



EXTRACT FROM THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES No. 43 dated 27 July 2026

Opinion regarding the General Assembly of the Faculty of Public Health held and the decisions adopted under Minutes No. 3 dated 16 June 2026

The procedure for conducting the General Assembly of the Faculty of Public Health and updating the composition of the Faculty Council under item 3 of the agenda was carried out in accordance with the law with regard to its announcement, the convening of the General Assembly, the submission of candidacies, and the organisation and conduct of the voting. The requirements of Article 26, paragraph 5, item 3 of the Higher Education Act, Article 67, item 3 of the Regulations on the Activities of Medical University – Varna, as well as the Procedure for Determining the Composition of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Public Health of Medical University – Varna for the 2024–2028 term, were complied with.

Opinion regarding the General Assembly of the Faculty of Pharmacy held and the decisions adopted under Minutes No. 3 dated 15 June 2026

The procedures on the agenda of the General Assembly of the Faculty of Pharmacy, including the partial elections held to update the composition of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Pharmacy, were carried out in accordance with the law with regard to their announcement, the convening of the General Assembly, the submission of candidacies, and the organisation and conduct of the voting. The requirements of Article 26, paragraph 5, items 3 and 4 of the Higher Education Act, as well as the requirements of Article 67, items 3 and 4 of the Regulations on the Activities of Medical University – Varna, were complied with.

Regarding the announcement of a competition for the appointment to an academic position with additional requirements:

The Academic Council resolved that a competition be announced for the academic position of “Chief Assistant Professor” in the specialty “Medical Radiochemistry”, within higher education field 4. Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Informatics, professional field 4.2 Chemical Sciences – one position, 0.5 full-time equivalent, for the needs of the Nuclear Medicine Teaching Unit, Department of Nuclear Medicine, Metabolic Therapy and Radiotherapy, Faculty of Medicine, and one full-time equivalent position for the Clinic of Nuclear Medicine and Metabolic Therapy at University Hospital “St. Marina” EAD – Varna, with the following additional requirements for candidates: to hold an educational and scientific degree of “Doctor” in the doctoral programme “Radiochemistry” and to have three years of experience in the fields of “radiopharmacy” and “radiochemistry”.

The Academic Council resolved that the requirement under Article 112, paragraph 2, item 3 of the Regulations for the Acquisition of Academic Positions at Medical University – Varna shall not apply insofar as it requires candidates to have been employed as lecturers under an employment contract at a higher education institution and/or scientific organisation and/or as part-time lecturers at a higher education institution and/or scientific organisation for a total period of at least two years, with a teaching workload of at least 40 hours per year on average.

Regarding the adoption of the annual report and financial statements of “Specialized University Eye Hospital for Active Treatment – Varna” Ltd

1. Adopts the annual activity report and annual financial statements of “Specialized University Eye Hospital for Active Treatment – Varna” Ltd for 2025.
2. Releases Prof. Dr Zornitsa Zlatarova, MD, PhD, from liability for her activities as Manager of “University Specialised Hospital for Eye Diseases for Active Treatment – Varna” Ltd during 2025.
3. Appoints Svetla Petrova, registered auditor No. 0632 in the register of certified public accountants maintained by the Institute of Certified Public Accountants (IDES), as auditor of “Specialized University Eye Hospital for Active Treatment – Varna” Ltd for 2026.
4. Approves the distribution of the profit for 2025, with the entire profit being allocated to cover losses from previous years.

II. Pursuant to Article 30, paragraph 1, item 17 of the Higher Education Act, Article 137, paragraph 1, items 1 and 4 of the Commerce Act, Article 6 of Council of Ministers Decree No. 61 of 2 April 2020 on the terms and procedure for the establishment of commercial companies by state higher education institutions for the purposes of the commercialisation of the results of scientific research and intellectual property objects, and Article 11, item 1 of the Constitutive Act of “Specialized University Eye Hospital for Active Treatment – Varna” Ltd, the Academic Council resolved as follows:

The total amount of the capital of “Specialized University Eye Hospital for Active Treatment – Varna – Varna” Ltd is EUR 668,559 (six hundred and sixty-eight thousand five hundred and fifty-nine euros), divided into a total of 13,109 shares, with a nominal value of EUR 51 (fifty-one euros) per share. Article 5 of the Company's Constitutive Act shall be amended as follows:

“The capital of the Company amounts to EUR 668,559 (six hundred and sixty-eight thousand five hundred and fifty-nine euros), divided into 13,109 (thirteen thousand one hundred and nine) shares, each with a nominal value of EUR 51 (fifty-one euros).”

***Appendix:** Letters ref. No. RD-112-26/26 June 2026, with the following documents attached for the period ending 31 December 2025 for “Specialized University Eye Hospital for Active Treatment – Varna” Ltd: a management report, financial statements, an independent auditor’s report, a proposal for the auditor for 2026, and letter ref. No. RD-112-32/27 July 2026 regarding the conversion of the capital into euros and the amendment of the Constitutive Act.*

Regarding the approval of the number of students to be admitted for tuition-based education in the 2026/2027 academic year

The Academic Council resolved that Medical University – Varna shall provide tuition-based education during the 2026/2027 academic year at Bachelor’s and Master’s degree levels for the number of students in each specialty specified in Appendix No. 1 hereto.

***Appendix No. 1:** Admission Plan for tuition-based education pursuant to Article 21, paragraphs 2 and 3 and Article 95, paragraph 8 of the Higher Education Act and Article 1, paragraph 2 of the Regulations for Admission of Students to Medical University – Varna for the 2026/2027 academic year.*

Regarding tuition-based education during the 2026/2027 academic year at Bachelor’s and Master’s degree levels in accredited specialties within regulated professions and in specialties within accredited professional fields

The Academic Council resolved that Medical University – Varna shall provide tuition-based education during the 2026/2027 academic year at Bachelor's and Master's degree levels in accredited specialties within regulated professions and in specialties within accredited professional fields, for which tuition fees shall be charged.

Regarding amendments to the “Procedure for the Management and Control of Real Estate and Movable Property Managed by Medical University – Varna”:

The Academic Council resolved as follows:

1. Article 16, paragraph 5 shall be amended to read as follows:

“Items that are no longer required for the University's activities but are still fit for use shall be designated by order of the Rector and shall be subject to sale in accordance with the procedure and conditions laid down in the State Property Act, the Regulations for the Implementation of the State Property Act, and Ordinance No. 7 of 14 November 1997 on the Sale of Movable Property – Private State Property. Before being designated for sale, such items may, upon a proposal by the Rector or a person authorised by the Rector, be transferred to municipalities and other legal entities financed from the state or municipal budget. Within 14 days of receiving the proposal, they may express in writing their wish for the ownership of the items to be transferred free of charge. Failure to express an opinion within the specified period shall be deemed tacit refusal.”

2. Article 18 shall be amended to read as follows:

“Items classified as waste pursuant to Ordinance No. 2 of 23 July 2014 on the Classification of Waste shall be designated by order of the Rector and shall be subject to sale in accordance with the procedure and conditions laid down in the State Property Act, the Regulations for the Implementation of the State Property Act, and Ordinance No. 7 of 14 November 1997 on the Sale of Movable Property – Private State Property.”

Regarding the approval of training sites for the practical training and pre-graduation internship of students and for the joint training of postgraduate trainees

The Academic Council resolved to approve the following training sites:

1. MBAL “Dr Tota Venkova” AD, Gabrovo – for the practical training and pre-graduation internship of students enrolled in the specialties Medicine, Nursing, Midwifery, Medical Laboratory Assistant, and Rehabilitation Therapist.
2. “Phoenix Pharma” EOOD, Sofia – for the practical training and pre-graduation internship of students enrolled in the specialty Pharmacy.

Regarding the adoption of the results of the 2026 Call for Proposals of the “Science+” Fund at Medical University – Varna

The Academic Council resolved as follows:

I. Approves the decision of the Committee for the Ranking of Project Proposals under the 2026 Call for Proposals of the “Science+” Fund, as follows:

1. **Project No. 001-2026**, “Immunohistochemical Study of the Leptin and Adiponectin Signalling Axis in Patients with Colorectal Carcinoma: Clinicopathological Correlation and Prognostic Value”, led by **Assoc. Prof. Galina Aleksieva Yaneva, PhD**, with a total budget of **EUR 25,000**, score – **100%**;

2. **Project No. 006-2026**, “International Development of a Nutritional Risk Profile for Children and Adolescents with Cerebral Palsy”, led by **Assoc. Prof. Rositsa Hristova Chamova, MD, PhD**, with a total budget of **EUR 25,000**, score – **98.34%**;
3. **Project No. 017-2026**, “Microbiological and Epidemiological Study of Escherichia coli-Associated Urinary Tract Infections Complicated by Urosepsis”, led by **Assoc. Prof. Denis Sunay Niyazi, MD, PhD**, with a total budget of **EUR 24,912**, score – **98.34%**;
4. **Project No. 018-2026**, “Development of an Algorithm for Assessing Adherence to Statin Therapy Using a Novel Chromatographic Method and Indirect Methods”, led by **Chief Assist. Prof. Miglena Nikolaeva Nikolova, PhD**, with a total budget of **EUR 25,000**, score – **98.34%**;
5. **Project No. 007-2026**, “Assessment of the Dietary Preferences of Students at Medical University – Varna and the Effect of Prolonged Biofeedback Therapy on Emotional Eating and Body Composition”, led by **Chief Assist. Prof. Antonia Plamenova Hachmeriyan, MD, PhD**, with a total budget of **EUR 25,000**, score – **96.67%**;
6. **Project No. 010-2026**, “Regulatory and Organisational Barriers to the Pharmacotherapy of Cancer Pain with Medicinal Products Containing Narcotic Substances in Hospital Pharmacy Practice in Bulgaria”, led by **Prof. Evgeni Evgeniev Grigorov, PharmD, PhD**, with a total budget of **EUR 4,820**, score – **96.67%**;
7. **Project No. 002-2026**, “Study of the Bioactive Potential of the Aerial Parts of Plants of the Genus *Pistacia* for Dermal Application”, led by **Prof. Krastena Todorova Nikolova, PharmD, PhD**, with a total budget of **EUR 25,000**, score – **95%**;
8. **Project No. 009-2026**, “Determination of the Prevalence and Frequency of Reactivation of BKV and JCV among the Population of Northeastern Bulgaria”, led by **Assoc. Prof. Tatina Todorova Todorova, PhD**, with a total budget of **EUR 24,684**, score – **95%**;
9. **Project No. 015-2026**, “Multimodal Assessment of Metabolic Health in Middle-Aged Individuals: Relationship between Body Composition, Functional Capacity and Biochemical Markers”, led by **Prof. Dr Ruzha Zlatanova Pancheva-Dimitrova, MD, PhD**, with a total budget of **EUR 25,000**, score – **95%**;
10. **Project No. 008-2026**, “Optimisation of Diagnostics in Rare Undiagnosed Diseases through the Combination of Bioinformatic Reanalysis and Additional Genetic Testing”, led by **Dr Milena Petrova Stoyanova, PhD**, with a total budget of **EUR 24,960**, score – **93.34%**;
11. **Project No. 003-2026**, “Attitudes, Trust and Perceived Risks Associated with the Use of Artificial Intelligence among Hospitalised Patients with Infectious Diseases”, led by **Assoc. Prof. Dr Kalina Stoyanova Pavlova, PhD**, with a total budget of **EUR 5,000**, score – **90%**;
12. **Project No. 011-2026**, “Assessment of Risk Behaviour and Health Habits among High-School Students in Varna Using a Mixed-Methods Approach”, led by **Assoc. Prof. Dr Silvia Pavlova Nikolova, PhD**, with a total budget of **EUR 25,000**, score – **90%**;
13. **Project No. 021-2026**, “Investigation of the Antimicrobial and Antioxidant Effects of Resveratrol with Potential Applications in Dermatology”, led by **Assoc. Prof. Nadya Vasileva Agova, PharmD, PhD**, with a total budget of **EUR 5,000**, score – **90%**;
14. **Project No. 024-2026**, “Standardised Methodology for Imaging and Histopathological Annotation and Data Integration in Renal Tumours for Artificial Intelligence Applications”, led by **Dr Doychin Georgiev Nikolov, MD, PhD**, with a total budget of **EUR 25,000**, score – **90%**;
15. **Project No. 026-2026**, “Comparative Study of Materials for the Non-Surgical Treatment of Permanent Teeth Affected by Molar-Incisor Hypomineralisation”, led by **Assoc. Prof. Dr Milena Todorova Georgieva-Dimitrova, MD, PhD**, with a total budget of **EUR 5,000**, score – **90%**;
16. **Project No. 005-2026**, “An Integrated Multidisciplinary Model for Personalised and Preventive Community Care for Patients with Systemic Diseases and Their Relatives”, led by **Assoc. Prof. Veselina Hristova Slavova, PharmD, PhD**, with a total budget of **EUR 21,421.55**, score – **88.89%**;

17. **Project No. 014-2026**, “Effect of Tranexamic Acid (TXA) on Articular Cartilage following Intra-Articular Administration”, led by **Assoc. Prof. Dr Svetoslav Lachezarov Dobrilov, MD, PhD**, with a total budget of **EUR 24,500**, score – **86.67%**;
18. **Project No. 027-2026**, “Cardiovascular Toxicity of Modern Radiotherapy Techniques in Breast Carcinoma”, led by **Chief Assist. Prof. Dr Svetoslava Elefterova Slavcheva, MD, PhD**, with a total budget of **EUR 5,000**, score – **86.67%**;
19. **Project No. 019-2026**, “Genetic Factors in Short Stature of Unclear Aetiology: Molecular Genetic Analysis in a Selected Paediatric Cohort”, led by **Assoc. Prof. Dr Maria Kostadinova Levkova, PhD**, with a total budget of **EUR 25,000**, score – **85%**;
20. **Project No. 023-2026**, “Corneal Tissue Damage Caused by the Toxic Lipid Derivative Hydroxynonenal”, led by **Dr Andreas Kontni**, with a total budget of **EUR 25,000**, score – **85%**;
21. **Project No. 012-2026**, “Development of an Experimental Artificial Intelligence Model for Monitoring the Safety of Investigational Medicinal Products in Bulgaria”, led by **Prof. Evgeni Evgeniev Grigorov, PharmD, PhD**, with a total budget of **EUR 4,940**, score – **84.44%**;
22. **Project No. 013-2026**, “Comparative Characterisation of Methods for Root Canal Obturation”, led by **Assoc. Prof. Tsvetelina Iliyanova Borisova-Papancheva, MD, PhD**, with a total budget of **EUR 5,000**, score – **81.67%**;
23. **Project No. 016-2026**, “An Integrated Two-Stage Model for Early Detection, Fibrosis Stratification, Metabolic Phenotyping and Personalised Nutritional Intervention in MASLD”, led by **Assoc. Prof. Dr Albena Borisova Toneva-Stoyanova, MD, PhD**, with a total budget of **EUR 25,000**, score – **81.11%**;
24. **Project No. 004-2026**, “Barriers, Experiences and Quality of Healthcare Services among People with Disabilities”, led by **Assoc. Prof. Dr Silvia Pavlova Nikolova, PhD**, with a total budget of **EUR 5,000**, score – **78.34%**;
25. **Project No. 020-2026**, “Chemometric Methods and Approaches for Determining Optimal Conditions for Achieving Maximum Chemiluminescence Yield in the Analysis of Ascorbic Acid in Fortified Food Products”, led by **Assoc. Prof. Iliyan Nikolov Kolev, PhD**, with a total budget of **EUR 5,000**, score – **78.34%**;
26. **Project No. 025-2026**, “Investigation of Genetic Variants and Associated Pro-Inflammatory Markers in Colorectal Carcinoma”, led by **Assoc. Prof. Deyana Georgieva Vankova, PhD**, with a total budget of **EUR 24,992.75**, score – **78.34%**;
27. **Project No. 022-2026**, “Demographic and Epidemiological Models of Salivary Gland Pathology Detected by Ultrasound in a Cohort of Patients Receiving Primary Healthcare”, led by **Dr Tsvetelina Georgieva Teneva, MD, PhD**, with a total budget of **EUR 25,000**, score – **63.33%**.

II. Approves the decision of the Committee to fund the first fifteen research projects with the highest scores in the ranking under the 2026 Call for Proposals of the “Science+” Fund, as follows:

1. **Project No. 001-2026** “Immunohistochemical Study of the Leptin and Adiponectin Signalling Axis in Patients with Colorectal Carcinoma: Clinicopathological Correlation and Prognostic Value”, led by **Assoc. Prof. Galina Aleksieva Yaneva, PhD**, with a total budget of **EUR 25,000**, score – **100%**;
2. **Project No. 006-2026** “International Development of a Nutritional Risk Profile for Children and Adolescents with Cerebral Palsy”, led by **Assoc. Prof. Dr Rositsa Hristova Chamova, MD, PhD**, with a total budget of **EUR 25,000**, score – **98.34%**;
3. **Project No. 017-2026** “Microbiological and Epidemiological Study of Escherichia coli-Associated Urinary Tract Infections Complicated by Urosepsis”, led by **Assoc. Prof. Dr Denis Sunay Niyazi, MD, PhD**, with a total budget of **EUR 24,912**, score – **98.34%**;

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regarding amendments and additions to the Regulations on Educational Activities.

The Academic Council resolved as follows: Approves amendments and additions to the Regulations on Educational Activities at Medical University “Prof. Dr Paraskev Stoyanov” – Varna, as set out in the Appendix to the present proposal.

regarding the allocation of the number of students to be admitted for education for whom the State provides funding for the cost of education during the 2026/2027 academic year.

Vote: For – 32; Against – 0; Abstained – 0

The Academic Council resolved to amend its decision of 9 February 2026 (Minutes No. 35) and approve the following allocation of the number of students to be admitted for education for whom the State provides funding for the cost of education during the 2026/2027 academic year, by programme:

“Speech Therapy”, Bachelor’s degree – 30 places;
“Health Management”, Bachelor’s degree – 20 places;
“Midwifery” – total number of students admitted: 91, of whom:
36 – Faculty of Public Health;
20 – Sliven Affiliate;
20 – Shumen Affiliate;
15 – Veliko Tarnovo Affiliate;
“Nursing” – total number of students admitted: 160, of whom:
70 – Faculty of Public Health (including 10 military nurses);
36 – Sliven Affiliate;
30 – Shumen Affiliate;
24 – Veliko Tarnovo Affiliate.

regarding amendments and additions to the Regulations for the Admission of Students to

1. Bulgarian-Language Programmes at Medical University – Varna for the 2026/2027 academic year.

Pursuant to Article 21, paragraph 1, item 2; Article 30, paragraph 1, item 14; Article 68, paragraph 4; and Article 95a, paragraph 1 of the Higher Education Act; Article 127, paragraph 4 of the Regulations on the Activities of Medical University – Varna; Article 85, paragraph 3 of the Regulations on Educational Activities of Medical University – Varna; in connection with Article 4 of the Ordinance on the Uniform State Requirements for the Acquisition of Higher Education in the Specialties “Nursing”, “Midwifery” and “Physician Assistant” for the Bachelor’s Degree; and the Ordinance on the Terms and Procedure for Providing Funding for the Costs of Education of Students with an Employment Contract with an Employer, the Academic Council resolved as follows:

Approves the following amendments and additions to the Regulations for the Admission of Students to Bulgarian-Language Programmes at Medical University – Varna for the 2026/2027 academic year:

§1. Article 5 shall be supplemented by a new paragraph 10 with the following wording:

“Where there are unfilled places in the field of study “Military Nursing” after the completion of the ranking of all candidates who have successfully passed the entrance examination, candidates who subsequently submit documents for these programmes shall be admitted without an entrance examination (pursuant to Article 68, paragraph 4 of the Higher Education Act), based on their grade in Bulgarian Language and Literature from the State Matriculation Examination and their average grade from the secondary education diploma.”

§2. A new Article 5a shall be created, regulating the procedure for additional admission of students in the “Medicine” programme with State-funded education, on a conditional basis – subject to the conclusion of an employment contract with an employer, with the following wording:

“The terms and procedure for the admission of students under Article 95a shall be carried out within the additional number of places approved by the Council of Ministers by Council of Ministers Decision No. 499 of 3 July 2026, on a conditional basis – subject to the conclusion of an employment contract

with an employer, and shall be regulated by a Procedure approved by a decision of the Academic Council. To participate in the ranking, these candidates must meet the requirements for the respective programme set out in these Regulations, including having successfully passed the entrance examinations, where applicable.”

§3. Article 13 shall be supplemented by a new paragraph 10 with the following wording:

“Following the completion of all ranking procedures and where there are vacant places in individual programmes, a new admission period for submission of applications by candidates for these programmes shall be announced, with a deadline determined upon a proposal by the Vice-Rector Academic Affairs”.

§4. Article 29 shall be supplemented by a new paragraph 3 with the following wording:

“Where there are unfilled places in the field of study “Military Medicine” after the completion of the ranking of all candidates who have successfully passed the entrance examinations at Medical University – Varna, candidates may be ranked based on grades in Biology and Chemistry from entrance examinations taken at other higher education institutions in the country.”

§5. Article 31, paragraph 1 shall be supplemented as follows:

“Following the text: ‘and the minimum score for participation in the ranking for State-funded education is 25.00’, the following text shall be added: ‘except for participation in the ranking for additional conditional admission – subject to the conclusion of an employment contract with an employer, approved by Council of Ministers Decision No. 499 of 3 July 2026.’”

§6. Article 34 shall be supplemented as follows:

A new paragraph 5 shall be created with the following wording:

“The ranking score of candidates applying for the field of study “Military Nursing” pursuant to Article 5, paragraph 10 of these Regulations shall be calculated as the sum of twice the grade from the State Matriculation Examination in Bulgarian Language and Literature and the average grade from the secondary education diploma. The maximum score is 18.00.”

Regarding the approval of the Procedure for Application and Ranking of Students under Article 95a of the Higher Education Act and the Ordinance on the Terms and Procedure for Providing Funding for the Costs of Education of Students with Employment Contracts with Employers for the 2026/2027 academic year, and the Procedure for Additional Admission of Students with State-Funded Education, Admitted on a Conditional Basis – Subject to the Conclusion of an Employment Contract with an Employer, for the 2026/2027 academic year.

The Academic Council approves the Procedure for Application and Ranking of Students under Article 95a of the Higher Education Act and the Ordinance on the Terms and Procedure for Providing Funding for the Costs of Education of Students with Employment Contracts with Employers for the 2026/2027 academic year, in accordance with Appendix 1 to this decision, the application form (Appendix 2), the declaration form for the employer’s prior consent and intention to conclude an employment contract under Article 95a of the Higher Education Act (Appendix 3), and the model employment contract with an employer pursuant to Article 95a of the Higher Education Act (Appendix 4).

The Academic Council approves the Procedure for Additional Admission of Students with State-Funded Education, Admitted on a Conditional Basis – Subject to the Conclusion of an Employment Contract with an Employer, for the 2026/2027 academic year, in accordance with Appendix No. 5 to this decision. The application for admission shall be submitted using the form approved for participation in the admission campaign at Medical University “Prof. Dr Paraskev Stoyanov” – Varna for the 2026/2027 academic year, together with the application form (Appendix 6), the declaration form for the employer’s prior consent and intention to conclude an employment contract under Article 95a of the Higher Education Act (Appendix 7), and the model employment contract with an employer pursuant to Article 95a of the Higher Education Act (Appendix 8).

regarding amendments and additions to the Regulations on the Activities of the Centre for Medical Pedagogy and Communication.

The Academic Council resolved as follows:

Approves the following amendments to the Regulations on the Activities of the Centre for Medical Pedagogy and Communication at Medical University – Varna, adopted by decision of the Academic Council under Minutes No. 26/21 July 2025:

§1. Article 7 shall be amended as follows:

“Article 7. The courses shall be conducted in a group-based form of education according to a pre-established training schedule. Training shall commence once a group of a minimum of 5 (five) and a maximum of 15 (fifteen) participants has been formed. Training shall not be conducted for groups of fewer than 5 participants.”

1. Pursuant to Article 30, paragraph 1, item 11 of the Higher Education Act and Article 51, item 15 of the Regulations on the Activities of Medical University – Varna:

1.1. Determines the updated fees for participation in courses organised by the Centre for Medical Pedagogy and Communication (CMPC) for lecturers, employees and doctoral students of Medical University – Varna, as follows:

- Course in Initial Pedagogical Competence – EUR 65.00;
- Course in Advanced Pedagogical Competence – EUR 50.00;
- Course for Developing Professional Skills in Academic and Clinical Communication – EUR 30.00.

1.2. Determines the fees for participation in courses organised by the Centre for Medical Pedagogy and Communication (CMPC) for lecturers, employees and doctoral students from outside Medical University – Varna, as follows:

- Course in Initial Pedagogical Competence – EUR 95.00;
- Course in Advanced Pedagogical Competence – EUR 80.00;
- Course for Developing Professional Skills in Academic and Clinical Communication – EUR 50.00.

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

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

§1. The following amendments shall be made to Article 62:

1. Paragraph 1, item 1 shall be amended as follows:

“The doctoral student is ready to defend their dissertation before the scientific jury.”

2. Paragraph 1, item 2 shall be repealed.

3. Paragraph 1, item 3 shall be amended as follows:

“The doctoral student is not ready to defend their dissertation and must fulfil certain requirements.”

4. Paragraph 1, item 4 shall be repealed.

§2. A second sentence shall be added to Article 137, paragraph 1, item 6, which shall read as follows:

“The candidate must have been the academic supervisor of at least two doctoral students who have successfully defended their dissertations, at least one of whom must have defended in the same specialty. For a candidate who has been awarded the academic degree of ‘Doctor of Sciences’, it is required that they have been the academic supervisor of at least one doctoral student who has successfully defended a dissertation in the same specialty.”

regarding the announcement of a competition for the admission of full-time and part-time doctoral students for the 2026/2027 academic year.

The Academic Council resolved to announce a competition for the admission of full-time and part-time doctoral students for the 2026/2027 academic year, for places for which funding is provided through transfers from the state budget, in the following doctoral programmes:

Code	Fields of higher education, professional fields and doctoral programmes	Forms of study	
		Full-time	Part-time
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>
5.	Technical Sciences		
5.2.	<i>Electrical engineering, Electronics, and Automation</i>		
	Biomedical Engineering and Technologies	2	
7	Healthcare and Sports		
7.1.	<i>Medicine</i>		
	Obstetrics and Gynaecology	1	
	Anatomy, Histology and Cytology	1	
	Pulmonary Diseases	1	
	Internal Medicine	2	
	Dermatology and Venereology	2	
	Endocrinology	2	
	Cardiac Surgery	1	

	Medical Radiology and Roentgenology (including the use of radioactive isotopes)		1
	Ophthalmology		1
	Pathology and Cytopathology	1	
	Paediatrics	2	
	Psychiatry	1	
	Forensic Medicine and Deontology	1	
	Surgery	3	
7.2.	<i>Dental Medicine</i>		
	Orthodontics	1	
	Oral Surgery	1	
7.3.	<i>Pharmacy</i>		
	Hospital Pharmacy	1	
	Pharmacology (including Pharmacokinetics and Chemotherapy)	1	
	Pharmacoeconomics and Pharmaceutical Regulation	1	
7.4.	<i>Public Health</i>		
	Disaster Medicine	1	
	Nursing Management	2	
	Public Health Management	4	
	Nursing Management – Sliven Affiliate	1	
	Nursing Management – Shumen Affiliate	2	
	TOTAL:	35	2

regarding the extension of an employment contract after reaching the age of 65 pursuant to §11 of the Transitional and Final Provisions of the Higher Education Act.

The Academic Council resolved to extend the employment contract of Prof. Dr Rumen Nikolov Nenkov, PhD (Medicine), Department of Surgical Diseases, Thoracic Surgery Teaching Unit, for a period of one year (second extension) after reaching the age specified in Article 328, paragraph 1, item 10 of the Labour Code, effective as of 28 August 2026.

regarding the extension of employment contracts after reaching the age of 65 pursuant to §11 of the Transitional and Final Provisions of the Higher Education Act.

The Academic Council resolved to extend, after reaching the age specified in Article 328, paragraph 1, item 10 of the Labour Code, the employment contract of:

Assoc. Prof. Dr Milena Ivanova Belcheva, PhD (Medicine) – Department of Paediatrics, for a period of one year, effective as of 24 August 2026 (second extension).

The Academic Council resolved to extend, after reaching the age specified in Article 328, paragraph 1, item 10 of the Labour Code, the employment contract of:

Assoc. Prof. Dr Angel Borisov Angelov, PhD (Medicine) – Department of Cardiovascular Surgery, for a period of one year, effective as of 21 September 2026 (third extension).

regarding the announcement of competitions for appointment to the academic positions of ‘Chief Assistant Professor’ and ‘Associate Professor’ and the establishment of the position of ‘Lecturer in the specialty “.....”’.

The Academic Council resolved as follows:

to establish the position of **Lecturer in the specialty “Orthopaedics and Traumatology” – one position**, comprising **0.5 FTE** for the Department of Orthopaedics and Traumatology at the Faculty of Medicine of Medical University – Varna and **1 FTE** for the Clinic of Orthopaedics and Traumatology at St. Marina University Hospital – Varna.

to establish the position of **Lecturer in the specialty “Infectious Diseases” – one position**, comprising **0.5 FTE** for the Department of Infectious Diseases, Parasitology and Dermato-Venereology, Infectious Diseases and Parasitology Teaching Unit, at the Faculty of Medicine of Medical University – Varna.

to establish the position of **Lecturer in the specialty “Nephrology” – two positions**, comprising **0.5 FTE each** for the Department of Nephrology, Haemodialysis and Toxicology at the Faculty of Medicine of Medical University – Varna.

to establish the position of **Lecturer in the specialty “Cardiology” – one position**, comprising **0.5 FTE** for the Department of Cardiology and Rheumatology, Cardiology Teaching Unit, at the Faculty of Medicine of Medical University – Varna.

to announce a competition for appointment to the academic position of **“Chief Assistant Professor”** in the field of higher education 7. Healthcare and Sports, professional field 7.1. Medicine, specialty **“General Medicine” – one position**, comprising **0.25 FTE** for the Department of General Medicine at the Faculty of Medicine of Medical University – Varna.

to announce a competition for appointment to the academic position of **“Chief Assistant Professor”** in the field of higher education 7. Healthcare and Sports, professional field 7.1. Medicine, specialty **“Cardiology” – one position**, comprising **0.5 FTE** for the Department of Cardiology and Rheumatology, Cardiology Teaching Unit, at the Faculty of Medicine of Medical University – Varna, and **1 FTE** for the Second Cardiology Clinic, Invasive Cardiology Unit, at St. Marina University Hospital – Varna.

to announce a competition for appointment to the academic position of **“Chief Assistant Professor”** in the field of higher education 7. Healthcare and Sports, professional field 7.1. Medicine, specialty **“Nephrology” – one position**, comprising **0.5 FTE** for the Department of Nephrology, Haemodialysis and Toxicology at the Faculty of Medicine of Medical University – Varna, and **1 FTE** for the Nephrology Clinic at St. Marina University Hospital – Varna.

to announce a competition for appointment to the academic position of **“Associate Professor”** in the field of higher education 7. Healthcare and Sports, professional field 7.1. Medicine, specialty **“Cardiology” – one position**, comprising **0.5 FTE** for the Department of Cardiology and Rheumatology, Cardiology Teaching Unit, at the Faculty of Medicine of Medical University – Varna, and **1 FTE** for the Second Cardiology Clinic, Non-Invasive Cardiology Unit, at St. Marina University Hospital – Varna.

to establish the position of **Lecturer in the specialty “Pulmonology and Phthisiology”** in the field of higher education 7. Healthcare and Sports, professional field 7.1. Medicine – **one position**,

comprising 0.5 FTE, for the Department of Pulmonary Diseases and Allergology at the Faculty of Medicine of Medical University “Prof. Dr Paraskev Stoyanov” – Varna.

to establish the position of **Lecturer in the specialty “Physiology”** in the field of higher education 7. Healthcare and Sports, professional field 7.1. Medicine – **one position, comprising 1 FTE**, for the Physiology Teaching Unit, Department of Physiology and Pathophysiology, at the Faculty of Medicine of Medical University “Prof. Dr Paraskev Stoyanov” – Varna.

to establish the position of **Lecturer in the specialty “Pathophysiology”** in the field of higher education 7. Healthcare and Sports, professional field 7.1. Medicine – **one position, comprising 1 FTE**, for the Pathophysiology Teaching Unit, Department of Physiology and Pathophysiology, at the Faculty of Medicine of Medical University “Prof. Dr Paraskev Stoyanov” – Varna.

to establish the position of **Lecturer in the specialty “Obstetrics and Gynaecology”** in the field of higher education 7. Healthcare and Sports, professional field 7.1. Medicine – **one position, comprising 0.5 FTE**, for the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the Faculty of Medicine of Medical University “Prof. Dr Paraskev Stoyanov” – Varna.

to establish the position of **Lecturer in the specialty “Internal Medicine”** in the field of higher education 7. Healthcare and Sports, professional field 7.1. Medicine – **one position, comprising 0.5 FTE**, for the Department of Propaedeutics of Internal Medicine at the Faculty of Medicine of Medical University “Prof. Dr Paraskev Stoyanov” – Varna.

to announce a competition for appointment to the academic position of **“Assistant Professor”** in the field of higher education 7. Healthcare and Sports, professional field 7.1. Medicine, specialty **“Cardiology”** – **one position, comprising 0.5 FTE** for the Cardiology Teaching Unit, Department of Cardiology and Rheumatology, at the Faculty of Medicine of Medical University “Prof. Dr Paraskev Stoyanov” – Varna, and **1 FTE** for the First Cardiology Clinic, with invasive cardiology activities, at St. Marina University Hospital EAD – Varna.

to announce a competition for appointment to the academic position of **“Assistant Professor”** in the field of higher education 7. Healthcare and Sports, professional field 7.1. Medicine, specialty **“Cardiology”** – **one position, comprising 0.5 FTE** for the Cardiology Teaching Unit, Department of Cardiology and Rheumatology, at the Faculty of Medicine of Medical University “Prof. Dr Paraskev Stoyanov” – Varna, and **1 FTE** for the Second Cardiology Clinic, Non-Invasive Cardiology Unit, at St. Marina University Hospital EAD – Varna.

to announce a competition for appointment to the academic position of **“Chief Assistant Professor”** in the field of higher education 7. Healthcare and Sports, professional field 7.1. Medicine, specialty **“Infectious Diseases”** – **one position, comprising 0.5 FTE** for the Infectious Diseases and Parasitology Teaching Unit, Department of Infectious Diseases, Parasitology and Dermato-Venereology, at the Faculty of Medicine of Medical University “Prof. Dr Paraskev Stoyanov” – Varna, and **1 FTE** for the Second Infectious Diseases Clinic at St. Marina University Hospital EAD – Varna.

to announce a competition for appointment to the academic position of **“Associate Professor”** in the field of higher education 7. Healthcare and Sports, professional field 7.1. Medicine, specialty **“Clinical Laboratory”** – **one position, comprising 0.5 FTE** for the Department of Clinical Laboratory at the Faculty of Medicine of Medical University “Prof. Dr Paraskev Stoyanov” – Varna, and **1 FTE** for the Clinical Laboratory at St. Marina University Hospital EAD – Varna.

regarding the approval of a Committee for the collection, preparation and consolidation of information for the accreditation process of a new doctoral programme “**Maxillofacial Surgery**” in the field of higher education 7. Healthcare and Sports, professional field 7.1. Medicine.

The Academic Council resolved that the necessary documentation, prepared in accordance with the criteria of the National Evaluation and Accreditation Agency (NEAA) for initiating a programme accreditation procedure for the new doctoral programme “**Maxillofacial Surgery**” in the field of higher education 7. Healthcare and Sports, professional field 7.1. Medicine, shall be prepared by a Committee composed as follows:

Chair:

Assoc. Prof. Dr Yanko Georgiev Yankov, DSc – Department of General and Operative Surgery

Members:

1. Prof. Dr Nikola Yordanov Kolev, DSc – Head of the Department of General and Operative Surgery
2. Prof. Dr Rosen Gospodinov Kolarov, PhD (Medicine) – Department of General and Operative Surgery
3. Assoc. Prof. Dr Aleksandar Kamenov Zlatarov, PhD (Medicine) – Department of General and Operative Surgery
4. Assoc. Prof. Dr Turgay Turgay Kalinov, PhD (Medicine) – Department of General and Operative Surgery
5. Ms Irena Sashova Georgieva – Head of the Doctoral School Department
6. Ms Lyudmila Lyudmilova Boyarova – Head of the Human Resources Department
7. Ms Romyana Radeva – Director of the Library
8. Ms Zhaneta Grigorova Radkova – Head of the Publishing Activities Department
9. Ms Mariyana Zlatkova Popova – Quality and Accreditation Expert, Quality Management and Accreditation Department
10. Ms Maria Georgieva Georgieva – Quality and Accreditation Expert, Quality Management and Accreditation Department

regarding the announcement of competitions for appointment to the academic position of “Associate Professor”.

The Academic Council resolved to announce a competition for appointment to the academic position of “**Associate Professor**” in the field of higher education 7. Healthcare and Sports, professional field 7.3. Pharmacy, specialty “**Pharmacology**” – **one position, comprising 1 FTE**, for the Department of Pharmacology, Toxicology and Pharmacotherapy at the Faculty of Pharmacy of Medical University “Prof. Dr Paraskev Stoyanov” – Varna.

The Academic Council resolved to announce a competition for appointment to the academic position of “**Associate Professor**” in the field of higher education 7. Healthcare and Sports, professional field 7.3. Pharmacy, specialty “**Technology of Pharmaceutical Dosage Forms and Biopharmacy**” – **one position, comprising 1 FTE**, for the Department of Pharmaceutical Technologies at the Faculty of Pharmacy of Medical University “Prof. Dr Paraskev Stoyanov” – Varna.

Additional requirement for the competition: Applicants must have acquired the specialty “Drug Technology with Biopharmacy” pursuant to Ordinance No. 1/2015 of the Ministry of Health.

regarding the announcement of a competition for a Lecturer in Bulgarian as a Foreign Language.

The Academic Council resolved to announce a competition for a **Lecturer in Bulgarian as a Foreign Language** in field 2. Humanities, professional field 2.1. Philology, for the Department of Slavic Languages and Communication at the Department of Foreign Language Education, Communication and Sports of Medical University – Varna – **one full-time lecturer**.

Applicants must hold a higher education qualification, a **Bachelor's degree in Bulgarian Philology** and a **Master's degree in Bulgarian Philology/Transborder Bulgarian Studies**, as well as a document certifying proficiency in English at a minimum level of **B1**.

regarding the conclusion of contracts with part-time lecturers for courses taught by the Department of Foreign Language Education, Communication and Sports.

The Academic Council resolved that, for the 2026/2027 academic year, **civil contracts** shall be concluded with three part-time lecturers for the delivery of lectures, practical classes and examinations in the course **“Management Communication Techniques and Skills”** for the specialty **“Health Care Management”**, first year – Master's programme, and in the course **“Communication and Public Relations”** for the specialty **“Health Management and Medical and Social Care”**, second year – Master's programme, during the winter semester of the 2026/2027 academic year;

for the delivery of practical classes and examinations in the course **“Latin Language and Medical Terms”** for first-year students in the specialty **“Medical Laboratory Assistant”**;

- practical classes and examinations in the course **“Latin Language and Medical Terminology”** for first-year students in the specialty **“Public Health Inspector”**;
- practical classes and examinations in the course **“Latin Language and Medical Terms”** for first-year students in the specialty **“Dental Technician”**;
- practical classes and examinations in the course **“Latin Language and Medical Terms”** for first-year students in the specialty **“Rehabilitator”**;
- practical classes and examinations in the course **“Latin Language and Medical Terms”** for first-year students in the specialty **“Medicine”**, English-language programme;
- for the delivery of practical classes and examinations in the course **“Specialised Foreign Language – English”** for second-year students in the specialty **“Medicine”**, Bulgarian-language programme, during the winter semester of the 2026/2027 academic year.

regarding the reconsideration of a decision of the Academic Council concerning the announcement of competitions for appointment to the academic position of “Assistant Professor”.

The Academic Council amends and supplements its decisions under Minutes No. 42 of 29 June 2026 concerning the announcement of competitions for appointment to the academic position of **“Assistant Professor”** in the field of higher education 7. Healthcare and Sports, professional field **7.5. Nursing management**, specialty **“Nursing”** – **1 FTE**, and specialty **“Midwifery”** – **0.5 FTE**, for the needs of the Department of Healthcare, Veliko Tarnovo Affiliate, as follows:

The Academic Council resolved to adopt a decision to announce a competition for appointment to the academic position of **“Assistant Professor”** in the field of higher education 7. Healthcare and Sports, professional field **7.4. Public Health**, specialty **“Nursing Management”** – **one position, comprising 1 FTE**, for the Department of Healthcare, Veliko Tarnovo Affiliate.

Additional requirement: Applicants must hold a diploma certifying the acquisition of a professional qualification in the specialty **“Nursing”**.

The Academic Council resolved to adopt a decision to announce a competition for appointment to the academic position of “**Assistant Professor**” in the field of higher education 7. Healthcare and Sports, professional field **7.4. Public Health**, specialty “Nursing Management” – one position, comprising 0.5 FTE, for the needs of the Department of Nursing Management, Veliko Tarnovo Affiliate.

Additional requirement: Applicants must hold a diploma certifying the acquisition of a professional qualification in the specialty “**Midwifery**”.

regarding the approval of the election of the Head of the Department of Nursing Management at the Veliko Tarnovo Affiliate.

The Academic Council approves the election of **Assoc. Prof. Galina Ilieva Petrova, PhD (Public Health)** as Head of the Department of Nursing Management at the Veliko Tarnovo Affiliate of Medical University – Varna, effective as of **3 August 2026**.

regarding the conclusion of a contract with a Visiting Professor.

The Academic Council resolved that a contract shall be concluded with **Prof. Dr Marieta Petrova Georgieva, PhD (Medicine)** as a **Visiting Professor** for a period of one year, effective as of **30 September 2026**, for the Pharmacy Assistant Teaching Unit at the Medical College – Varna.

regarding the conclusion of contracts with part-time lecturers for the 2026/2027 academic year for the needs of education at the Sliven Affiliate.

The Academic Council resolved that, for the needs of education at the Sliven Affiliate during the 2026/2027 academic year, contracts shall be concluded with part-time lecturers for the specialties “**Nursing**” and “**Midwifery**”.

regarding the establishment of the position of “Lecturer in the specialty ‘Obstetrics and Gynaecology’”.

The Academic Council resolved to establish a **0.5 FTE position** of “**Lecturer in the specialty ‘Obstetrics and Gynaecology’**”, for teaching the courses “**Obstetrics**” and “**Gynaecology**” for the specialty “**Midwifery**”, and “**Obstetrics and Gynaecology**” for the specialty “**Nursing**”, for the Department of Healthcare, Sliven Affiliate of Medical University “Prof. Dr Paraskev Stoyanov” – Varna.

regarding the approval of the academic schedule for the 2026/2027 academic year for specialties offered in part-time study at the Faculty of Public Health.

The Academic Council approves the annual academic schedule for the educational process for the specialties at the Faculty of Public Health offered in **part-time study** during the 2026/2027 academic year, in accordance with Appendix No. 1.

Appendix: Schedule for the specialties at the Faculty of Public Health offered in part-time study during the 2026/2027 academic year.

regarding the extension of an employment contract pursuant to §11 of the Transitional and Final Provisions of the Higher Education Act.

The Academic Council resolved to extend the employment contract of **Prof. Dr Veselinka Dimitrova Nestorova, PhD (Medicine)** (second extension), holding the academic position of

“Professor” at the Department of Optometry and Occupational Diseases, for a period of one year, effective as of **24 August 2026**.

regarding the establishment of positions for “Lecturer in the specialty ‘Kinesitherapy’” and “Lecturer in the specialty ‘Epidemiology’”.

Voting: For – 32; Against – 0; Abstentions – 0

The Academic Council resolved to establish a **0.5 FTE position of “Lecturer in the specialty ‘Kinesitherapy’”** for the Department of Kinesitherapy at the Faculty of Public Health and a **0.5 FTE position** for the Clinic of Orthopaedics and Traumatology at St. Marina University Hospital – Varna.

The Academic Council resolved, for the needs of teaching the course **“Epidemiology of Infectious Diseases”** (English-language programme) for students in the specialties **“Medicine” – fifth and sixth year, and “Dental Medicine”**, to establish a **1 FTE position of “Lecturer in the specialty ‘Epidemiology’”** for the Epidemiology Teaching Unit, Department of Hygiene and Epidemiology, at the Faculty of Public Health.

regarding the initiation of a procedure for amendment of the licence of the Vocational Training Centre at Medical University – Varna by adding new occupations: “Paramedic” (Code 091302) and “Administrative and Office Activities” (Code 041501).

The Academic Council resolved:

1. At the Vocational Training Centre of Medical University “Prof. Dr Paraskev Stoyanov” – Varna, training shall be established and conducted in the following new occupations included in the List of Occupations for Vocational Education and Training:
 - **Occupation “Paramedic”** (Code 091302), professional field *“Healthcare”* (Code 0913) – for **third (III) level of professional qualification**;
 - **Occupation “Administrative and Office Activities”** (Code 041501), professional field *“Secretarial and Administrative Office Activities”* (Code 0415) – for **second (II) and third (III) levels of professional qualification**.
2. **Assigns** the Director of the Vocational Training Centre at Medical University – Varna to undertake the necessary legal and administrative actions before the National Agency for Vocational Education and Training (NAVET) for the amendment and supplementation of the Centre’s licence in accordance with the decision under item 1.

regarding the conclusion of contracts with part-time lecturers for the 2026/2027 academic year for the specialties “Nursing” and “Midwifery” at the Shumen Affiliate.

The Academic Council resolved that, for education during the 2026/2027 academic year in the specialties **“Nursing”** and **“Midwifery”** at the Shumen Affiliate, contracts shall be concluded with part-time lecturers.

regarding the approval of the composition of a Scientific Jury, date, time and venue in connection with a competition announced in the State Gazette, issue No. 50 of 2 June 2026, for appointment to the academic position of “Chief Assistant Professor” at the Shumen Affiliate:

The Academic Council resolved to approve the following composition of the Scientific Jury for the competition for appointment to the academic position of **“Chief Assistant Professor”** in the field of higher education 7. Healthcare and Sports, professional field 7.1. Medicine – **one position, comprising 0.5 FTE**, for the Department of Nursing Management, Shumen Affiliate, announced in the State Gazette, issue No. 50 of 2 June 2026:

Internal members representing Medical University – Varna:

1. **Assoc. Prof. Dr Hristo Boychev Popov, PhD (Medicine)** – habilitated in professional field 7.1. Medicine, Medical University – Varna – **Chair of the Scientific Jury**
2. **Prof. Sonya Koleva Toncheva, PhD (Public Health)** – habilitated in professional field 7.1. Medicine, Medical University – Varna
3. **Prof. Dr Yavor Dimitrov Kornovski, DSc** – habilitated in professional field 7.1. Medicine, Medical University – Varna.

Reserve internal member:

Assoc. Prof. Dr Savi Rinaldiev Shishkov, PhD (Medicine) – habilitated in professional field 7.1. Medicine, Medical University – Varna

External members:

1. **Assoc. Prof. Dr Ekaterina Boyanova Softova-Zlatarova, PhD (Medicine)** – habilitated in professional field 7.1. Medicine
2. **Prof. Dr Petar Ivanov Genev, PhD (Medicine)** – habilitated in professional field 7.1. Medicine

Reserve external member:

Assoc. Prof. Dr Vesela Ivanova Todorova, PhD (Medicine) – habilitated in professional field 7.1. Medicine, Medical University – Sofia

The competition for appointment to the academic position of “**Chief Assistant Professor**” in the specialty “**General and Clinical Pathology**” shall be held on **28 August 2026 at 11:00 a.m.**

regarding the establishment of a University Centre for Nursing and Midwifery Care at the Shumen Branch

The Academic Council resolved:

1. To establish the “**University Centre for Nursing and Midwifery Care (UCNMC) at the Shumen Affiliate**”.
2. To adopt the “**Regulations on the Structure and Activities of the University Centre for Nursing and Midwifery Care (UCNMC)**”, in accordance with Appendix No. 1 to the present decision.
3. To adopt the “**Methodology for Determining the Remuneration of the Head of the Centre and of the Lecturers and Employees Involved in the Organisation and Delivery of Courses and Training at the University Centre for Nursing and Midwifery Care**”, in accordance with Appendix No. 2 to the present decision.

regarding the enrolment of a doctoral student:

The Academic Council resolved that **Emil Todorov Tsvetkov** be enrolled as a **full-time doctoral student** in the field of higher education 7. Healthcare and Sports, professional field 7.4. Public Health, doctoral programme “**Nursing Management**” at the Department of Nursing Management, Shumen Affiliate, with a dissertation entitled “**Implementation of Robotic and AI-Assisted Technologies in Pharmacy Practice**”, under the academic supervision of **Assoc. Prof. Minko Milchev Milev, PhD (Public Health)**.

Chair of the Academic Council: Prof. Dr Dimitar Raykov, MD, PhD, DSc – Rector