HIGHER TECHNICAL PROFESSIONAL COURSES FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE





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This Higher Technical Professional Course is a vocational training course taught as part of polytechnic higher education and lasts 4 semesters, corresponding to 120 ECTS.

The course is organised into general and scientific training, technical training and on-the-job training (internship), and each student is awarded with a **Higher Technical Professional Diploma at level 5 of the European Qualifications Framework for Lifelong Learning.**

1. Professional profile

The Higher Technical Professional Course in Family and Community Service aims to train professionals who are able to provide services and care to people of all ages (children, young people, adults and the elderly) who are dependent or independent, including people with disabilities, providing them with physical, psychological and social support.

2. Professional opportunities

Direct support to the technical departments of organisations including: social charities, private social solidarity institutions, homes and sheltered accommodation for the elderly, centres for children, social orders/projects, support centres for disabled people and people with multiple disabilities, support centres for people in need and the homeless, shelters to support the victims of violence, day centres, social centres, education centres, rehabilitation units for young people, schools, prisons and hospitals.

3. Entry requirements (one of the following)

- 3.1 Having completed a secondary **education course** qualification or a legally equivalent qualification.
- 3.2 Having passed the special exams for assessing capacity to attend higher education for **people over 23** (Decree-Law no. 64/2006 of 21 March).
- 3.3 Holding a technological specialisation diploma, a higher technical professional diploma or a higher education qualification.

4. COURSE STRUCTURE

	Course units	Sem.	Contact hours	ECTS
	Communicating in the Portuguese Language	2	50	5
General and scientific training	Human Behaviour in Organisations	2	50	5
	Economic and Social Culture	2	50	5
	Technical English	1	50	5
	Interpersonal Relationships	1	50	5
Technical training	Fundamentals of Volunteering and Professional Mission	1	60	6
	Fundamentals of Food and Nutrition for Specific Populations	2	40	4
	Family and Juvenile Law	1	50	5
	Occupational Health, Safety and Hygiene	2	50	5
	Ethics and Professional Deontology for Carers	1	50	5
	Mobility and Physical Activity Techniques for Specific Populations	1	40	4
	Recreational-Occupational Techniques for Specific Populations	2	60	6
			600	60

YEAR 1 . 60 ECTS

YEAR 2 • 60 ECTS

	Course units	Sem	. Contact hours	ECTS
	Medical Emergency Situations		60	6
	Social Work Methods and Techniques		60	6
Technical	Motivation, Counseling and Career Guidance Techniques		40	4
training	Special Education Needs		60	6
	Introduction to Social Policies		40	4
	Immediate, Continuous and Palliative Care		40	4
On-the-job	On-the-job Training – Internship (750 hours)	2		30
Training				
			300	60
		Total	900	120

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Exclusive conditions

- Extensive parking on campus.
- A comfortable, welcoming environment throughout the campus.
- Easy access by public transport, particularly the metro at ISMAI station.
- An environment with new technologies and sport, improved with the construction of a new, state-of-the-art sports complex.

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5. Continuing studies – Bachelor's degrees

- 5.1 The application by holders of Higher Technical Professional Diplomas to attend IPMAIA Bachelor's degrees is subject to the conditions established by the institution body that is competent to do so in accordance with the law and the statutes. Depending on the Higher Technical Professional Course and Bachelor's degree, these conditions may establish the need to pass a specific IPMAIA admission exam, or allow the exemption to perform such an exam.
- 5.2 Credits acquired on the Higher Technical Professional Course may be transferred to a Bachelor's degree programme when continuing studies.

Observations

 a) Students who intend to apply for an IPMAIA Bachelor's degree course and must sit the specific admission exam will receive suitable preparation during the teaching of the Higher Technical Professional Course.



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