risk management;

• The last 2 semesters (i.e. the whole 6th year) are dedicated to the completion of curricular and qualifying internships, as well as to the preparation of the degree thesis.

• Clerkships: at the end of the 2nd year students will be enrolled in an internship in biomedical research (Biomedical Research Clerkship); at the end of the 4th year (Clinical Rotation 1)
and the 5th year (Clinical Rotation 2) there are 2 clinical internships in medicine and in surgery, and in pediatrics and gynecology, respectively. Clinical Rotation 3 encompasses the entire 1st semester of the 6th year and can be spent in European health facilities on the basis of specific agreements.