



College of the European  
School of Oncology

# **ESCO** **THE ESO COLLEGE**

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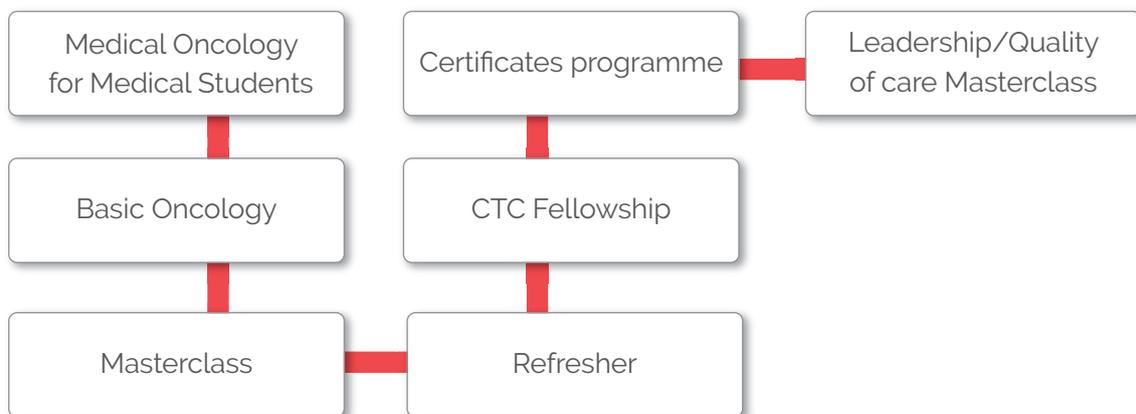
ESCO is the College of the European School of Oncology. It offers **aspiring** oncologists a structured educational pathway that spans their career from medical student **through to taking on leadership responsibilities**.

## WHY A COLLEGE?

Since 1982, ESO has offered young oncologists an expanding array of educational opportunities, from oncology basics to specialist courses and fellowships, delivered face to face or online. With its 40th year on the horizon, ESO is setting up the ESCO College to organise those educational offerings into a structured pathway.

## THE ESCO PATHWAY

ESCO's development pathway takes oncologists from their time at medical school through to taking on leadership positions, via a sequence of educational steps.



The pathway is structured in levels, in accordance with career development targets. When each level is achieved, members will be able to access dedicated benefits that are targeted to help them reach the following level and eventually graduate from ESCO.

## OUR MISSION

ESCO is committed to guiding oncologists through their career and enabling them to achieve and maintain a high standard of care and professional success.

## WHO CAN ENROL IN ESCO?

Anyone who has been selected to participate in ESO activities through a competitive application in the last 10 years, or is selected for such activities in the future, can apply to enrol in ESCO. Competitive application events include:

- Masterclasses
- Refreshers
- Clinical Training Centre Fellowships
- Certificates programme
- And, some courses.

Oncologists can join the pathway at whichever stage they are in their career, an ideal pathway has been created but the steps are not obligatory.

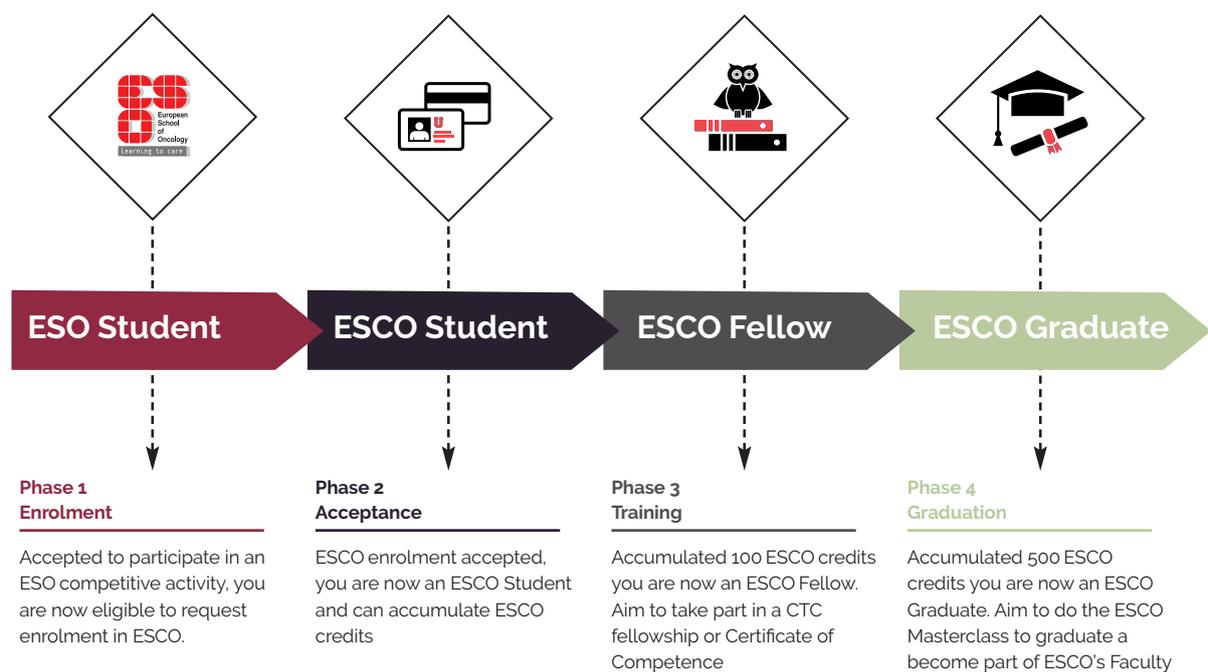
# ADVANCING THROUGH ESCO

The first phase of the College is being accepted on to one of ESO's competitive activities, requesting ESCO enrolment and therefore becoming an ESCO Student. Once enrolled in the College, further phases are reached by earning credits

Credits can be earned in the following ways:

- taking part in further ESO activities
- viewing e-ESO sessions or Pathways
- passing the ESMO examination
- having papers, articles and studies published in journals and/or,
- being selected to participate in a conference (presentation, poster session, abstract book).

It takes 100 credits to become an **ESCO Fellow**, and a further 400 credits to become an **ESCO Graduate**.



## WHY ENROL IN ESCO?

Students, Fellows and Graduates of ESCO will benefit from a range of resources that will help them achieve success in their career and build long-lasting networks. These benefits include,

- **Free subscription to Science Direct**
- **Access to members only e-learning sessions/courses**
- **Priority selection for ESO's Clinical Training Centres Fellowship programme**
- **Grants for ESO's Certificates Programme**
- **Career advice via the Mentorship programme**
- **Dedicated Leadership Masterclass**
- **Grants for further education**
- **Access & inclusion in the ESCO Directory**
- **Access & inclusion in the ESCO Library**

## SCIENCEDIRECT

ESCO students will be able to access all Elsevier journals that are available in the Health and Life Science section of ScienceDirect. All ESCO students are entitled to a free subscription to Elsevier's ScienceDirect.



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## ESO CLINICAL TRAINING CENTRES FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME

ESO's CTC Fellowship programme gives young oncologists the opportunity to spend 3-6 months at a centre of excellence in Europe where they will gain more knowledge in their own specialties and experience in a multidisciplinary clinical setting specially designed to address their needs.

**ESCO Fellows and Graduates will be given priority selection for fellowship placements.**



## ESO CERTIFICATE PROGRAMMES

ESO offers the following certificate programmes:

- Certificate of Competence in Lymphoma or Breast cancer in collaboration with Ulm University
- Certificate of Advanced Studies in Lung cancer in collaboration with Zurich University

**ESCO will cover the tuition fees for one Fellow or Graduate in each Certificate cohort.**



## MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME

The ESCO Mentorship programme will pair ESCO Fellows and Graduates with an ESCO Mentor. Mentors will support their oncologist with help and guidance on careers (applying/preparing for a new position, help with making a career decision, writing a grant request or paper, designing a clinical trial, etc).

ESCO Mentors are a dedicated group of ESCO Faculty who have agreed to mentor selected ESCO members for a year.

Mentors and Mentees will be paired together for a year. The partnership will work on a virtual capacity, with two mandatory telephone conversations and contact via email. It is not foreseen that the partners will meet, though opportunities to do so may arise, for example, if both attend the same congress at the same time.



## LEADERSHIP MASTERCLASS

ESCO will organize an annual Masterclass for ESCO Graduates. The aim of this Masterclass is to provide education, knowledge and direction for those oncologists who have reached the stage of awareness in their career when they recognize the importance of improving cancer outcomes and are taking on more leadership responsibilities.

# ENROLMENT

## How do I enrol in ESCO?

Anyone who has been selected to participate in ESO activities through a competitive application in the last 10 years, or is selected for such activities in the future, can apply to enrol in ESCO.

If you are one of these people, you will be able to access the online enrolment request form. Your personal page will also show how many credits you have earned so far.

Enrolment is not automatic; each eligible oncologist needs to apply and each request must be approved.

You will be able to add details of your outside achievements (ESMO examination, publishing and abstracts) when you complete your enrolment form. These can also be added after enrolment.

Further information on how to enrol can be found at [www.esco.org](http://www.esco.org)



## ESCO DIRECTORY

Participants in ESO activities often value the chance to keep in touch with people they have met during their courses and events. The ESCO Directory helps to facilitate this by offering an updated contact list of ESCO members. We value your privacy, so no one will be included without their explicit permission. The Directory will be accessible only to those enrolled in the College and Faculty. In addition to names and affiliations, members can share their social media details.



## ESCO LIBRARY

The ESCO Library will give members a place to share their latest work and also find materials published by other members.

ESCO members can earn credits by informing us about articles, studies, comments and papers that they have had published in journals over the last five years.



## ESCO FACULTY

ESCO recognises and would like to thank dedicated ESO and e-ESO faculty members. Some members of the ESO Faculty have taken part in more than 50 ESO events over the years. As a sign of recognition for their continued dedication and time, some members of the ESO and e-ESO Faculty will become members of the Honorary Faculty of ESCO.

The ESCO Faculty comprises:

**ESCO Lecturers** – Faculty members who have taken part in 5-19 ESO events or e-ESO sessions

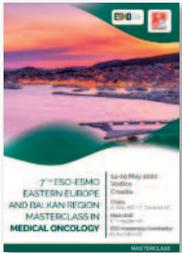
**ESCO Senior Lecturers** ? Faculty members who have taken part in 20+ events or e-ESO sessions.

There is no fee linked to becoming part of the ESCO Faculty, the position is honorary. All ESCO Faculty will be contacted and informed about the position.

# HOW TO EARN CREDITS

All ESO activities are awarded credits. The general rule is 1 hour of face-to-face learning = 1 credit. When you take part in an ESO event, the credits you have earned will be automatically added to your profile. A complete list of credits available per activity is published on the ESO website on the relevant activity page.

## SOME ESO ACTIVITIES HAVE SET CREDITS



**Masterclasses:** 30 credits  
**Refreshers:** 9 credits  
**Certificates Programme:** 400 credits  
**CTC Fellowships:**  
120 credits = 3 months fellowship  
240 credits = 6 months fellowship



**e-ESO**  
every 10 e-ESO sessions = 1 credit  
1 completed pathway = 2 credits



**ESMO Examination** 300 credits



**Publishing in Journals**  
in a national publication = 5 credits  
in an international publication = 10 credits



**Abstracts accepted at conferences** (abstract book, poster session, presentations)  
at a national conference/event = 5 credits  
at an international conference/event = 10 credits

Whether you are a medical student thinking about specialising in oncology, a qualified oncologist preparing for your national board exam or a specialized oncologist looking for further experience and qualifications, ESCO's pathway has something that can help you achieve your goals.

Many of today's European oncology leaders started their careers with an ESO course or event and have then gone on to also become members of the ESO Faculty. ESO wants to continue this tradition and help create the clinical leaders of tomorrow.



Further details on how ESCO works visit

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