

Professional Master Degree in Telemedicine and Telehealth

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Brazil – a country as huge as a continent – is encouraging projects¹ and national programs²⁻³ in Health, making use of information and communication technologies for research, e-Learning and teleassistance. A growing number of professionals from distinct areas is being inserted in this scenario, working on a common goal, yet without clear guidelines about good practice standards, minimum requirements and protocols, among others. On the other hand, the fast changes in contemporary societies is bringing out more and more incisively the questions related to the quality of the professional background in what concerns to the use of the research to innovation and development of the productive sector, including Health. The contemporary education requires professionals able to manage themselves and their qualification process and update. With this purpose, Rio de Janeiro UERJ Telehealth Center⁵ created a Post Graduation Program in Telemedicine and Telehealth – the *Professional Master Degree in Telemedicine and Telehealth*⁴, approved by the Brazilian Ministry of Education in 2014. Beyond international cooperation with other programs and experiences in professional training in the area, this Professional Master aims the training of human resources capable of conducting research and apply it at work, in different productive sectors in Telemedicine and Telehealth. This is a semi-presential course that uses a Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) with oriented interfaces to mobile devices via a responsive web design and active methods of teaching and learning, besides an infrastructure for teleconference. In this matter, to gathering foreign cooperators may contribute for exchanging similar initiatives around the world. The main result expected is the expansion and sustainability of telemedicine and telehealth in Brazil and in other countries.

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