

**EXCERPT FROM DECISIONS OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL
UNDER PROTOCOL No. 26 OF 21.07.2025**

regarding statement of the Control Council for verification of the legality of elections held by the General Assembly of the Faculty of Public Health on 20.06.2025 and by the General Assembly of the Faculty of Pharmacy on 17.06.2025.

regarding the budget update of the Medical University of Varna for 2025.

The Academic Council approves the update of the budget of the Medical University of Varna for 2025 by paragraphs and activities of the Unified Budget Classification, as follows:

1. Increase in §§ 32-30 *"Transfers received by state higher education institutions from the State Budget"* – by 178,549 BGN.
2. Increase in expenses by BGN 178,549 and internally compensated changes by paragraphs and activities of the Unified Budget Classification, according to *Appendix 1*.

about Submission of the annual report and financial statement of "University Specialized Eye Hospital for Active Treatment - Varna" EOOD.

The Academic Council decided:

1. Adopts the annual activity report and the annual financial report of "University Specialized Eye Hospital for Active Treatment - Varna" EOOD for 2024.
2. Releases Prof. Dr. Zornitsa Zlatarova, MD, PhD, from liability for her activities as manager of "University Specialized Eye Hospital for Active Treatment - Varna" EOOD for her activities as such in 2024.
3. Elects Svetla Petrova, registered auditor with number 0632 in the register of certified public accountants at ICPA as auditor of "USEHAT-Varna" EOOD for 2025.
4. It distributes the profit for 2024, determining that all of it will be used to cover losses from previous years.

Application: *Letter with entry No. RD-112-30/27.06.2025 with attached for the period ending on 31.12.2024 for USEHAT-Varna EOOD a management report, financial statement, report from an independent auditor, proposal for an auditor for 2025.*

on approving the number of students admitted for paid studies in the 2025/2026 academic year.

The Academic Council decided that the Medical University of Varna will provide paid training in the 2025/2026 academic year in the Bachelor's and Master's degree programs for the number of students in specialties, according to Appendix No. 1 hereto.

Appendix No. 1: *Admission plan for paid education under Art. 21, para. 2 and para. 3, Art. 95, para. 8 of the Higher Education Act and Art. 1, para. 2 of the Regulations for Admission of Students at MU-Varna for the 2025/2026 academic year.*

PLAN

**FOR PAID TRAINING UNDER ART.21, PARA.2 AND PARA.3, ART.95, PARA.8 OF THE
ACT ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND UNDER ART.1, PARA.2 OF THE REGULATIONS
FOR ADMISSION OF STUDENTS IN MU-VARNA DURING THE 2025/2026 ACADEMIC
YEAR.**

N o.	Specialty	Degree	Paid admission, Bulgarian- language training (EU and EEA citizens) - up to:	Paid admission, Bulgarian- language training (citizens of countries outside the EU and	Paid admission, English- language training (EU and EEA citizens) - up to:	Paid admission, English - language training (citizen
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				EEA) - up to:		s of countries outside the EU and EEA) to:
1	Medicine	Master	30	1	225	95
2	Dental medicine	Master	43	1	45	20
3	Pharmacy	Master	30	1		
4	Midwife - Faculty of Public Health	Bachelor	4			
5	Nurse - Faculty of Public Health	Bachelor	4			
6	Midwife - Sliven Affiliate	Bachelor	4			
7	Nurse - Sliven Affiliate	Bachelor	4			
8	Midwife - Veliko Tarnovo Affiliate	Bachelor	4			
9	Nurse - Veliko Tarnovo Affiliate	Bachelor	7			
10	Midwife - Shumen Affiliate	Bachelor	4			
11	Nurse - Shumen Affiliate	Bachelor	8			
12	Assistant Pharmacist	Professional Bachelor	2			
13	Dental Technician	Professional Bachelor	2			
14	Medical Laboratory Assistant	Professional Bachelor	5			
15	Public Health Inspector	Professional Bachelor	6			
16	X-ray Laboratory Assistant	Professional Bachelor	4			
17	Rehabilitator	Professional Bachelor	4			
18	Medical Cosmetician	Professional Bachelor	6			
19	Medical Optician	Professional Bachelor	5			
20	Public Health Prevention and Control	Master	40			

21	Rehabilitation, Thalassotherapy, Wellness and Spa	Master	40			
22	Health Management and Medico-Social Care	Master	70			
23	Pharmaceutical Management and Care	Master	40			
24	Information Technology in Health and Nursing Care	Master	40			
25	Nursing Care Management	Bachelor	5			
26	Nursing Care Management, one-year training course	Master	5			
27	Nursing Care Management, 1.5 year course of study	Master	10			
28	Health Care Management	Bachelor	10			
29	Health Care Management, one-year training course	Master	5			
30	Health Care Management, two-year training course, after professional degree 7.4	Master	70			
31	Health Care Management, two-year training course, after another professional degree	Master				
32	Pharmaceutical Management	Master	40			
33	Speech Therapy	Bachelor	10			
34	Clinical Speech Therapy	Master	5			
35	Speech Therapy	Master	50			
36	Kinesitherapy	Bachelor	10			
37	Kinesitherapy	Master	12			
38	Optometrist	Master	1			
39	Biomedical Engineering and Technology, full-time	Bachelor	20			
40	Biomedical Engineering and Technology, part-time study	Bachelor	20			

41	Electronic and Information Technologies in Healthcare, one-year training course	Master	10			
42	Electronic and Information Technologies in Healthcare, two-year training course	Master	20			
	Total:		709		270	115

*** If there are vacant places for Bulgarian-language training for citizens of countries outside the EU and EEA, they should be transferred and become part of the quota for Bulgarian-language training for citizens of the EU and EEA. Persons wishing to participate in the ranking for the vacant places must re-submit their application documents.**

regarding **amendments and supplements** to The Regulations for Admission of Students for Bulgarian-Language Studies at the Medical University of Varna for the 2025/2026 Academic Year and **Amendments and Supplements** to The Regulations for Academic Activities at the Medical University of Varna.

The Academic Council decided:

Adopts the following amendments and additions to the Regulations for Admission of Students for Bulgarian-Language Studies at the Medical University of Varna for the 2025/2026 academic year:

§1. In Art. 5. the following additions are made:

A new paragraph 10 is created with the following content: "In the event of unfilled places in the specialties Nurse, Military Nurse, and Midwife after the completion of the rankings of all candidates who have successfully passed the competitive exam, candidates who have submitted additional documents for these specialties apply without a competitive exam (in accordance with Art. 68, Paragraph 4 of the Higher Education Act) with the grades in Bulgarian language and literature from the State Matriculation Exam and the average grade from the secondary education diploma."

§2. A new Article 5a is created, regulating the procedure for additional admission with state support for the training of students in the Medicine specialty - under the condition - upon signing a contract with an employer, with the following content:

"The conditions and procedure for accepting students under Art. 95a is carried out within the framework of the additional number of places approved by the Council of Ministers with the Decree of the Council of Ministers No. 394 of 18.06.2025, subject to a contract concluded with an employer. and are regulated by a Procedure approved by a Decision of the Academic Council. To participate in the ranking, these candidates must meet the conditions for the relevant specialty from these regulations, including having successfully passed the candidate student exams for the specialties for which this is applicable.

§3. In Art. 13. the following additions are made:

A new Paragraph 10 is created with the following content: "After completion of all rankings and availability of vacant places in individual specialties, a new acceptance of documents of candidates for these specialties is announced with a deadline set upon the proposal of the Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs."

§4. In Art. 29 the following additions are made:

A new Paragraph 3 is created with the following content: "In the event of unfilled places for the Military Doctor major after the completion of the rankings of all candidates who have successfully passed competitive exams at the Medical University of Varna, the ranking of candidates with grades in biology and chemistry from competitive exams taken at other higher education institutions in the country is allowed."

§5. The following addition is made to Article 31, Paragraph 1:

After the text: "and the minimum score for participation in the ranking for training under a state order is 25.00", the following text is added: "with the exception of participation in the ranking for additional admission under conditions - upon conclusion of a contract with an employer, approved by the Council of Ministers No. 394 of 18.06.2025."

§6. The following additions are made to Article 34:

A new Paragraph 5 is created with the following content: "The score for ranking applicants for the specialties Nurse, including for the direction Military Nurse and Midwife in accordance with the procedure of Article 5, Paragraph 10 of these regulations is formed as the sum of the doubled score from the state matriculation exam in Bulgarian language and literature and the average score from the secondary education diploma. The maximum score is 18.00."

The Academic Council decided: to adopt the following amendments and supplements to the Regulations for Academic Activities at the Medical University "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov" - Varna:

§1. New sentences, second and third, are created in Para. 2 of Art. 110 with the following text:

"In the event that the student does not sit an exam without valid reasons, after an attendance report has been issued, the fee paid is not refunded. For a subsequent sit of the same exam, the student pays the fee again."

regarding affirmation on Application and Ranking Procedure for students pursuant to Article 95a of the Higher Education Act and the Regulation on the terms and conditions for ensuring the payment of training costs for students with contracts with an employer for the academic year 2025/2026.

The Academic Council approves **the Procedure for Application and Ranking of Students pursuant to Art. 95a of the Higher Education Act and the Regulation on the Terms and Conditions for Ensuring Payment of Tuition Costs for Students with Contracts with an Employer for the Academic Year 2025/2026 in accordance with Annex 1 to this Decision, a sample application form (Annex 2), a sample declaration of prior consent and intention of an employer to conclude a contract pursuant to Art. 95a of the Higher Education Act (Annex 3) and a sample contract with an employer pursuant to Art. 95a of the Higher Education Act (Annex 4).**

Applications:

Appendix 1. Procedure for application and ranking of students under Article 95a of the Higher Education Act and the Regulation on the terms and conditions for ensuring the payment of training costs for students with signed contracts with an employer for the 2025/2026 academic year.

Appendix 2. Application Form Template.

Appendix 3. Sample declaration of prior consent and intention of an employer to sign a contract under Article 95a of the Higher Education Act.

Appendix 4. Sample contract with an employer pursuant to Article 95a of the Higher Education Act.

regarding Procedure for Additional Admission with state support for the education of students majoring in Medicine - under the condition - upon signing a contract with an employer for the 2025/2026 academic year.

The Academic Council **approves the Procedure for Additional Admission with state support** for the education of students majoring in Medicine - **under the condition - upon signing a contract with an employer** for the 2025/2026 academic year in accordance with Annex 1 to this decision, as well as a sample application form (Annex 2), a sample contract with an employer under Art. 95a of the Higher Education Act (Annex 3), and a sample declaration of prior consent and intention of an employer to sign a contract under Art. 95a of the Higher Education Act.

Applications:

Appendix 1. Procedure for additional admission with state support for the education of students majoring in Medicine - under the condition – upon signing a contract with an employer for the 2025/2026 academic year.

Appendix 2. Sample application for additional conditional admission;

Appendix 3. Sample contract with an employer pursuant to Article 95a of the Higher Education Act.

Appendix 4. Sample declaration of prior consent and intention of an employer to conclude a contract under Article 95a of the Higher Education Act.

regarding and change on decision of the Academic Council (Protocol No. 17 of 03.02.2025) regarding the distribution of the number of students admitted for training, for whom the state provides funds for the maintenance of training during the 2025/2026 academic year.

The Academic Council decided to change its decision of 03.02.2025 (Protocol No. 17) and to approve the following distribution of the number of admitted students for whom the state provides funds for the maintenance of education during the 2025/2026 academic year by majors:

- Speech Therapy, Bachelor's Degree - 15 places;
- Health Care Management, Bachelor's Degree - 15 places;
- Clinical Speech Therapy, Master's Degree - 15 places;
- Health Care Management, Master's Degree, 8 places;
- Nurse - total number of admitted students - 188, of which:
 - 79 - for the Faculty of Public Health (incl. 10 military nurses);
 - 44 - for Sliven Affiliate;
 - 40 - for Shumen Affiliate;
 - 25 - for Veliko Tarnovo Affiliate.

regarding introduction on online test platforms for preparing prospective students for Bulgarian-language studies.

The Academic Council sets the following prices for using the online testing platforms to prepare prospective students for Bulgarian-language studies:

- Access to the BIOLOGY module for candidates for the following specialties: Medicine, Dental Medicine, and Pharmacy - for one month - 60 BGN; for the entire duration of the student application campaign (until 31.07.2026) - 290 BGN;
- Access to the CHEMISTRY module for candidates for the following specialties: Medicine, Dental Medicine, and Pharmacy - for one month - 40 BGN; for the entire duration of the student application campaign (until 31.07.2026) - 190 BGN.
- Access to the BIOLOGY module for the following specialties: Nurse, Midwife, Kinesitherapy, and specialties from the Medical College - for 1 month - 40 BGN; for the entire duration of the student application campaign (until 31.07.2026) - 160 BGN.

The Academic Council determines the following distribution of funds from the revenues from the use of electronic platforms for online tests for the preparation of candidate students for Bulgarian-language studies:

- 30% of the revenues from the respective module, after deduction of VAT - author's fee - in total for the entire author team of the collections of test questions for student candidates, distributed to the individual authors based on declarations of author's contribution;
- 70% of the revenues from the respective module, after deduction of VAT – for Medical University of Varna.

regarding confirmation on Guidelines for applying for the Science Fund competition session and their annexes.

The Academic Council adopts **the Guidelines for Applying for the Science Fund competition session** together with the application documents according to the annexes thereto.

Applications: *Guidelines for applying to the Science Fund competition session:*

1. *Application form;*
2. *Scientific research project form;*
3. *Autobiography;*
4. *Research project review card;*
5. *Transcript of minutes No. 110-1379/10.07.2025 of the EC meeting.*

regarding a request for inclusion of Medical University “Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov” – Varna in the List of Research Universities.

The Academic Council decided to submit a request for inclusion of Medical University “Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov” – Varna in the List of Research Universities.

regarding affirmation of bases for conducting practical training and pre-graduate internships for students and joint training for postgraduates.

The Academic Council decided to approve the following bases for conducting internships and pre-graduate internships for students and joint training for postgraduates:

No.	Conducting bases on educational practices and undergraduate internship	For students and postgraduates
1 .	Medical Center for Eye Diseases Dr. Marinovi Ltd., Shumen	Students from the professional field of Healthcare from the specialty: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nurse • Midwife Specialists in: Ophthalmology
2.	Specialized Rehabilitation Hospital "Medica - Albena" EOOD, Albena Resort , Dobrich Region	Students from the professional field of Healthcare with a specialty: Rehabilitation Specialists in: Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine
3.	Specialized Hospital for Active Treatment of Oncological Diseases – Sofia Region Ltd., Sofia City	Students from the professional field of Healthcare with a specialization in Medical Laboratory Technician
4.	Danson Trading Ltd., Sofia	Students majoring in Pharmacy

regarding announcement on competitions for academic positions.

The Academic Council decided on the competition for the placement on academic position of **Professor - one place , 0.25 full-time** position in the **Surgery** specialty in the field on higher education 7. Health and Sports, professional field 7.1. Medicine for the needs of the Department of General and Operative Surgery at the Faculty of Medicine, on the proposal of Prof. Yoto Yotov, MD, PhD - Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, that the requirement from Appendix No. 1 of the RASD of the Medical University of Varna not be applied - the sum of the points for group E for area 7. Health and Sports to be 100 points, without requiring 80 points to be from indicator E 14.

The Academic Council decided on the contest for employment at the academic position of **Chief Assistant** in the **Anatomy, Histology and Cytology** specialty, field of higher education 7. Health and Sports, professional field 7.1. Medicine – **one place, 1 full-time** position in the **Anatomy, Histology and Cytology** specialty in the field of higher education 7. Health and Sports, professional field 7.1. Medicine for the needs of the Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology, Faculty of Medicine with an additional requirement for candidates: a recognized specialty in the healthcare system in Anatomy, Histology and Cytology on the proposal of Prof. Yoto Yotov, MD, PhD - Dean of the Faculty of Medicine - to not apply the requirement of the RASD of the Medical University of Varna under Art.

112, para. 2, item 1 in the part that refers to the requirement that the acquired Master's degree correspond to the specialty of the competition.

regarding approval of a decision of the Scientific Jury in connection with a competition announced in the State Gazette No. 30 of 08.04.2025 .

The academic advice elects **Donka Trifonova Sultanova, PhD** as **Chief Assistant** in the **Nursing Care Management** specialty in the field of higher education 7. Health and Sports, professional field 7.4. Public Health with one full-time position for the Department of Nursing Care, Sliven Affiliate.

regarding the exemption from tuition fees for doctoral studies for a doctoral student in an independent form of study.

The Academic Council decided that **Dr. Antoanina Mitkova Botseva** will not pay a tuition fee for doctoral studies in the Pulmonary Diseases doctoral program.

regarding the exemption from tuition fees for doctoral studies for a doctoral student in an independent form of study.

The Academic Council decided that **Elitsa Aleksandrova Stoychev** will not pay a tuition fee for doctoral studies in the Pharmacology (incl. Pharmacokinetics and Chemotherapy) doctoral program.

on the adoption of the Rules of Procedure of the Center for Medical Pedagogy and Communication.

The Academic Council decided :

1. Changes **the name of the Center for Pedagogical and Andragogical Competence to Center for Medical Pedagogy and Communication (CMPC);**
2. Determines **the structural location** of the CMPC within the Career Development Department with direct control over its activities, exercised by the Vice-Rector for Career Development;
3. Adopts **the Rules** of Procedure of the CMPC, in accordance with Appendix No. 1 hereto.
- I. On the basis of Art. 30, para. 1, item 11 of the Higher Education Act, Art. 51, item 15 of the Regulations of the Medical University "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov" - Varna, the Academic Council decided:
 1. Determines the remuneration of the teachers leading the training courses of the CMPC as follows:
 - 1 (one) hour lecture (duration 45 min) – 30 BGN per hour;
 - 1 (one) lesson exercise (duration 45 min) – 20 BGN per hour.
 2. Determines the prices for participation in the courses organized by the CMPC for lecturers, employees and doctoral students of the Medical University, as follows:
 - Course for initial pedagogical competence – 75 BGN;
 - Course for upgrading pedagogical competence – 60 BGN.
 - Course for developing professional skills for academic and clinical communication – 35 BGN.
 3. Determines prices for participation in the courses organized by the CMPC for external lecturers, employees and doctoral students of the Medical University of Varna, as follows:
 - Course for initial pedagogical competence – 180 BGN;
 - Course for upgrading pedagogical competence – 140 BGN.
 - Course for developing professional skills for academic and clinical communication: – 70 BGN.

regarding Announcement of a competition for the position of **Chief Assistant**.

The Academic Council decided to announce a competition for the academic position of **Chief Assistant** in the **Biology** specialty – **one place** (1 full-time position), in the field of higher education 4. Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Informatics, professional field 4.3. Biological Sciences in the Department of Biology at the Faculty of Pharmacy.

Additional conditions for the competition: Educational and qualification degree of Master and educational and scientific degree of Doctor in professional field 4.3. Biological Sciences.

regarding announcement on competitions for the academic positions of Assistant and Professor.

The Academic Council decided to announce a competition for the position of academic position of **Assistant** in the field of higher education 7. Health and Sports, professional field 7.1. Medicine, specialty of **Internal Medicine** - **one** position, **0.5** full-time position for the Department of

Propaedeutics of Internal Medicine at the Faculty of Medicine of the Medical University of Varna and **1 full-time position for the Clinic of Internal Medicine** at St. Marina University Hospital, Varna.

The Academic Council decided to announce a competition for the academic position of **Assistant** in the field of higher education 7. Health and Sports, professional field 7.1. Medicine, specialty of **Pharmacology** (incl. pharmacokinetics and chemotherapy) - **one position, 0.5 full-time position for the Department of Pharmacology and Clinical Pharmacology and Therapy** at the Faculty of Medicine of the Medical University of Varna. Requirements for candidates: higher education, Master's degree in Medicine.

The Academic Council decided to announce a competition for the academic position of **Assistant** in the field of higher education 7. Health and Sports, professional field 7.1. Medicine, specialty of **Psychiatry** - **one position, 0.5 full-time position for the Department of Psychiatry and Medical Psychology** at the Faculty of Medicine of the Medical University of Varna and **0.5 full-time position for the Second Psychiatric Clinic** at St. Marina University Hospital, Varna.

The Academic Council decided to announce a competition for the academic position of **Assistant** in the field of higher education 7. Health and Sports, professional field 7.1. Medicine, specialty of **Urology** - **one position , 0.5 full-time position for the Department of Urology** at the Faculty of Medicine of the Medical University of Varna and **1 full-time position for the Clinic of Urology** at St. Marina University Hospital, Varna.

The Academic Council decided to announce a competition for the academic position of **Professor** in the field of higher education 7. Health and Sports, professional field 7.1. Medicine, specialty of **Oncology** - **one position , 1 full-time position for the Department of Oncology** at the Faculty of Medicine of the Medical University of Varna and **0.5 full-time position for the Clinic of Medical Oncology** of St. Marina University Hospital, Varna.

The Academic Council decided to announce a competition for the academic position of **Assistant** in the field of higher education 7. Health and Sports, professional field 7.1. Medicine, specialty of **Psychiatry** - **one position, 0.5 full-time position for the Department of Psychiatry and Medical Psychology** at the Faculty of Medicine of the Medical University of Varna and **0.5 full-time position for the Fourth Clinic of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry** at St. Marina University Hospital, Varna.

The Academic Council decided to announce a competition for the academic position of **Assistant** in the field of higher education 7. Health and Sports, professional field 7.1. Medicine, specialty of **Anatomy, Histology and Cytology** - **one position, for the Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology** of the Medical University of Varna.

regarding extension of employment contracts, in accordance with § 11 of the Transitional and Final Provisions of the Higher Education Act.

The Academic Council decided to grant extension after reaching the age under Art. 328, Para. 1, Item 10 of the Labor Code, to the labor contract of, Department of General and Operational Surgery, for a period of one year, counting from 15.09.2025 /third extension/.

The Academic Council decided to grant extension after reaching the age under Art. 328, Para. 1, Item 10 of the Labor Code, to the labor contract of....., Department of Pediatrics, for a period of one year, counting from 25.08.2025 /first extension/.

regarding a supplement to decision of the Academic Council under Protocol 25 of 30.06.2025.

The Academic Council supplements its decision under Protocol 25 of 30.06.2025 in connection with the approval of prices for participation in the 19th International Congress on Colorectal Surgery, in the period from 9 to 11 October 2025 in Sts. Constantine and Helena by setting a price for **a Bronze Sponsor - 4000 BGN** (excluding VAT) with the possibility of a short virtual presentation of products at GISurgery Academy.

regarding signing a contract with a guest professor.

The Academic Council decided to sign a contract with **Prof. Dr.** as a guest professor for a period of one year, starting from 01.10.2025, Educational Sector of Assistant Pharmacist of the Medical College of Varna.

regarding confirmation on prices for medical and dental services in the process of student training.

The Academic Council of the Medical University "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov"-Varna approves updated prices for medical and dental services in the process of training students in the specialty of Dental Medicine, effective from 01.08.2025, according to Appendix No. 1 hereto.

regarding announcement on competition for the position of Chief Assistant.

The Academic Council decided to announce a competition for the academic position of **Chief Assistant - 1 position, 0.5 full-time position** at the Faculty of Dental Medicine and **1 full-time position** of intern at the Clinic of Pediatric Clinical Hematology and Oncology of St. Marina University Hospital, Varna, in the specialty of **Pediatrics**, in the field of higher education 7. Health and Sports, professional field 7.1. Medicine, at the Department of Clinical Medical Sciences at the Faculty of Dental Medicine.

regarding announcement of academic competition for the position of **Assistant**, Veliko Tarnovo Affiliate.

The Academic Council decided to announce a competition for the academic position of Assistant, in the field of higher education 7. Health and Sports, professional field 7.1. Medicine, specialty "of Ophthalmology, **0.25 full-time position** for the Department of Nursing Care, Veliko Tarnovo Affiliate. *Requirements for candidates: higher education, Master's degree in Medicine, acquired specialty in Ophthalmology.*

regarding with lock on civil contract with part-time teachers for the winter semester of the 2025/2026 academic year for the Veliko Tarnovo Affiliate of the Medical University of Varna.

The Academic Council decided to conclude civil contracts for the winter semester of the 2025/2026 academic year with lecturers for the needs of education at the Veliko Tarnovo Affiliate.

regarding signing contracts with part-time lecturers for the winter semester of the 2025/2026 academic year for the needs of the training at the Sliven Affiliate.

The Academic Council decided that for the needs of training at the Sliven Affiliate contracts with part-time lecturers will be signed for the 2024/2025 academic year, winter semester.

regarding signing of contracts with part-time lecturers for the 2025/2026 academic year for training in the Nursing and Midwifery specialties at the Shumen Affiliate.

The Academic Council decided to sign civil contracts for the 2025/2026 academic year for training in the Nurse and Midwife specialties at the Shumen Affiliate.

regarding enrollment in full-time doctoral studies at the Department of Health Care, Shumen Affiliate.

The Academic Council decided for **Deniz Erkut Kavakli** to be enrolled in a full-time form of study in doctoral studies in the field of higher education: 7. Health and Sports, professional field 7.4 Public Health and Health Care Management doctoral program at the Department of Health Care, Shumen Affiliate with a dissertation on the topic *Nurses' Competencies for Implementing Digital Tools and Artificial Intelligence in Health Care*, with a scientific supervisor - Assoc. Prof. Minko Milchev Milev, DrPH.

regarding discharge with the right of a thesis defense of the doctoral student **Dora Georgieva Vasileva** and approval of the composition of the Scientific Jury.

The Academic Council decided:

1. Gives a positive attestation assessment to **Dora Georgieva Vasileva**, doctoral student in part-time study, for the acquisition of the Doctor educational and scientific degree in the field of higher education: 7. Health and Sports, professional field 7.4 Public Health and **Health Care Management** doctoral program.
2. **Dora Georgieva Vasileva** is to be discharged with the right to defend a dissertation on the topic: *Independent Nursing Practice - Opportunities and Challenges*.
3. Approves the following **composition of the Scientific Jury** for the defense of the dissertation of Dora Georgieva Vasileva:

External members:

1. Prof. Maria Atanasova Semerdjieva, MD, PhD - Medical University of Plovdiv.
2. Assoc. Prof. Tanya Paskaleva Stoycheva, PhD - Trakia University, Stara Zagora, Haskovo Affiliate.
3. Assoc. Prof. Kristina Petrova Zaharieva, PhD - Angel Kanchev University of Ruse.

Reserve external member: Assoc. Prof. Greta Velikova Koleva-Petkova, D.Eng . - Angel Kanchev University of Ruse

Internal members:

1. Assoc. Prof. Silvia Ivanova Filkova, PhD – Medical College.
2. Assoc. Prof. Pepa Miteva Dzhezheva, PhD - Sliven Affiliate.

Reserve internal member: Assoc. Prof. Svetlana Peneva Angelova, PhD - Medical College of Varna.

The final meeting of the Scientific Jury for the defense of the doctoral student's dissertation will be held on September 19, 2025 at the Sliven Affiliate.

regarding discharge with the right of a thesis defense of the doctoral student **Anushka Strahilova Uzunova** and approval of the composition of the Scientific Jury.

The Academic Council decided:

1. Gives a positive attestation assessment to **Anushka Strahilova Uzunova**, a doctoral student in an independent form of study, for the acquisition of the Doctor educational and scientific degree in the field of higher education: 7. Health and Sports, professional field 7.4 Public Health and Health Care Management doctoral program;
2. **Anushka Strahilova Uzunova** is to be discharged with the right to defend a dissertation on the topic: *The Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on the Nutrition and Physical Activity of Those Involved in the Educational process - Lecturers and Students, at the Medical College of Stara Zagora*;
3. Approves the following composition of the Scientific Jury for the defense of the dissertation of **Anushka Strahilova Uzunova**:

External members:

1. Prof. Delyana Hadjideleva, MD - Medical University of Sofia,
2. Prof. Maya Lyubomirova Vizeva, MD - MU-Sofia, Yordanka Filaretova Medical College
3. Assoc. Prof. Katya Genova Mollova, PhD - Medical College, Trakia University, Stara Zagora

Reserve external member: Assoc. Prof. Pavlina Penkova Teneva, PhD - Medical College, Trakia University, Stara Zagora

Internal members:

1. Prof. Elena Grozeva Zheleva, PhD - Sliven Affiliate.
2. Assoc. Prof. Pepa Miteva Dzhezheva, DrPH – Sliven Affiliate.

Reserve internal member: Assoc. Prof. Silvia Ivanova Filkova, PhD - Medical College of Varna.

The final meeting of the scientific jury for the defense of the doctoral student's dissertation will be held on September 19, 2025 at the Sliven Affiliate.

regarding announcement on competition for the academic position of **Assistant** in the specialty of **Ophthalmology**.

The Academic Council decided to announce a competition for the academic position of **Assistant** in the specialty of **Ophthalmology**, field of higher education 7. Health and Sports, professional field, 7.1. Medicine, **0.5 full-time position** for the needs of Department of Optometry and Occupational Diseases, Faculty of Public Health and **0.5 full-time position** for the needs of University Specialized Eye Hospital for Active Treatment – Varna EOOD.

Requirements for candidates: *The candidate must have acquired a Master's degree in Medicine.*

regarding announcement on competitions for the appointment of academic position of **Chief Assistant** and **Assistant**.

The Academic Council decided to announce a competition for the academic position of **Chief Assistant - 1 full-time position** in the specialty of **Psychology**, field of higher education 3. Social, economic and legal sciences, professional field 3.2. Psychology for the Department of Speech Therapy and Medical Pedagogy at the Faculty of Public Health.

Requirements for candidates: *to hold a doctorate in medical psychology.*

The Academic Council decided to announce a competition for the academic position of **Assistant - 1 full-time position** in the specialty of **Speech Therapy**, field of higher education 7. Health and Sports, professional direction 7.4. Public Health, for the needs of the Department of Speech Therapy and Medical Pedagogy at the Faculty of Public Health.

Requirements for candidates: *higher education, Master's degree in Clinical Speech Therapy.*

regarding confirmation on Schedule for the 2025/2026 academic year for the part-time study programs at the Faculty of Public Health.

The Academic Council approves the annual schedule of the educational process for the specialties at the Faculty of Public Health, conducted in part-time form of study for the 2025/2026 academic year, according to Appendix No. 1 *Schedule for the specialties at the Faculty of Public Health, conducted in part-time form of study for the 2025/2026 academic year.*

regarding Opening of the position of **Lecturer in the Specialty**

The Academic Council decided to open the position of Lecturer in the Specialty of Ophthalmology - **0.5 full-time position**, for the needs of the Department of Optometry and Occupational Diseases at the Faculty of Public Health.

regarding introduction of participation fee for students participating in the international scientific congress Black Sea Symposium for Young Scientists in the Field of Biomedicine - 2025.

The Academic Council decided: Approves a fee for scientific participation with a certificate in the Black Sea Symposium for Young Scientists in the Field of Biomedicine - 2025 for students and doctoral students at the amount of BGN 50.00 incl. VAT.

Students of the Medical University "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov" - Varna without scientific participation are exempt from fees.

Appendix: *Distribution of revenue from participation fee.*

Chairman of the Academic Council:

Prof. Dimitar Raykov, MD, PhD, DSc - Rector