

EXCERPT FROM THE DECISIONS OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL

Protocol No. 35 of February 9, 2026 regarding the conversion of amounts in the university's internal acts.

The Academic Council resolved that all specified amounts appearing in the university's internal acts, including Decisions of the Academic Council, shall be converted from Bulgarian levs into euros and rounded in accordance with Article 11, paragraph 2 of the Law on the Introduction of the Euro in the Republic of Bulgaria. This decision does not apply to amounts for which a method of conversion and rounding has already been determined by prior decisions.

All converted amounts, under this and previous decisions, shall—after coordination with the Financial and Accounting Department—be indicated in the university's internal acts in place of the corresponding amounts in levs. For the amounts determined by Decisions of the Academic Council, reports shall be prepared in the format specified in Appendix No. 2 to this document by the proposer of the Decision (for proposals submitted by the Rector, the reports shall be prepared by the structure/department initiating the proposal). These reports shall be attached to the respective Protocols containing the Academic Council's decisions establishing those amounts.

The publication of the acts/documents containing the above-mentioned corrections shall be carried out in accordance with Order No. R-100-130 / 18.02.2025, no later than March 31, 2026.

Appendices:

1. Converted tuition fees due for the summer semester of the 2025/2026 academic year.
2. Template of the Report for Converted Amounts.

regarding exemption from the tuition fee for the summer semester of the 2025/2026 academic year for a student enrolled in the paid program “Midwife”.

The Academic Council resolved that – a second-year student in the “Midwife” program, Veliko Tarnovo Affiliate, shall be exempted from the tuition fee for the summer semester of the 2025/2026 academic year.

regarding the approval of the Admission Regulations for English-language programs and the admission of foreign citizens at the Medical University of Varna for the 2026/2027 academic year

The Academic Council adopts the Admission Regulations for English-language programs and the admission of foreign citizens at the Medical University of Varna for the 2026/2027 academic year.

Appendix: Admission Regulations for English-language programs and the admission of foreign citizens at the Medical University of Varna for the 2026/2027 academic year.

regarding the approval of the Admission Regulations for students (Bulgarian-language programs) at MU–Varna for the 2026/2027 academic year

The Academic Council adopts the Admission Regulations for students (Bulgarian-language programs) at MU–Varna for the 2026/2027 academic year, in accordance with Appendix No. 1.

Appendix: Admission Regulations for students (Bulgarian-language programs) at MU–Varna for the 2026/2027 academic year.

regarding amendments and supplements to the Regulations for Educational Activities

The Academic Council resolved to adopt the following amendments and supplements to the Regulations for Educational Activities at the Medical University “Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov” – Varna:

§1. In Article 14, the following amendments and supplements are made:

1. **Paragraph 4 is amended as follows:** “The training for the acquisition of the educational-qualification degree ‘Master’ in the programs *Health Management and Medical-Social Care, Pharmaceutical Management and Care, Public Health Protection and Control, Information Technologies in Healthcare and Health Care* shall be conducted in part-time form, with a duration of 4 academic semesters.”
2. **A new Paragraph 5 is created with the following content:** “The training for the acquisition of the educational-qualification degree ‘Master’ in the programs *Health Management* (after obtaining a Bachelor's or Master's degree in another field), *Pharmaceutical Management, Electronic and Information Technologies in Healthcare* (after obtaining a Bachelor's or

Master's degree in professional fields other than those specified in Paragraph 3) shall be conducted in part-time form, with a duration of 3 academic semesters.”

§2. In Article 44, Paragraph 6, the following supplement is made: After the words “is based on the requirement for” the text “the acquisition of no fewer than” is added, and the paragraph shall read as follows:

“The system for the formation, accumulation, recognition, and transfer of credits is based on the requirement for the acquisition of no fewer than 60 credits per academic year or 30 credits per semester, distributed among academic disciplines in accordance with the curriculum of the program and the educational-qualification degree, or another number of credits compatible with this system. One credit is awarded for 25–30 hours of total student workload (curricular and extracurricular), with the share of curricular workload not exceeding one half.”

regarding the recognition of higher education obtained at a foreign higher education institution by an applicant for admission to a doctoral program

The Academic Council resolved to recognize the higher education in the specialty “Master of Pharmacy” of Sara Spahiu, a citizen of Bulgaria.

Appendix: Protocol No. 1 / 30.01.2026 from the meeting of the Commission for the Recognition of Higher Education Obtained at Foreign Higher Education Institutions at the Medical University – Varna.

regarding the approval of the number of students and doctoral candidates to be admitted for training at MU–Varna during the 2026/2027 academic year

The Academic Council resolved to propose to the Minister of Education and Science, for approval by the Council of Ministers, the number of students and doctoral candidates to be admitted for training during the 2026–2027 academic year, as follows:

1. **Proposal for the number of students whose training costs will be funded by the state during the 2026/2027 academic year – a total of 1102**, distributed by professional fields and specialties as follows (Appendix No. 1 of the Ministry of Education and Science):

Professional Field “Medicine”:

- *Medicine* – 220, of which 20 for the “Military Doctor”

Professional Field “Dental Medicine”:

- *Dental Medicine* – 80

Professional Field “Pharmacy”:

- *Pharmacy* – 80

Professional Field “Public Health”: 187

- *Nursing Care Management* – Bachelor’s degree – 12
- *Nursing Care Management* – Master’s degree – 50
- *Speech Therapy* – Bachelor’s degree – 25
- *Clinical Speech Therapy* – Master’s degree – 10
- *Speech Therapy* – Master’s degree – 17
- *Health Care Management* – Bachelor’s degree – 25
- *Health Care Management* – Master’s degree – 8
- *Kinesitherapy* – Bachelor’s degree – 25
- *Kinesitherapy* – Master’s degree – 15

Professional Field “Nursing Care”:

- Nurse – 150, of which:
 - 70 for the Faculty of Public Health (incl. 10 military nurses)
 - 30 for the Sliven Affiliate
 - 30 for the Shumen Affiliate
 - 20 for the Veliko Tarnovo Affiliate
- Midwife – 80, of which:
 - 30 for the Faculty of Public Health
 - 15 for the Sliven Affiliate
 - 20 for the Shumen Affiliate
 - 15 for the Veliko Tarnovo Affiliate
- Assistant Pharmacist – 46

- Dental Technician – 35
- Medical Laboratory Technician – 25
- Public Health Inspector – 20
- X-ray Laboratory Technician – 30
- Rehabilitator – 40
- Medical Aesthetician – 34
- Medical Optician – 16
- Optometrist – Master’s degree – 14

Professional Field “Electrical Engineering, Electronics and Automation”:

- Biomedical Equipment and Technologies – Bachelor’s degree – 30
- Electronic and Information Technologies in Healthcare – Master’s degree – 15

1. Proposal for the number of doctoral candidates to be admitted for training during the 2026/2027 academic year

(Appendix No. 3 of the Ministry of Education and Science)

2. Proposal for the number of students of Bulgarian origin living outside the Republic of Bulgaria to be admitted in full-time form of study, pursuant to Council of Ministers Decree No. 103/1993, for the 2026/2027 academic year

A total of **16**, of which: – 4 in the specialty *Medicine* – 4 in the specialty *Dental Medicine* – 8 in the specialty *Pharmacy* (Appendix No. 4 of the Ministry of Education and Science)

3. Proposal for the number of students—citizens of the Republic of North Macedonia—to be admitted in full-time form of study, pursuant to Council of Ministers Decree No. 228/1997, for the 2026/2027 academic year

A total of **4**, of which: – 1 in the specialty *Medicine* – 1 in the specialty *Dental Medicine* – 2 in the specialty *Pharmacy* (Appendix No. 5 of the Ministry of Education and Science)

4. Proposal for the number of foreign citizens or stateless persons granted temporary protection on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria to be admitted for training

(Appendix No. 6 of the Ministry of Education and Science)

Professional Field “Electrical Engineering, Electronics and Automation”:

- *Biomedical Equipment and Technologies* – Bachelor’s degree, full-time study – 4

Professional Field “Public Health”:

- *Health Care Management* – Bachelor’s degree – 2

Professional Field “Nursing Care”:

- *Midwife* – 4 • *Public Health Inspector* – 3

Appendices: as specified in the text.

regarding the announcement of a competition for occupying the academic position “Associate Professor”

The Academic Council resolved that, for the competition for occupying the academic position “Associate Professor” – one position, 0.5 full-time equivalent in the specialty *Occupational Diseases*, in Higher Education Area 7. Healthcare and Sports, Professional Field 7.1. Medicine, for the needs of the Teaching Sector “Occupational Diseases,” Department of Optometry and Occupational Diseases, Faculty of Public Health, and one full-time position for the Second Clinic of Neurological Diseases with ICUND and ASTU at University Hospital “St. Marina” – Varna, pursuant to proposal incoming No. 104-99 / 23.01.2026 from Prof. Dr. Teodora Dimitrova, PhD, Dean of the Faculty of Public Health, the requirement under Article 125, paragraph 1, item 6 of the Regulations for the Academic Staff (RAS) regarding recognition of the same specialty within the healthcare system **shall not apply**.

regarding amendments and supplements to the Regulations for the Development of the Academic Staff at the Medical University – Varna

The Academic Council adopts the following amendments and supplements to the Regulations for the Development of the Academic Staff at the Medical University – Varna:

§1. Article 10, paragraph 1 is amended as follows: “When assessing the scientific output of a candidate member of the Scientific Council, if plagiarism is established or a written report of plagiarism is received that is not anonymous and is substantiated, the Scientific Council shall issue a

decision on the presence or absence of plagiarism in accordance with the procedure established in the HEDASA and the Regulations of MU-Varna. In such cases, before making a decision, the Scientific Council shall give the candidate the opportunity to present their position.”

§2. In Article 17, paragraph 4, item 3, the following amendments are made: “An Individual (self-directed) study doctoral program shall have a duration of up to 5 years, with a minimum duration of 1 year. The training is considered completed in the year in which the doctoral student has fulfilled the obligations under their individual study plan.”

§3. Article 20, paragraph 2 shall read as follows: “Departmental Councils shall submit proposals to the Vice-Rector "Career Development" for the announcement of competitions, indicating the higher education area, the professional field (according to the Classifier of Higher Education Areas presented in Appendix No. 3), and the doctoral program, no later than the end of January of the respective year.”

§4. Article 31, paragraph 3 is supplemented and amended as follows: “If two candidates are ranked for one position and have passed the competition with identical results, the Faculty Council shall take into account the average grade from the examinations taken during their studies and the grade from the state examinations listed in the higher education diploma, as well as the presence of scientific or applied-scientific works (if any). The candidate who receives the higher number of votes shall be ranked.”

§5. In Article 33, paragraph 3, the following amendments are made:

1. Item 1 is amended as follows: “literature review;”
2. Item 2 is repealed.

§6. Article 33, paragraph 7 shall read as follows:

“Within 5 days after the notification of the PhD School regarding the decision of the Faculty Council, the candidate shall submit to the Doctoral School Department one original set of documents (on paper) and one set of scanned copies (on an electronic device – USB flash drive, in PDF format) of the following documents:”

§7. Article 42, paragraph 2 is amended as follows:

“The individual study plan defines the focus of the doctoral program, the structure of the training, the distribution of activities by year, and the deadlines for their completion. The individual study plan shall include:”

§8. Article 44, paragraph 2 is amended and supplemented as follows:

“The specialty examination consists of a written and an oral component, includes at least two questions, and has a duration of 4 astronomical hours. Doctoral students who receive an average grade of at least ‘very good’ (4.50) from the written and oral components shall be considered to have passed the examination. If one of the developed questions receives a grade of ‘poor’ (2.00), the doctoral student must retake the examination. The results of the examination are evaluated by a committee and are according to a syllabus proposed by the head of the department, different from the admission syllabus and aligned with the profiling preparation of the doctoral program. The committee is appointed by order of the Rector upon proposal of the Dean of the respective faculty and shall consist of at least three habilitated members, including the doctoral student’s academic mentor. A copy of the examination protocol and the doctoral student’s written work shall be submitted to the PhD School.”

§9. Article 49, paragraph 1 shall read as follows:

“A change in the dissertation topic and/or the scientific supervisor shall be permitted only as an exception, and no later than three months before the date of the meeting of the Scientific Council for dismissal with the right to defend.”

§10. In Article 57, paragraph 1, item 10 is amended as follows:

“to use no fewer than 30 days of vacation during the respective academic year”

§11. In Article 59, the following amendments are made:

1. **Paragraph 2 shall read as follows:** “A doctoral student may be dismissed with the right to defend if they have fulfilled the requirements of the Implementing Regulations of the Academic Staff Development Act (IR-ASDA) and these Regulations, including: substantial preparation of the dissertation, completion of the training activities, successful completion of the examinations specified in the individual study plan, and the awarding of credits entitling

the doctoral student to dismissal with the right to defend in accordance with the curriculum of the doctoral program and the corresponding attestation card.”

2. **A new paragraph 4 is created with the following text:** “Dismissal with the right to defend shall be effected by order of the Rector of MU–Varna following a positive decision of the Faculty Council upon proposal of the Scientific Council.”
3. **Paragraph 4 becomes paragraph 5.**

§12. In Article 60, the following amendments are made:

1. **Paragraph 1 is amended as follows:** “A doctoral student may be admitted to defend a dissertation for the award of the educational and scientific degree ‘Doctor’ if they have been dismissed with the right to defend and meet the minimum national requirements and the requirements of these Regulations.”
2. **A new paragraph 2 is created with the following text:** “The doctoral student shall submit the completed dissertation to their scientific supervisor, who shall assess its readiness for defense and must issue an opinion within one month.”
3. **Paragraphs 2 and 3 become paragraphs 3 and 4, respectively.**
4. **A new paragraph 5 is created with the following text:** “No later than 20 days before the date of the internal defense, the doctoral student shall submit to the department at least two copies of the completed dissertation, the related publications, and the abstract for review and comments. One copy of each shall remain in the doctoral student’s departmental file.”

§13. In Article 61, paragraph 3, the following amendments and supplements are made:

1. **Item 1 is amended as follows:** “The dissertation must be submitted in completed form and in a volume customarily accepted for the respective scientific field and specialty, and in accordance with the specific requirements of the department...”
2. **Item 2 is amended as follows:** “The dissertation and the scientific publications submitted as part of the procedure for obtaining the educational and scientific degree ‘Doctor’ must undergo a similarity check demonstrating no more than 35% repetition. The result shall be certified before the Scientific Council by the scientific supervisor with a report issued by the Publishing Department of MU–Varna.”
3. **Item 3 is hereby repealed.**
4. **Item 4 shall read as follows:** “The doctoral student must meet the minimum scientometric indicators of MU–Varna, as presented in Appendix No. 1 to these Regulations, for which a standardized report has been issued by MU–Varna.”

§14. A new paragraph 3 is created in Article 62 with the following text:

“In cases where the doctoral student has submitted the completed dissertation in accordance with Article 60, paragraph 5 and Article 61, paragraph 3, no later than 20 days before the meeting for dismissal with the right to defend, the Scientific Council may simultaneously decide on the dismissal of the doctoral student with the right to defend and on their readiness for defense before the Scientific Jury. In such cases, the Scientific Council shall also determine the composition of the Scientific Jury.”

§15. In Article 69, the following amendments and supplements are made:

1. **The text of Article 69 is amended as follows:** “Within 14 days after the issuance of the Rector’s order determining the Scientific Jury and the date of the defense, the doctoral student shall submit to the Doctoral School Department the following documents:”
2. **A new sub-item 1.7 is created with the following text:** “a document from the host institution certifying the research conducted there, in cases where part of the dissertation has been developed outside MU–Varna;”
3. **Sub-items 1.7, 1.8, 1.9, and 1.10 become sub-items 1.8, 1.9, 1.10, and 1.11, respectively.**
4. **A new sub-item 1.12 is created with the following text:** “a standardized report certifying compliance with the minimum scientometric requirements for obtaining the educational and scientific degree ‘Doctor,’ issued by MU–Varna.”

§16. Article 71, paragraph 1 is amended as follows:

“Within 14 days from the Rector’s order determining the Scientific Jury, at its first meeting the Scientific Jury shall elect a chairperson (from among the internal members), distribute the

responsibilities for preparing reviews and opinions, and determine the time and place for the public defense.”

§17. Article 72, paragraph 1 is hereby repealed.

§18. In Article 78, the following amendments and supplements are made:

1. **Item 1 is amended as follows:** “admission examination fee (including specialty and foreign-language examinations), approved by the Ministry of Education and Science in a Council of Ministers Decree;”
2. **Item 2 shall read as follows:** “tuition fee, approved by the Ministry of Education and Science in a Council of Ministers Decree. Employees of MU–Varna enrolled in full-time or part-time doctoral programs at the university shall not pay tuition fees. Doctoral students are exempt from tuition fees during the last two years of their training. In cases of extension of the doctoral program, doctoral students owe a fee for each additional year.”

§19. A new paragraph 4 is created in Article 85 with the following text:

“The procedure for obtaining the scientific degree ‘Doctor of Sciences’ shall be initiated and conducted in a department that has an accredited doctoral program corresponding to the procedure.”

§20. Article 87, paragraph 1, item 4 is amended as follows:

“a completed standardized report certifying compliance with the minimum requirements for obtaining the scientific degree ‘Doctor of Sciences,’ with both paper and electronic versions of the supporting evidence, issued by MU–Varna; a report on the original scientific contributions”

§21. Article 89, paragraph 4, item 7 is amended as follows:

“a completed standardized report certifying compliance with the minimum requirements for obtaining the scientific degree ‘Doctor of Sciences,’ with both paper and electronic versions of the supporting evidence, issued by MU–Varna; a report on the original scientific contributions”

§22. Article 94, paragraph 2 is amended and supplemented as follows:

“The scientific degree ‘Doctor of Sciences’ shall be certified by a diploma issued by the Research Department, in a unified format approved by the Ministry of Education and Science, in Bulgarian. Upon written request by the individual, an English-language supplement to the diploma may also be issued, provided that all documents accompanying the procedure have been submitted.”

§23. In Article 112, paragraph 2, a new item 4 is created with the following content:

“They shall have publication activity:

4.1. For Higher Education Area 4. Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Informatics; 5. Technical Sciences; and 7. Healthcare and Sports (Professional Fields 7.1. Medicine, 7.2. Dental Medicine, and 7.3. Pharmacy) – at least one full-text scientific publication published in a scientific journal referenced and indexed in the international databases Scopus and/or Web of Science.

4.2. For all other professional fields – at least one full-text scientific publication.”

§24. In Article 115, paragraph 1, the following amendments and supplements are made:

1. **Item 4 shall read as follows:** “a completed standardized report certifying compliance with the minimum requirements for occupying the academic position ‘Chief Assistant Professor,’ with both paper and electronic versions of the supporting evidence, issued by MU–Varna”
2. **Item 12 is amended as follows:** “other documents related to research and teaching activities, in accordance with Appendix No. 2;”

§25. In Article 119, the following amendments and supplements are made:

1. **Paragraph 1 is amended as follows:** “The competition shall be organized by the head of the receiving department or the Training Sector. The head of the department or Training Sector shall prepare a syllabus with questions for the competition, addressing significant scientific issues in contemporary science.”
2. **Paragraph 2 shall read as follows:** “At the final meeting, candidates shall give a brief presentation on a topic or topics of their choice from the prepared syllabus corresponding to the announced competition and shall answer questions from the members of the Scientific Jury.”

§26. Article 120, paragraph 2 is amended as follows:

“The result of the competition and the selection shall be communicated in writing to each candidate within 14 working days of the decision of the Faculty Council/Academic Council by the Research

Department. Information for publication on the MU–Varna website shall be submitted by the Human Resources Department.”

§27. In Article 126, paragraph 1, the following amendments and supplements are made:

1. **Item 4 is amended as follows:** “a completed standardized report certifying compliance with the minimum requirements for occupying the academic position ‘Associate Professor,’ with both paper and electronic versions of the supporting evidence, issued by MU–Varna; a report on the original scientific contributions”
2. **Item 16 shall read as follows:** “the candidate may also submit other documents related to their scientific and teaching activity, in accordance with Appendix No. 2: a copy of the diploma for the scientific degree ‘Doctor of Sciences’; a report on inventions, rationalizations, patents, etc.;

§28. In Article 138, paragraph 1, the following amendments and supplements are made:

1. **Item 4 is amended as follows:** “a completed standardized report certifying compliance with the minimum requirements for occupying the academic position ‘Professor,’ with both paper and electronic versions of the supporting evidence, issued by MU–Varna; a report on the original scientific contributions”
2. **Item 17 is amended as follows:** “the candidate may also submit other documents related to their scientific and teaching activity, in accordance with Appendix No. 2: a copy of the diploma for the scientific degree ‘Doctor of Sciences’; a report on inventions, rationalizations, patents, etc.”

§29. §1, item 2 of the Additional Provisions is amended as follows:

“‘Receiving structural unit’ is a faculty of MU–Varna in which doctoral students are admitted and trained or in which a competition is conducted for obtaining an educational and scientific degree or for occupying an academic position.”

§30. In the Additional Conditions for Meeting the Minimum Scientometric Requirements of MU–Varna to Appendix No. 1, item 3 is amended and supplemented as follows:

“In the submitted supporting materials for occupying an ACADEMIC POSITION (AP) in Higher Education Area 7. Healthcare and Sports, Professional Fields 7.1, 7.2, and 7.3, and in Higher Education Area 5. Technical Sciences, no more than 40% of the publications may consist of literature reviews, described clinical cases, and publication abstracts.”

§31. In the Additional Conditions for Meeting the Minimum Scientometric Requirements of MU–Varna to Appendix No. 1, new items 9 and 10 are created with the following content:

9. “Abstracts of publications published in scientific journals referenced and indexed in Scopus and Web of Science shall be submitted and accepted.”
10. “For all submitted publications, an electronic address (link) to the bibliographic record in the respective database shall be provided, unless the publication exists only in printed form.”

§32. Appendix No. 2 is amended and supplemented as follows:

**ADDITIONAL INDICATORS FOR EVALUATING CANDIDATES IN COMPETITIONS FOR OCCUPYING ACADEMIC POSITIONS AT MU–VARNA
SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITY**

1. **The following shall be accepted as scientific activity:**
 - a) participation in international congresses, symposia, and conferences (without full-text proceedings), certified by a document; b) abstracts from national scientific events, published in scientific journals or conference proceedings; c) certificates for patents and inventions; d) published reports from national scientific events without bibliographic indexing in journals or proceedings; e) national or international awards related to research activity or granted for participation in scientific events; f) membership in national and international scientific societies and/or institutions, including participation in their governing bodies; g) participation in editorial boards in Bulgaria or abroad; h) reviewing articles for publication in Bulgarian and international journals; i) membership in Bulgarian scientific societies and participation in their governing bodies.
2. **Scientific activity from the additional indicators, as well as the value of the total impact factor presented in the report for the procedure, shall give the candidate an advantage when all other indicators are equal.**

TEACHING AND INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITY

1. A report on the teaching workload related to work with student scientific circles and lecture activity within the forms of postgraduate training
2. Delivering lectures abroad; serving as a guest lecturer abroad
3. Development of curricula, tests, and other instructional materials
4. Participation in examination committees (semester exams, state examinations, specialty examinations, doctoral examinations)
5. Certificates for foreign-language proficiency; participation in foreign-language training

DIAGNOSTIC AND CLINICAL ACTIVITY

1. The candidate (for surgical specialties) shall submit:

a) a list of surgical procedures performed by the candidate from the nomenclature of the specialty during the last 3 years, signed by the head of the unit and the executive director of the hospital; b) modern surgical techniques of high or very high complexity personally mastered and introduced into practice by the candidate.

2. The candidate (for therapeutic specialties) shall submit:

a) evidence of mastering new diagnostic and therapeutic methods and their implementation in clinical practice; b) a document certifying proficiency in highly specialized activities (fibrogastroscopy, fibrocolonoscopy, fibrobronchoscopy, coronary angiography, stenting, functional diagnostics, imaging diagnostics, other interventional methods, etc.) from the nomenclature of the specialty.

The amendments and supplements to the procedures for occupying the academic positions “Chief Assistant Professor,” “Associate Professor,” and “Professor” shall enter into force for procedures opened after 10.02.2026.

Procedures shall be considered opened when a decision to initiate them has been taken by the Departmental Council of the respective department prior to the adoption of this resolution.

The amendments and supplements to the procedures for admission and training of doctoral students and for obtaining the educational and scientific degree “Doctor” shall enter into force on 10.02.2026, including for doctoral students enrolled and currently in training as of that date. regarding the standard for doctoral training

The Academic Council approves:

1. **The Doctoral Training Standard of the Medical University – Varna**
2. **Training documentation for doctoral education:** 2.1. Qualification profile 2.2. Curriculum of the doctoral program 2.3. Training program (thematic plan) for profiling preparation in the specialty of the doctoral program 2.4. Individual study plan for doctoral training 2.5. Doctoral student activity report 2.6. Doctoral student attestation card

regarding the adoption of the completed documentation for institutional accreditation and for the environment for conducting distance learning at the Medical University – Varna

The Academic Council adopts the completed documentation for submission to the National Evaluation and Accreditation Agency:

1. **Self-evaluation report and accompanying documentation for institutional accreditation of the Medical University “Prof. Dr. Paraskev Iv. Stoyanov” – Varna (Appendix 1)**
2. **Documentation for evaluation of the environment for distance learning at the Medical University “Prof. Dr. Paraskev Iv. Stoyanov” – Varna (Appendix 2)**

regarding the adoption of the completed documentation for implementing the recommendations made during the program accreditation of the regulated profession “Kinesitherapy,” Professional Field 7.4 Public Health, as reflected in the decision of the Accreditation Council of NEAA

The Academic Council adopts the completed documentation for implementing the recommendations made by the National Evaluation and Accreditation Agency during the program accreditation of the regulated profession “Kinesitherapy” in Professional Field 7.4 Public Health, for the educational-qualification degrees “Bachelor” and “Master.”

Appendices: Report on the implementation of the recommendations made by the National Evaluation and Accreditation Agency during the program accreditation of the regulated profession “Kinesitherapy,” and the accompanying documentation.

regarding the Annual Publishing Plan of MU–Varna for 2026

The Academic Council approves the **Annual Publishing Plan for 2026**, in accordance with Appendix 1 to the resolution.

regarding the conclusion of a cooperation agreement between the Medical University – Varna and “School and Canteen Catering” PLC – Varna

The Academic Council resolves that the Medical University – Varna shall conclude a cooperation agreement with “School and Canteen Catering” PLC – Varna.

regarding the update of the training program for the highly specialized activity (HSA) “Ultrasound Vascular Diagnostics” and the supplement to the HSA Nomenclature at MU–Varna in the section “for persons with a recognized specialty” for the respective HSA

The Academic Council resolves:

1. To adopt the updated training program for the HSA “Ultrasound Vascular Diagnostics”;
2. To supplement the HSA Nomenclature at MU–Varna, whereby **row 14 shall read as follows:**

No	Highly specialized activity	Duration of training	of	For people with a recognized specialty
14	Ultrasound vascular diagnostics	1 month		Vascular Surgery, Internal Medicine, Imaging Diagnostics, Surgery, Cardiac Surgery, Neurology, Orthopedics and Traumatology, Cardiology

regarding the establishment and appointment of an academic position “Associate Professor” in the specialty “Cardiac Surgery”

The Academic Council resolves to establish a **0.5 full-time academic position “Associate Professor”** in Higher Education Area 7. Healthcare and Sports, Professional Field 7.1. Medicine, specialty “**Cardiac Surgery,**” for the needs of the Department of Cardiovascular Surgery and Angiology, Faculty of Medicine.

The Academic Council adopts the following procedure for occupying the position:

2.1. No competition shall be announced for occupying the position under item 1. The Dean of the Faculty of Medicine shall invite **Assoc. Prof. Vladimir Borisov Kornovski, MD, PhD** – assoc. prof. in the specialty “Cardiac Surgery,” currently holding the position of Associate Professor in the Department of Surgical and Interventional Disciplines at Burgas State University “Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov.”

2.2. The candidate shall submit to the Human Resources Department the documents required under Article 148, paragraph 1, namely:

- application for appointment
- creative curriculum vitae signed by the candidate
- certified true copy of the Master’s degree diploma with its transcript
- certified true copy of the diploma for the educational and scientific degree “Doctor” and “Doctor of Sciences” (if applicable)
- certified true copy of a diploma for the academic position “Associate Professor” obtained at another higher education institution or scientific organization
- certificate of teaching experience
- medical certificate
- criminal record certificate
- declaration of authenticity of the submitted documents

After reviewing the submitted documents, a Commission composed of: the Vice-Rector for Career Development, the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, the Head of the Department of Cardiovascular Surgery and Angiology, the Head of the Career Development Department, and the Head of the Human Resources Department, shall assess compliance with the requirements under item 2.

If the requirements are met, the Dean of the Faculty shall propose to the Faculty Council that the candidate **be elected / not be elected** to the position of Associate Professor in the Department of Cardiovascular Surgery and Angiology, Faculty of Medicine, Medical University – Varna.

The appointment will ensure the necessary academic and practical support for conducting teaching activities and for meeting the accreditation standards of the doctoral program in **Cardiac Surgery**.

regarding the announcement of competitions for occupying the academic positions “Assistant,” “Chief Assistant Professor,” and the establishment of the position “Lecturer in ...”

The Academic Council resolves:

- **to announce a competition for the academic position “Chief Assistant Professor”** – one position in the specialty *Surgery*, Higher Education Area 7. Healthcare and Sports, Professional Field 7.1. Medicine: **0.5 full-time position** for the needs of the Department of General and Operative Surgery, Faculty of Medicine, Medical University “Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov” – Varna, and **0.5 full-time position** for the First Clinic of Surgery at University Hospital “St. Marina” – Varna.
- **to announce a competition for the academic position “Chief Assistant Professor”** – one position in the specialty *Otorhinolaryngology*, Higher Education Area 7. Healthcare and Sports, Professional Field 7.1. Medicine: **0.5 full-time position** for the needs of the ENT Training Sector, Department of Neurosurgery and ENT, Faculty of Medicine, Medical University – Varna, and **1 full-time position** for the Clinic of ENT at University Hospital “St. Marina” – Varna.
- **to announce a competition for the academic position “Chief Assistant Professor”** – one position in the specialty *Otorhinolaryngology*, Higher Education Area 7. Healthcare and Sports, Professional Field 7.1. Medicine: **0.5 full-time position** for the ENT Educational Sector, Department of Neurosurgery and ENT, Faculty of Medicine, Medical University – Varna, and **0.5 full-time position** for the Clinic of ENT Diseases at University Hospital “St. Marina” – Varna.
- **to announce a competition for the academic position “Assistant”** in the specialty *Imaging Diagnostics*, Higher Education Area 7. Healthcare and Sports, Professional Field 7.1. Medicine – **three positions**, each consisting of: **0.5 full-time position** for the Department of Imaging Diagnostics and Interventional Radiology, Faculty of Medicine, Medical University – Varna, and **0.5 full-time position** for the Clinic of Imaging Diagnostics at University Hospital “St. Marina” – Varna. **Candidate requirements:** higher education, Master’s degree in Medicine.
- **to establish the position “Lecturer in Surgery”** – one position: **0.5 full-time position** for the Abdominal Surgery Training Sector, Department of Surgical Diseases, Faculty of Medicine, Medical University – Varna, and **1 full-time position** for the Second Clinic of Surgery at University Hospital “St. Marina” – Varna.
- **to establish the position “Lecturer in Otorhinolaryngology”** – one position: **0.5 full-time position** for the ENT Training Sector, Department of Neurosurgery and ENT, Faculty of Medicine, Medical University – Varna, and **0.5 full-time position** for the Clinic of ENT at University Hospital “St. Marina” – Varna.
- **to establish the position “Lecturer in Otorhinolaryngology”** – one position: **0.5 full-time position** for the ENT Training Sector, Department of Neurosurgery and ENT, Faculty of Medicine, Medical University – Varna, and **1 full-time position** for the Clinic of ENT at University Hospital “St. Marina” – Varna.

regarding the conclusion of contracts with part-time (honorary) lecturers for the summer semester of the 2025/2026 academic year

The Academic Council resolves to conclude contracts with part-time lecturers for the summer semester of the 2025/2026 academic year for the needs of the Rehabilitation Training Sector at the Medical College – Varna.

regarding the organization and implementation of the applicant-training course “Fundamentals of Modeling,” 2026

The Academic Council resolves to organize an applicant preparatory course “**Fundamentals of Modeling**” with the following academic and financial parameters and schedule:

- **Total hours:** 40 academic hours
- **Course fee:** 501.07 EUR (980.00 BGN) including VAT
- **Course start:** 04.06.2026 at 12:45, Room 106 (Medical College – Varna)

The course will last **five days** and will be conducted as follows:

Day	Date	Hour	Module	Location
Thursday	04.06.2026	12:45 to 13:00		Medical college, Hall 106
Thursday	04.06.2026	13:15 to 17:15	Sculpting premolars	Medical college Dental Technology Laboratories
Friday	05.06.2026	08:30 to 12:30 13:30 to 17:30	Sculpting premolars	Medical college Dental Technology Laboratories
Saturday	06.06.2026	08:30 to 12:30	Sculpting premolars	Medical college Dental Technology Laboratories
Friday	19.06.2026	08:30 to 12:30 13:30 to 17:30	Sculpting molars	Medical college Dental Technology Laboratories
Saturday	20.06.2026	08:30 to 12:30 13:30 to 17:30	Sculpting molars	Medical college Dental Technology Laboratories

Registration deadline:

until 20.05.2026 inclusive.

The funds shall be allocated as follows:

- **50%** for remuneration of the individuals involved in the delivery and organization of the course. The remuneration shall be paid after submission of a report by the course leader.
- **50%** of the revenue shall remain with the Medical University – Varna.

All calculations shall be made **after deducting VAT and the course-related expenses** from the total amount.

regarding the announcement of a competition for the academic position “Assistant”

The Academic Council resolves to announce a competition for **two positions** for the academic position “Assistant”, **0.5 full-time position each**, in the specialty:

“**Hygiene (including occupational, environmental, school, radiation, etc.)**” (Bulgarian-language and English-language training), Higher Education Area 7. Healthcare and Sports, Professional Field 7.1. Medicine, for the needs of the **Department of Hygiene and Epidemiology**, Faculty of Public Health.

Candidate requirements: higher education, Master’s degree in Medicine.

regarding the announcement of a competition for the academic position “Assistant”

The Academic Council resolves to announce a competition for **two positions** for the academic position “Assistant”, **0.5 full-time position each**, in the specialty:

“**Operative Dentistry and Endodontics**”, Higher Education Area 7. Healthcare and Sports, Professional Field 7.2. Dental Medicine, for the needs of the **Department of Conservative Dentistry and Oral Pathology**, Faculty of Dental Medicine.

regarding the attestation of doctoral students at the Department of Nursing Care – Sliven Affiliate

The Academic Council resolves to approve the positive attestations of the following doctoral students enrolled in the Department of Nursing Care – Sliven Affiliate:

- **Elka Dancheva Kostova** – full-time doctoral training, scientific supervisor Assoc. Prof. Svetlana Peneva Angelova, PhD in Health Care; **1 attestation card** for the period September 2025 – January 2026.
- **Denislav Krasimirov Ivanov** – independent doctoral training, scientific supervisor Assoc. Prof. Silvia Ivanova Filkova, PhD in Health Care; **1 attestation card** for the period September 2025 – January 2026.

regarding the conclusion of a contract with a part-time lecturer in Neonatology for the summer semester of the 2025/2026 academic year for the needs of the Sliven Affiliate

The Academic Council resolves that, for the needs of the Sliven Affiliate, a contract shall be concluded with **Prof. Dr.**, who shall be assigned for the summer semester of the 2025/2026 academic year to conduct **30 academic hours of examinations**, as follows:

- 15 state examinations
- 15 semester examinations

in the discipline “**Neonatology**” for students in the specialty **Midwifery**.

regarding the conclusion of a contract with a part-time lecturer for the 2025/2026 academic year, summer semester, for the needs of the Sliven Affiliate

The Academic Council resolves that, for the needs of the Sliven Affiliate, a contract shall be concluded for the 2025/2026 academic year, summer semester, with, for the discipline “**Clinical Practice**” – **120 hours**, for the specialty **Nursing**.

regarding the announcement of a competition for a lecturer in English

The Academic Council resolves to announce a competition for **one full-time lecturer in English**, Higher Education Area 2. Humanities, Professional Field 2.1. Philology, for the **Department of Western and Classical Languages** at the Department of Foreign Language Teaching, Communications and Sports.

Candidate requirements:

- higher education,
- Master’s degree in **English Philology** or **Applied Linguistics**,
- **3 years of teaching experience**.

regarding the conclusion of a contract with a part-time lecturer in “Latin Language and Medical Terminology”

The Academic Council resolves to conclude a civil contract with for delivering **120 hours of practical classes** and **40 hours of examinations** in the discipline “**Latin Language and Medical Terminology**” for first-year students in the specialty *Medicine*, English-language program, during the summer semester of the 2025/2026 academic year.

regarding the conclusion of contracts with part-time lecturers for the summer semester of the 2025/2026 academic year

The Academic Council resolves to conclude civil contracts for the needs of the training at the **Veliko Tarnovo Affiliate** of the Medical University – Varna for the summer semester of the 2025/2026 academic year, as follows:

- for the specialty **Nursing** – **15 lecturers**
- for the specialty **Midwifery** – **11 lecturers**

regarding the convening of the General Assembly of the Medical University “Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov” – Varna

The Academic Council resolves:

A meeting of the **General Assembly** of the Medical University “Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov” – Varna shall be held on **16.03.2026 at 13:00**, in **Auditorium I**, Rectorate Building, with the following agenda:

1. Report of the Rector for the period March 2025 – March 2026
2. Presentation of the opinions of the Supervisory Board on the implementation of the 2025 budget and on the draft budget for 2026
3. Report of the Supervisory Board on its activities during 2025
4. Annual report on the activities of the Academic Ombudsman
5. Update of the composition of the Academic Council

The Chair of the Mandate Commission shall notify the heads of the main units and the Chair of the Student Council by **20.02.2026** of the number of candidates for membership in the Academic Council that must be proposed by each unit in order to maintain the statutory quotas.

The Mandate Commission shall prepare **candidate lists** for members of the Academic Council, based on proposals from:

- the heads of the main units – for members from the respective unit
- the Chair of the Student Council – for candidates from the student and doctoral student quota

The Chair of the Mandate Commission shall submit the **final candidate lists** to the Chair of the General Assembly **no later than 06.03.2026 inclusive**. After submission of the final lists, **no new candidates may be added**.

The Student Council shall attach to its proposal for members of the Academic Council a **certified extract from the minutes** of the meeting at which the selection was made.

Chair of the Academic Council:

Prof. Dimitar Raykov, MD, PhD, DSc

Rector