

Daniela Mecugni – Academic Curriculum Vitae

Associate Professor

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Current Academic Position

Associate Professor of Nursing Science (MEDS/24C)

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Since October 31, 2015

Affiliated with the Local Health Authority of Reggio Emilia – IRCCS, Institute of Advanced Technologies and Care Models in Oncology.

President, Bachelor's Degree in Nursing – Reggio Emilia Campus

University of Modena and Reggio Emilia

2024–present

(Previously President 2016–2021; Vice-President 2021–2024)

Research Interests

- Nursing education and clinical training
 - Evidence-Based Practice and competency development
 - Dignity in care and patient-centered approaches
 - Intercultural nursing and migrant health
 - Sexual health education in healthcare professions
 - Palliative care and cancer survivorship
 - Clinical assessment tools: development, validation, cross-cultural adaptation
 - Professional well-being and workplace violence in healthcare
 - Digital education in health professions
 - Simulation-based education
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Education

The year 2011 - Level II Master's Degree in 'Promotion and Management of Research in Healthcare Organisations,' Faculty of Medicine and Surgery, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia.

The year 2007 - Master's Degree in Nursing and Midwifery Sciences from the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery of the University of Florence, Empoli campus, with a grade of 110/110 with honours.

The year 2004 - Degree in Nursing from the University of Padua, Faculty of Medicine and Surgery with a grade of 110/110.

The year 2000 - Diploma in Nursing Management with a grade of 50/50 honours from the Specialised School for Nursing Management 'F. Olgiati', Catholic University of the Sacred Heart in Rome.

The year 1986 - Diploma in Professional Nursing from the School for Professional Nurses in Modena.

Academic Roles and Responsibilities

- Member, PhD Board in Nursing Science and Public Health, University of Rome Tor Vergata (2012–present)
- Director or Co-Director of several University Postgraduate Courses (Oncology Nursing; Perioperative Nursing; others)
- Erasmus/Lifelong Learning Programme Coordinator for Nursing (Reggio Emilia Campus) (2011–present)
- Supervisor of over 150 Bachelor's, Master's and postgraduate theses

Teaching Activity

Extensive teaching experience across undergraduate, graduate, postgraduate and master programs, including:

- **Nursing Research** – MSc Nursing and Midwifery
- **Nursing in Surgical Area** – BSc Nursing
- **Ethics in Nursing Practice** – BSc Midwifery
- **Digital Education for Health Professions** – BSc Digital Education
- **Qualitative Research Methods** – MSc Nursing and Midwifery
- Teaching roles in institutional training for clinical tutors, coordination courses, and continuing professional development programs.

International teaching experience:

- Artesis Plantijn Hogeschool, Antwerp (Belgium), 2016
- Participation in multiple EU-funded educational programs (CCCI, StEmp, EDUVAC, EBP e-Toolkit, EdSex)

Leadership of Research Projects (PI or Unit Coordinator)

EU-funded Projects (selected):

- Creating Care Competence for Immigrants – CCCI (PI; 2009–2012)

- A New Generation of Students for Health Empowerment – StEmp (PI; 2013–2014)
- EDUVAC – Educating Vaccination Competence (Scientific Lead for UNIMORE; 2018–2021)
- EBP e-Toolkit – Evidence-Based Practice European Curriculum (Scientific Lead for UNIMORE; 2018–2020)
- TRAINERS – Intercultural Nursing Educators and Students (Local PI; 2019–2021)
- EdSex – Educating on Sexuality: Improving European Health (Local PI; 2022–2024)

National and Regional Research (selected):

- Teach for Dignity (Coordinator; 2021–present)
- Validazione scheda di valutazione tirocinio SVAT (PI; 2016–2018)
- OHAT – Oral Health Assessment Tool, Italian validation (PI; 2016–2020)
- Nursing workplace violence (CEASE-IT; 2020–2022)
- Predictors of academic success in Nursing (2024–ongoing)
- NurseFuture – Dropout in Nursing education (2024–ongoing)

Interdisciplinary FAR Projects:

- Innovative and Inclusive Academia – IIA (WP Leader; 2021–2023)
- Colangiocarcinoma clinical-assistential research (Co-investigator; 2025–ongoing)
- Occupational well-being in healthcare (2025–ongoing)

Participation in International and National Research Networks

- Collaborations with Italy, Belgium, Finland, Spain, Portugal, Switzerland, Czech Republic, Poland, Greece, Macedonia, USA
- Long-standing involvement in EU mobility and strategic partnerships in intercultural nursing and EBP education
- Active contributor to multicenter studies in oncology, palliative care, sexual health, workplace violence, and nursing education

Editorial Roles

- **Editorial Board Member**, BMC Nursing (2017–present)
- **Editorial Board Member**, Professioni Infermieristiche (CNAI) (2020–present)
- Contributor to several edited volumes and book chapters on intercultural nursing, sexual health education, nursing education, EBP.

Invited Speaker and Conference Activity

Invited speaker at more than **40 national and international conferences**, including:

- International Conferences on TEL and EBP
 - National congresses in nursing education, clinical nursing, migrant health, primary nursing, sexual health, and oncology
 - Keynote contributions on dignity in care, intercultural nursing, simulation-based education, and EBP teaching
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Professional Memberships

- **Società Italiana di Scienze Infermieristiche (SISI)** – Board Member (Treasurer)
 - **CNAI** – Italian Nurses Association
 - Member of several European and international research consortia in nursing education and public health
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Awards and Distinctions

- Award for poster presentation on intercultural nursing, National Conference “Diversity as Normality”, 2010
 - Lead investigator on multiple EU-funded competitive grants (over €700,000 in total)
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Languages

- Italian (native)
- English (professional proficiency)

Publications

The publications can be consulted in the ‘Publications’ section.

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