

STANDPOINT

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***Regarding:** Competition for the academic position Associate Professor in the area of higher education 7. Healthcare and sports, professional field 7.4. Public Health for the Department of Healthcare, to meet the needs of the Faculty of Public Health at the Medical University “Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov”- Varna, announced in State Gazette, issue 43/31.05.2019.*

With Order № P – 109-235/26.07.2019 of the Rector of MU Varna, I was elected as member of the Scientific Council, and by Protocol №1 of the first meeting of the SC, I was appointed to give my vote concerning the procedure for the academic position Associate Professor.

One candidate took part in the competition: Assist.Prof. Anna Petrova Georgieva, PhD in Healthcare, the Faculty of Public Health at the Medical University “Prof.Dr.Paraskev Stoyanov”- Varna. The candidate has submitted all the necessary documents in compliance with the Act for the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Regulations on the Development of the Academic Staff at the Medical University- Varna.

1. Career profile of the candidate

Assist.Prof. Anna Petrova Georgieva PhD completed her post-secondary education in 1991 in the nursing program “Paediatric Nursing” at PSI “Dr. Nencho Nikolaev”- Varna, and later worked as a nurse at different sections of healthcare institutions in Varna. Based on the experience she gained, Georgieva took the position of the head nurse in the department of Internal Diseases in MPHAT “St. Anna-Varna” AD.

She obtained her Bachelor’s degree in Healthcare (2005) and her Master’s degree in Healthcare Management (2007) at the Medical University of Pleven. She specialized in Nursing for Social Activities (2014) and in 2016, she defended her dissertation thesis for obtaining PhD in Healthcare Management, based on her work on the Opportunities for Enhancing the Participation of the Nurse in the Process of Taking Patient’s Informed Consent.

Her academic career began in 2007 after the competition for a university teacher at the Department of Healthcare of the Faculty of Public Health at the Medical University- Varna, and

since 2011, she has been an Assistant Professor at the same department. The pedagogical experience of Assist.Prof. Anna Georgieva is more than 12 years to the moment of the submission of the documents.

Anna Georgieva has participated in short-term courses and has acquired skills in the field of Hygienic hand disinfection (2006), Hygiene aspects of the wound care (2007), Infant feeding (2009), Stress. Diagnosing the reasons for stress and prophylaxis (2010), Diabetes and the eye (2012), Supervision in nursing, Implementation of the nursing process in nursing practice (2014), Strategies and approaches to coping with the problem behavior of children with special educational needs, The role of the healthcare professional (2016), Emergency situations in child care- a challenge for healthcare professionals, First aid for children (2017), among others.

The candidate was an academic advisor of nursing students during the first and second phase of the Student Internship Project.

Assist.Prof. Georgieva has a certificate for participation in the qualification course Intensive Specialized Foreign Language Teaching, English, Level A2, Project № BG051PO001-3.1.09-0013. She has done a course on Setting up and implementing the Program for qualification and development of professional competence of teachers, organized by MU-Varna.

Assist.Prof. Georgieva is a member of scientific and professional organizations: Union of Scientists in Bulgaria, BAHP, Bulgarian Public Health Association, and European Association of Public Health (EUPHA)

2. General description of the submitted materials

Assist.Prof. Anna Georgieva has presented the materials for the competition following the requirements for the academic positions in compliance with the Regulations for the development of the academic staff at Medical University- Varna. The candidate has registered publications in Bulgarian and foreign scientific journals without impact factor, publications in digests, textbooks, reports in national and international forums, monograph and summary of dissertation thesis for PhD.

Assist.Prof. Georgieva has submitted copies of diplomas for the respective specialties and the doctoral degree, reference for her workload, academic reference for citations, certificates of participation in continuing professional training, participation in curriculum development, work with students, project work and other materials.

3. General characteristics of the scientific work and publication activity

Assist.Prof. Anna Petrova Georgieva presents a total of 57 works for the competition, divided into two lists- 28 works meeting the criteria of NIDC and 29 full-text publications in unreviewed with scientific reviewing or reviewed works in volumes, 6 of them published abroad.

The list of the scientific work is comprised of:

1. Monograph-1;
2. Summary of dissertation thesis-1;
3. Thesis-1;
4. Textbooks-2 (two issues);
5. Practical and educational guidebook -2;
6. Full-text publications in Bulgarian scientific journals and digests-57;
7. Full-text publications in foreign scientific journals and digests-6;

The monograph on the topic “Long-term care – an opportunity for innovative nursing practice” comprises 234 standard pages and presents long-term care as an important current problem. The beginning and the development of the care for old disabled people is reviewed. The relationship between respect and care for the elderly and the disabled and the culture and public traditions is in the focus. The options for normative regulation of innovative nursing practice in the context of long-term care in Bulgaria, creating opportunities for autonomous nursing practice, are analyzed.

19 tables and 77 figures illustrate the monograph. The reference section is comprised of 258 sources, 101 out of them in Cyrillic.

The content of the thesis “Contemporary aspects of nursing care for people with disabilities” analyses the opinion of Bulgarian and foreign authors, researching the field of care for people with disabilities.

The two textbooks “Nursing care for patients with infectious diseases”- a textbook for nursing students (first and second issue) on the subject from the curriculum “Nursing care for patients with infectious diseases”, part of the training course. Two guidebooks are presented. The candidate is a co-author in the above-mentioned.

The scientific publications of Assist.Prof. Georgieva in Bulgaria are in “The Health Care” Journal, the journal “Medical Forum of Varna”, the journal “Health Economics and

Management”, Scripta Scientifica Salutis Publicae and the journal “Medicine”, all of them are specialized and help to make the author recognizable in her professional area.

The foreign periodicals in which the author publishes are: Science Time, The Science and Creativity newspaper, Scientific Knowledge Today, which include materials from international events.

The publications of Assist.Prof. Georgieva are in the scope of practice aimed at getting patient’s informed consent and taking care of the elderly and the disabled.

Based on the real publications either as an author or as co-author, Assist.Prof. Georgieva is first author in 31(54,39%); second author in 18(31,58%) and third author in 8 (14,3%).

The candidate has 52 participations in scientific forums, which demonstrates her skills to present scientific work and her constant desire to do research.

The data from the academic reference by the library to MU- Varna, based on the information of the candidate and from the data base Web of Science, Scopus and Scholar reveal 27 citations.

Assessment of the pedagogical work

The workload reference of Assist.Prof for the last 5 years has been 850 hours a year, which is significantly above the statutory. Assist.Prof. Georgieva teaches 9 subjects from the curriculum of the nursing program and she also delivers lectures and does the practical training along with clinical practice and pre-graduate internship.

Assist.Prof. Anna Georgieva is involved in the practical training in “Philosophy and introduction to nursing care. Theoretical foundations.” and “Practical foundations of nursing care”. The candidate takes part in planning the syllabi of the disciplines she teaches.

In 2018/2019 she was head teacher of fourth-year nursing students.

4. Personal impressions

I have known personally Assist.Prof. Anna Georgieva since 2007 and I am convinced in her persistence, curiosity, ambition to achieve her goals. I am familiar with her academic development as well as her pedagogical work. As a real professional in practice, Assist.Prof. Gergieva aims at improving nursing practice, enhancing the quality of healthcare, the long-term care for the elderly and other aspects, focused on the solution to the recognition of nursing autonomy. As a researcher, Georgieva explores innovative problems, which have not been explored which demonstrates her ability to find and suggest solutions in the field

of healthcare. I respect her hard working and ability to work together with students and present the results of their co-work. Annie is positive, a correct and well-intentioned researcher, which is respected by colleagues and students.

5. Assessment of the candidate's compliance with the statutory conditions and criteria and science metric indicators

According to the Regulations for the development of the academic staff at Medical University- Varna, Assist.Prof. Anna Petrova Georgieva, PhD, meets the criteria and conditions for completed higher medical education, obtained specialty, educational and scientific doctoral degree in Healthcare Management, required for the academic position Associate Professor and by science metric indicators as well.

CONCLUSION

Based on the positive assessment and the analysis of the whole scientific and pedagogical work, along with the criteria of the Act for the Development of Academic Staff in Bulgaria, and the Regulations for the development of the academic staff in the Medical University- Varna, I suggest that the members of the Scientific Council give their positive vote so that Assist.Prof. Anna Petrova Georgieva, PhD to be elected for the position Associate Professor for the needs of the Department of Healthcare at the FPH of Medical University "Prof.Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov"- Varna in the area of higher education 7. Healthcare and sports, professional field 7.4. Public Health, Healthcare Management specialty.

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