

Testi del Syllabus

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Anno offerta:	2020/2021	
Insegnamento:	779SM - NEUROANATOMIA E NEUROFARMACOLOGIA	
Corso di studio:	SM54 - NEUROSCIENZE	
Anno regolamento:	2020	
CFU:	7	
Settore:	BIO/14	
Tipo Attività:	B - Caratterizzante	
Anno corso:	1	
Periodo:	Primo Semestre	
Sede:	TRIESTE	



Testi in italiano

Lingua insegnamento

English

Contenuti (Dipl.Sup.)

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Testi di riferimento

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Obiettivi formativi

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