



## RESEAU DES GRANDES ECOLES D'OSTEOPATHIE

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The RGEO (Reseau des grandes écoles d'ostéopathie) is a network for leading osteopathic schools in France.

The creation of the RGEO at the beginning of 2008 was a milestone in the teaching of osteopathy in France. The 5 members, (CEESO Paris, CEESO Lyon, CIDO St Etienne, COPR Marseille and IDHEO Nantes) are institutions providing a 5 year full time training programme in osteopathy.

These 5 schools were part of the first institutions to be officially accredited by the French Health Ministry on August 9<sup>th</sup> 2007.



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## RGEO OBJECTIVES

- To train professional osteopaths with high skills.
- Ensure permanent improvement in training and knowledge.
- Promote research.
- Striving for recognition.
- Set up standards

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## STANDARDS

- “Must have” for RGEO members
  - ISO 9001
  - Erasmus
  - ECTS system
  - Academic minima (clinics, studies, training in hospital), which are now the highest in France
  - Resource sharing
  - Common diploma
  - Research Department
  - Full time training only
- RGEO is meant to be extended internationally

## ISO 9001 certified



- In addition to this European assurance of quality education the RGEO members are all certified with the **international quality standards ISO 9001**.
- These quality standards are applied to the whole running of the institution from Management and administration to pedagogy and examinations.
- The schools complete a rigorous external audit yearly to maintain their certificate and in addition share their expertise with regular reciprocal internal auditing between institutions.
- In addition to ISO 9001 audits carried out by independant quality insurance companies, we carry out among ourselves cross-institutions audits, with academic improvement goals. These internal audits are carried out by qualified auditors from each institution

## ERASMUS

- All 5 members are committed to the European Erasmus Life long learning programme and each has been awarded the **Erasmus University Charter**, thus abiding by the strict quality rules set out for European institutions of Higher Education.
- Each school is actively involved in creating Erasmus partnerships with other European schools of osteopathy.
- RGEO is well known by the national and European agency.



## ECTS

- ECTS stands for European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System.
- ECTS makes teaching and learning more transparent and facilitates the recognition of studies (formal, non-formal and informal). The system is used across Europe for credit transfer (student mobility) and credit accumulation (learning paths towards a degree). It also informs curriculum design and quality assurance.
- RGEO institutions deliver 300 ECTS over five years.
- Bridges exists between schools to allow mobility.



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## Academic minima

- Full time only : it is not a « discrimination approach », but we move quicker as we are similar
- 10 semesters covering 300 ECTS:
  - 1 to 6 : orientation (L)
  - 7 & 8 : consolidation (M1)
  - 9 & 10 : Integration (M2).
- 6 UF (Unités de formation = training units) for Theory
- 3 UF for practise control and thesis
- 70 individual clinic (minimum), 100s in reality
- Permanent staff training
- Academic updates based on “cross check”

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## Academic minima (cont'd)

- The RGEO share common goals concerning the quality of osteopathic education and practice with the aim of ensuring quality teaching and patient safety, by the training of competent future practitioners.
- The teaching of core subjects is provided by specialist osteopaths, general practitioners, high university-level specialist doctors, university teachers and researchers who have made a name for themselves within their profession.
- From the third year onwards, students participate at an osteopathic clinic several times a week.



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## Ressources SHARING

By being a community, members share their experience and this provides advantages. That is the perfect competition.

The RGEO members have a common view on the teaching of osteopathy and share their skills and resources on;

- Teachers;
- Methods of recruitment
- Marketing (advertising, communication, analysis, ..);
- Politics;
- Quality experts;
- Software; hardware; purchasing power;
- International coverage (1 new international partner per year per school)
- Time distribution
- education and course objectives
- Evaluation and assessment with shared exam juries
- Management



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## Common DIPLOMA

- The RGEO is the first osteopathic education network to have its diploma registered at the RNCP;
- RNCP is the French National Professional Certification Register.
- The RNCP certification is the proof of the RGEO National Recognition.



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## IMPROVING

- RGEO members always take up new challenges.
- New ideas, reassessment, benchmark studies, help us improving.
- Communication is the key.
  - Improving is likely to happen by listening, giving hands, trying and sharing results.
- Window opened on the world: OSEAN, Erasmus, etc.



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## Questions?



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