

ESPEN DIPLOMA IN CLINICAL NUTRITION AND METABOLISM

The ESPEN Diploma acknowledges the collection of **150 CME** credits through the ESPEN LLL Programme and recognizes skills and competencies in Clinical Nutrition by further conveying all the prestige of ESPEN.

Candidates to the ESPEN Diploma qualify to the final exam by collecting the required number of CME credits.

Organization of the Exam:

The exam is organized annually during the ESPEN Congress. Additionally, the exam may be also organized at designated locations after approval by the LLL Board.

The next Final Examination for the ESPEN EUROPEAN DIPLOMA IN CLINICAL NUTRITION AND METABOLISM is scheduled on 2nd September, 13.00-17.00, 2019, in Krakov, Poland, during the 41st Congress of ESPEN.

The **deadline for application for final exam** is two months before the scheduled final exam. After this time no application will be accepted.

Mandatory pre-requisites for taking the final exam:

Collection of **120 CME** credits is necessary to qualify for the final exam. A minimum of **56 credits** from 14 live courses and **64 credits** from online courses are requested. The earned credits are verified by checking the certificates received after successfully completion of live courses and by assessing the applicant's individual online profile. The successful final exam awards the additional **30 credits**.

There are **mandatory topics** for the credits earned at **live courses**:

Topic 3, Topic 8, Topic 9, Topic 17, Topic 18

There are also **mandatory online courses**:

Topic 1, Topic 6, Topic 20 and Topic 23.

Note: If credits from more than 16 topics have been collected, the student has the right to select those 16 topics on which he/she would prefer being tested for the final exam. This information should be sent with the application.

We kindly remind you to check your credits online on LLL Web Portal (<http://lllnutrition.com/>)

If you believe or note that some of your credits have not been registered in the LLL database, please send us the document(s) related to the specific missing topic(s).

Application:

LLL students fulfilling the prerequisites and willing to sit for the final exam have to write an intent letter to the LLL co-director Regina Komsa-Penkova (rkomsa@gmail.com) to be registered for the final test. The letter should also provide a summary of the accumulated credits. It is important to remind that credits earned within a time frame of 10 years can be considered for qualifying for the final exam.

Credits earned by successful completion of the live courses will be verified by the certificates issued at the end of the live courses. Credits earned by online activity will be verified by checking applicant's individual online account.

After this initial screening, the LLL Board will contact the applicant by email and confirm/reject the application for the final exam.

The deadline for receiving applications is July 5, 2019. After this time no application will be accepted.

The fee for final exam is 100 Euro. The payment will cover the administrative costs of organizing the exam and printing the Diploma. The payment should be made before the exam to the organizers of the event, during which the final exam takes place.

Candidates to the final exam should qualify BEFORE applying. Exceptions could be considered by the LLL Board on a case by case way, but a maximum of 2 live courses missing are possible. These courses shall be taken during the ESPEN congress or any other event BEFORE sitting for the exam.

Format of the Exam:

LLL students whose application has been explicitly accepted by the LLL Board, will receive an individual test containing 100 multiple choice questions, all dealing with the topics he/she has taken, as registered in his/her individual profile on the LLL WEB-Portal. The multiple choice test includes questions with four different answers but ONLY ONE is right.

Threshold to pass the exam is 80% of correct answers. The duration of the exam is 3 hours, without any break.

Note: Any form of electronic device (e.g. cellular phones, tablets, etc.) are prohibited inside the exam hall.

The ESPEN Diploma in Clinical Nutrition and Metabolism is awarded after successful accumulation of a total of 150 credits.

A European Diploma Supplement, mentioning the activities of the student as registered on the web-portal during the entire LLL program, is given together with Diploma.

Join the enthusiastic group of the ESPEN EU Diploma holders in Clinical Nutrition and Metabolism. Become a proud holder of the ESPEN Diploma!

The ESPEN Diploma recognizes the knowledge and competences in Clinical Nutrition of the owner of the Diploma and it has all the prestige of ESPEN. This Diploma can be considered as an endorsement by ESPEN, but it is not an equivalent of a formal degree recognized by a Ministry of Education of any country. For professional career development the Diploma has the weight that employers want to give it.

ESPEN CHAIRMAN:
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