

on-course®: Europe's most comprehensive postgraduate biomedical course portal

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Background

One of the barriers facing the biomedical sector had been the difficulty in accessing the right training programmes of the right quality

To lower this barrier, the European Medicines Research Training Network (www.emtrain.eu) has developed and maintains the on-course® portal, with support from the Innovative Medicines Initiative (IMI).

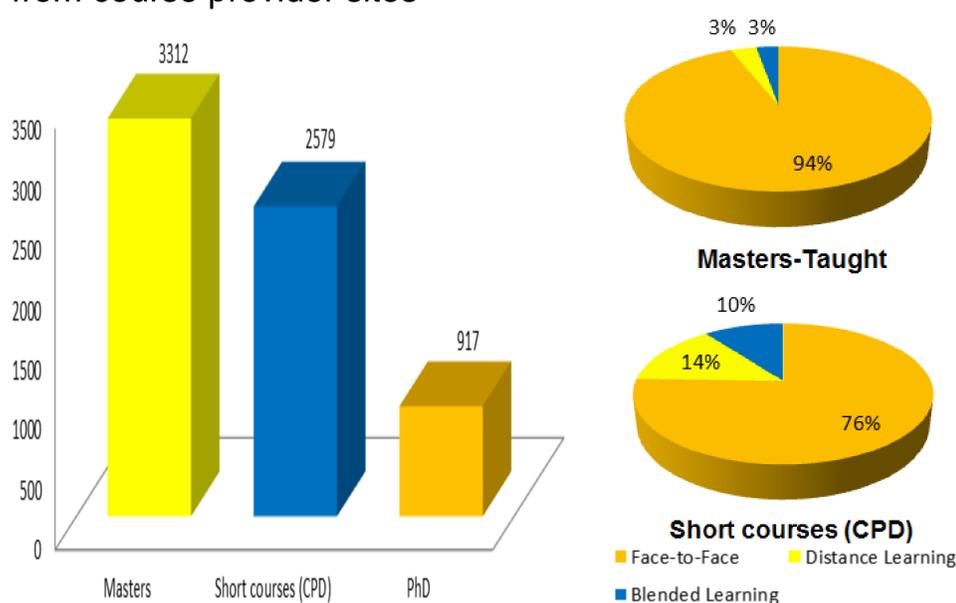
on-course® enables employees and would-be students to navigate the “jungle” of postgraduate courses with the aid of IMI quality standards for short courses. on-course® is also a tool helping address education and training gaps.

The on-course® portal

7000+ biomedical courses listed from 697 course providers across 30 European countries

Intuitive search functionality for 100 biomedical disciplines

Developed using XCRI-cap to allow live information updates from course provider sites

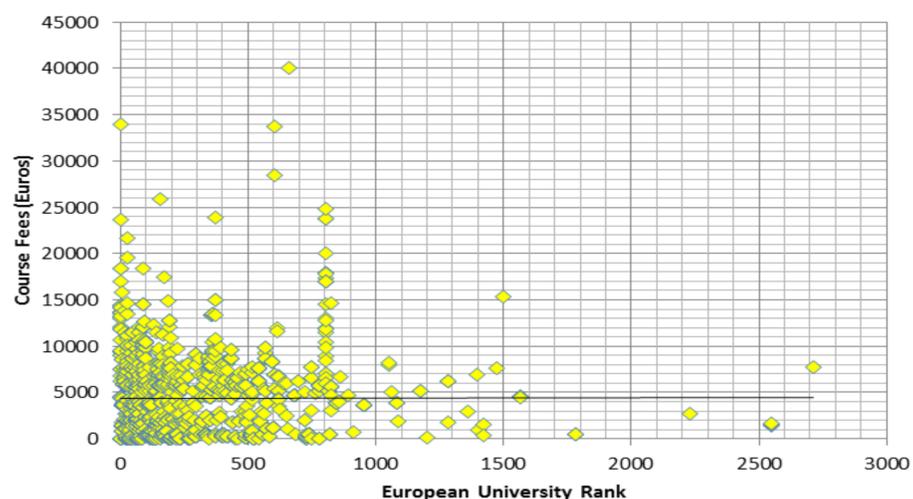


Using on-course® as a tool

Course data has been accrued over 4 years allowing the analyses of cross-sectional and longitudinal trends in Europe

This data is helping professional bodies and EU projects to conduct education and training gap analysis

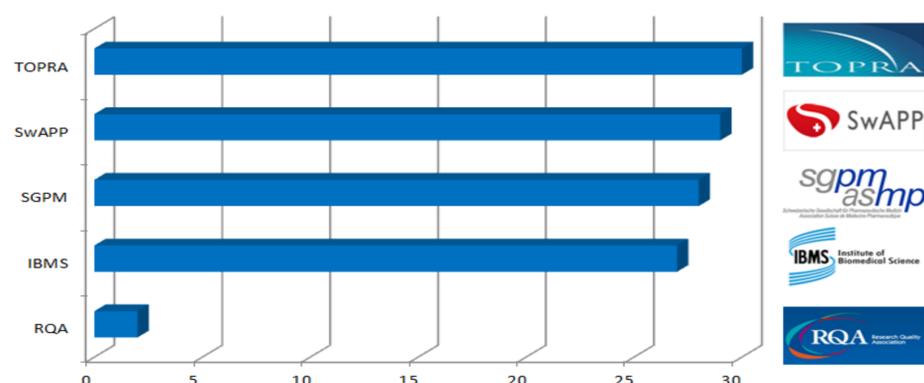
Additional gap analysis in the form of a survey “The Next Big Thing in Biomedical Science” is displayed on on-course®



Quality criteria

Already, nine IMI quality standards have been rolled out for short (Continuous Professional Development) courses

Courses recommended by professional bodies are flagged



Publications

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Website

www.on-course.eu

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