The EANS Summer School 2015

29th June to 10th July, Barcelona, Spain

- A unique opportunity for nurses undertaking doctoral studies to participate in a three year programme of annual summer schools.
- The chance to learn mixed methods research skills to develop, test, evaluate and implement complex interventions in nursing.
- The experience of working alongside nurses from more than 20 European countries.

You can apply if you:

1. are a nurse;
2. have European nationality;
3. appreciate that nursing is an archetypal ‘complex intervention’;
4. want a career as a researcher improving the evidence base for nursing interventions;
5. intend to use integrated, mixed methods and translational research programmes in your doctoral research in nursing;
6. are at an early stage of your doctoral studies;
7. have an excellent command of scientific English;
8. can commit to attending three consecutive summer schools in 2015, 2016 and 2017

If this sounds like you then the summer school programme is for you!

Funding: There is no registration fee for the Summer School. You must stay in accommodation arranged by the organisers at a special group reduced rate. The summer school is subsidised by the European Science Foundation but participants should expect to find their own funds for approximately 50% of accommodation costs, and all travel and subsistence.

NOTE: Think carefully before you apply. The EANS summer school curriculum is radically different from many other research courses as it is structured around the ‘complex interventions research framework’ model. Given that knowledge for nursing interventions is poorly developed, with no more than 15% of current published research activity likely to carry strong evidence for practice, the school is directed at improving the evidence base for nursing interventions. EANS summer schools are part of a drive to re-focus nursing research activity and develop knowledge for nursing that can be readily translated into clinical practice so that programmatic, mixed methods and translational research – research which transforms research findings into clinical applications – becomes the norm. Therefore, if you do not share the views above the course is not for you. From day one, the course focuses on the development and testing of nursing interventions, using mixed methods but always directed at evaluating and implementing evidence which will improve the practice of nursing care. (See Richards and Borglin, Int J Nurs Stud, 2011).

How to apply: Complete the application form available at http://www.european-academy-of-nursing-science.com/activities/summer-schools/, and return it by 31st January 2015. Applications to the Summer Schools are highly competitive. Applicants who meet the above criteria will be randomly selected from all applications received.

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