### Practical-professional profile of the course and industry sector of reference

The Master course trains a professional figure competent in early childhood issues, capable of coordinating nurseries, complementary educational services, preschools, and 0-6 centers. After acquiring specific educational, psychological, relational, and management skills, the pedagogical coordinator works for municipalities managing services or social cooperatives or consortia. The goal of the Master course is to train professionals capable of “systematizing” the complexity of both public and private early childhood education services. The course, therefore, responds on the one hand to the need for educational services to find support in professional leadership capable of promoting a culture of childhood and a pedagogical vision capable of guiding educational practices, and on the other hand to the need of local governments to equip themselves with professional figures with specific skills, oriented not only in a psycho-pedagogical sense but also in a managerial, relational, and political-administrative sense.

### Access prerequisites

A bachelor’s or master’s degree or single-cycle degree awarded according to the system under Ministerial Decree No. 270/2004 or Ministerial Decree No. 509/1999 or previous systems.

### Admission procedure

Selection by qualifications, with the evaluation of online applications and résumés.

### Duration

12 months

### Teaching methods

The teaching and training activities of the program will be conducted in blended form according to the following percentage: distance e-learning (for a total of 36 CFUs) and in-person (for a total of 24 CFUs). As for distance education, the following methods will be used:

- delivery of multimedia and interactive lectures (virtual classroom - web conference);
- synchronous and asynchronous interactive teaching via chat and web forum;
- collaborative project work type activities in an e-learning platform.

The e-learning platform used for the course is Moodle.

### Language of instruction

Italian

### Attendance requirements

Attendance is mandatory for in-person and distance learning for 80% of the total hours.

### Location of the course

University of Florence, Department of Education, Languages, Interculture, Literatures and Psychology (FORLILPSI)
Via Laura, 48 - (50121) Florence

### Foreseen lecture schedule

Classes are held on Friday afternoons and Saturdays every other week.

### Examinations procedures and schedule

The assessment consists of examinations with a grade expressed in thirtieths and possible mention of honors or with a pass/fail grade in some cases and communicated to the Student Administrative Office by the Coordinator of the
Master. Tests are held on Friday afternoons and Saturdays on specific dates, tentatively in January, March, May and June 2023.

Final examination
The final examination at the end of the course consists of the presentation of a paper. Discussion of the paper will be held approximately in the last week of September 2023.

Available places and enrolment fees

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Free-of-charge supernumerary places

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Single Modules
None planned

Description of the activities and training objectives of the internship
The Master course students carry out a period of internship or practical activities aimed at acquiring direct knowledge and skills on the functions of the pedagogical coordinator and practical skills on the role and function of the educator in children’s services 0-6 at one of the host institutions affiliated with the University of Florence, selected from nurseries and educational services 0-6, associations of children’s services, cooperatives and consortia engaged in the children’s sector, public institutions, in Tuscany and other regions. Students will also be able to carry out practical training activities with the possibility of credit recognition at institutions affiliated or not with UNIFI and FORLILPSI based on specific agreements, following the guidelines indicated by the University.

300 total hours of hands-on internship.

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