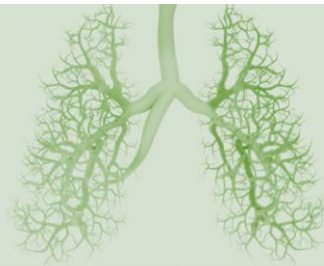


THORACIC MALIGNANCIES

Certificate of Advanced Studies
2025 - 2026

POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMME



Overview

The Certificate of Advanced Studies in Thoracic Malignancies (CAS-TM) is a joint collaboration between the European School of Oncology (ESO) and the University of Fribourg, Switzerland. The programme will focus on the improvement on both the clinical and the scientific aspects of improving quality in the management of patients with lung cancer and other thoracic malignancies. Upon successful completion of the programme, participants will obtain an academic certificate assigning 14 ECTS credits, equalling a work load of 420 hours and a diploma supplement by the University of Fribourg.

Duration: 15 months

Credits assigned: 14 ECTS

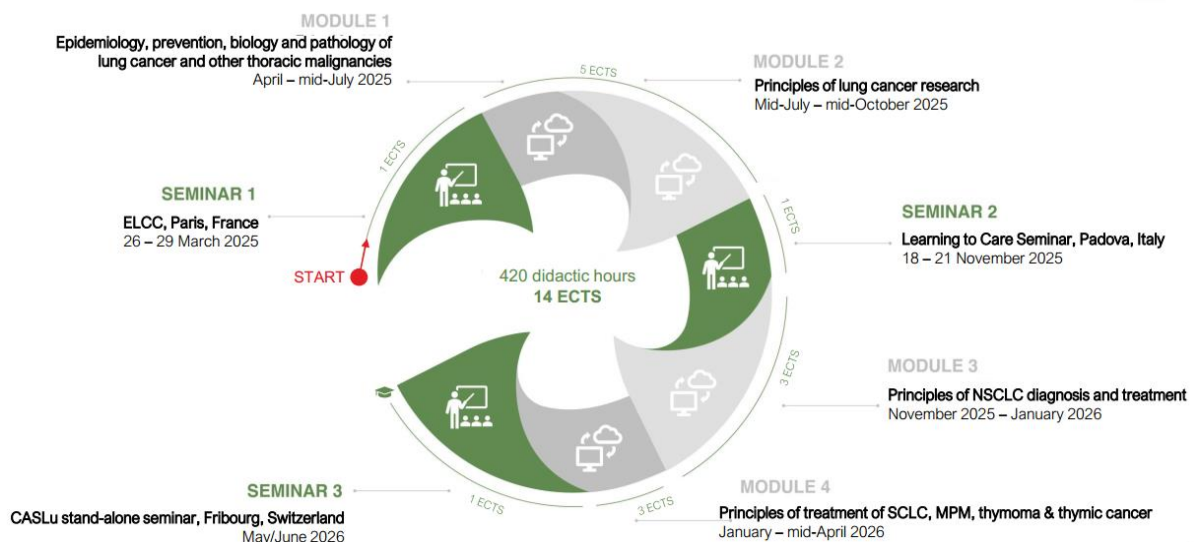
Structure: 4 online modules + 3 in person seminars

Collaborating university: University of Fribourg, Fribourg, Switzerland

Curriculum

Certificate of Advanced Studies in Thoracic Malignancies

Cohort 1 – 2025/2026*



*Dates indicated are approximate

To obtain the Certificate of Advanced Studies in Thoracic Malignancies, it will be compulsory that participants will attend all seminars and modules according to the provided time-line.

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Admission

Admission to the CAS-TM programme will be by competitive application only. Applications will be considered if received complete with all required documents and by the published deadline. Attendance is limited to 25 participants per cohort. Decisions on admissions are made by the appointed Programme Chair.

Eligibility

The programme is designed for oncologists, but it is equally accessible to graduates in natural sciences, who are engaged in the field of oncology, especially in the field of lung cancer.

- **Medical doctors:** Master degree from an accredited college or university in medicine or an equivalent degree at the level of state examination in medicine and have had at least two years residency training in a relevant institution.
- **Natural scientists:** Master degree from an accredited college or university in a course of studies in natural sciences or an equivalent degree at the level of at least three years of studies or in a course of studies with essentially the same contents at an accredited college or university and at least two years of professional experience in oncology.

Required Documents

The following documents will be required with your application:

- Curriculum vitae outlining previous education and professional experience
- Copy of bachelor's degree or equivalent degree in medicine or natural sciences or any other study programme covering the same contents in the original language and a certified English translation
- Copy of transcript of records of the examinations taken during the bachelor's degree programme in the original language and a certified English translation
- If the point above is not applicable, record of all study achievements and examination results obtained in the course of studies until the application deadline
- Proof of loss of right to take examinations or final failure in examinations in the respective programme, if applicable
- Employment verification/reference letters accounting for professional experience in oncology
- Personal statement which explains why you believe you are eligible for this programme and how and why it will further support your intended career

The following additional achievements will increase the assessment rate of the application:

- Further professional experience related to the course of studies
- Completion of an additional qualification in oncology
- Publications, as evidenced by cumulative impact factors greater than 10
- At least one year of relevant oncological experience in a foreign country

Tuition Fee

In keeping with the mission of the European School of Oncology, ESO generously subsidizes the cost of the CAS-TM programme. The tuition fee which remains to be paid by each participant is **EUR 4'900**. A CAS Financial Aid Fund will be available for participants who cannot cover the full fee directly.

The tuition fee includes:

- Access to the modules via a dedicated online platform
- Access to the three in-person seminars foreseen by the programme, including registration for the indicated congresses and accommodation
- Access to all exams required by the programme

The tuition fee does not include travel to the in-person seminars.

