

STATEMENT

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Regarding: procedure for holding the academic position of " Associate Professor " in the field of higher education 7. Healthcare and Sports, professional field 7.4 Public Health, specialty "Health Care Management" — one for the needs of the Nursing Educational Sector at the Department of Nursing Care, Faculty of Public Health of the Medical University "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov" - Varna, according to a competition announced in the State Gazette, No. 54/23.06.2023, with candidate: Chief Assistant Professor Galina Ilieva Petrova, PhD

Pursuant to Order No. R-109-372/21.08.2023 of the Rector of the Medical University "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov"- Varna, I have been appointed as a member of the scientific jury and according to protocol No. 1/04.09.2023 I present a statement.

Biographical data and career profile of the candidate

Ch. Assistant Professor Galina Ilieva Petrova, PhD, graduated in 1996. Semi-higher medical institute - city of Varna, specialty "Nurse - general profile", and subsequently in 2003 she obtained the Bachelor's degree from Medical University - Plovdiv and in 2007, Master's degree at Medical University - Sofia, majoring in "Health Care". The professional path of Galina Ilieva Petrova began in 1996 in the Mother and Child Home - Varna, as a nurse. Subsequently, she worked as a nurse successively in different structures: Primary District Clinical Hospital, Diagnostic and Consultative Center, Children's Polyclinic Department – Varna, University Multi-profile Hospital for Active Treatment "Prof. Dr. Stoyan Kirkovich", Stara Zagora, Individual practice for primary medical care - Stara Zagora. Since 2005, she has been a senior nurse at the "Anastasia Golovina" Home for Medical and Social Care, Stara Zagora. The academic career of Galina Petrova started in 2007, as an assistant in the Department of "Social Medicine and Health Management", Faculty of Medicine, Thrace University - Stara Zagora and from 2019 until now he holds the academic position of Chief Assistant Professor in the Department of Nursing Care at the Faculty of Public Health, Medical University "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov" - Varna.

Ch. Assistant Professor Galina Ilieva Petrova consistently raises her qualifications as a professional and teacher by participating in various forms of continuing education, for which she applies evidence materials.

In the system of Postgraduate studies, he has acquired the specialty "Medical pedagogy" since 2014.

In 2015 she successfully defended her dissertation on the topic: "Development of preventive health care for children - the role of the nurse" and obtained the Educational and scientific degree "Doctor" in the doctoral program "Health Care Management".

She knows and uses in her work English and Russian (Certificate of qualification in English language level B2, according to the Common European Language Framework, issued by Thrace University - Stara Zagora).

Ch. Assistant Professor Galina Ilieva Petrova is a member of prestigious scientific and professional organizations: The Bulgarian Association of Health Care Professionals, The European Public Health Association (EUPHA), The Bulgarian Public Health Association (BPHA), The Bulgarian Scientific Society for Public Health (BSSPH) and the Bulgarian Society for the History of Medicine (BSHM).

General description of the submitted materials in the competition

The submitted competition materials and documents for holding of The Academic position "Associate Professor" in the specialty "Management of health care", in the field of higher education 7. Health care and sports, in the professional direction 7.4. Public health, are precisely arranged and meet the requirements of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff of the Republic of Bulgaria, the Regulations for its application and Regulations for the development of the academic staff of the Medical University — Varna.

Evaluation of the candidate's scientific works and overall academic development

Ch. Assistant Professor Galina Petrova, PhD, presented an academic reference issued by the MU-Varna library, including publications, citations and scientific profiles.

Their distribution in scientific-metric aspect is as follows:

- **Publications and citations meeting the minimum national requirements:**
 - ✓ 1 Dissertation (50 points)
 - ✓ 1 Habilitation thesis (Monograph), (100 points)

- ✓ 4 Publications and reports published in scientific journals, referenced and indexed in world-renowned databases with scientific information (82.5 points)
- ✓ 16 Publications and reports published in non-refereed peer-reviewed journals or published in edited collective volumes (115.9 points)
- ✓ **6 Citations** , of which: D 10. citations or reviews in scientific publications, referenced and indexed in world-famous databases with scientific information or in monographs and collective volumes - 1 citation; D11. citations in monographs and collective volumes with scientific review - 2 citations; D12. citations or reviews in non-refereed peer-reviewed journals - 3 citations (55 points)
- **3 Full-text publications and citations, beyond the minimum scientometric requirements (12.4 points)**
- **5 Scientific works used for the acquisition of the Educational and scientific degree " Doctor" (75 points)**
- **2 Scientific works used for filling Academic position "Chief Assistant Professor"**
- **Active profiles in Scopus, Google Scholar, ORCID.**

All publications are correctly described and attached in full in electronic format to the competition materials.

Distribution of scientific works by authorship

Galina Petrova is a sole author in two of the above-mentioned scientific works, and in the remaining 23 scientific works is co-author respectively: as 1st author – in 7 publications, as 2nd author – in 3 publications, as 3rd author – in 3 publications and as 4th and subsequent author – in 10 publications.

Areas of scientific research activity and contributions from scientific works

The research activity of Ch. Assistant Professor Galina Petrova is entirely in the subject area of the competition. The main scientific contributions and research work of Ch. Assist. Prof. Galina Petrova, PhD, are focused in the following directions:

- History of nursing in children's healthcare in European and Bulgarian dimensions
- Development and management of children's health care in Bulgaria - historical, health-political and organizational problems
- Health - social inequalities in early childhood
- Contemporary issues of pediatric nursing

- Ethical and organizational problems of long-term care in general medical practice
- Varia.

As a summarizing characteristic of the scientific works, I emphasize the topicality of the subject under consideration, innovative ideas, the contributing nature and the potential for practical applicability of the scientific results. The candidate's scientific output demonstrates competence in the researched fields and reflects his professional training, practical experience, interests and dedication in research pursuits. The contributions of the scientific works of Ch. Assistant Professor Galina Petrova are correctly described in the presented reference, as cognitive, theoretical-cognitive, confirmatory and practical-applied. They cover scientific issues aimed at current and significant problems in the field of child health care, pediatric nursing and public health in general. I accept and highly appreciate the research studies presented and the contributions indicated therein.

An essential place in the presented scientific production is occupied by the monographic (habilitation) thesis "Nursing in children's health care" by Galina Petrova, highly rated by two authoritative reviewers: Prof. Emilia Hristova, MD, PhD and Assoc. Prof. Nevyana Feschieva, MD, PhD In the presented work, the historical aspects of children's nursing, the development of the structures and activities of children's health care in Bulgaria, the place of nurses in them, educational, social, psychological and organizational aspects of problems facing children's nurses and their opportunities for independent practices, as well as results of own research on the collaboration between the nurse and the child's family. The work is particularly original with the study and the parallel between the historical development of pediatric health care and the subsequent application of the unique and original national experience of the creation and operation of the Health counseling stations and visiting nurses in the organization of children's health care in Bulgaria after 1950, until the reforms in Bulgarian health care. Galina Petrova's research is also valuable for bringing out the many problems and challenges facing pediatric health care in modern times, which are the basis for future research and the search for new approaches to solve them, part of which can be a rediscovery of time-proven ones in our country health care models adapted to modern conditions and applied in a new innovative and creative way.

Participation in scientific forums

For the good visibility of the scientific activity of Chief Assistant Professor Galina Petrova also contributes with her active participation in scientific forums. Information and evidential material

has been provided for 32 participations in scientific forums, of which 16 are national, 9 are international and 7 are with international participation.

Participation in scientific or educational projects

Ch. Assistant Professor Galina Petrova, PhD, has indicated participation in eight research projects, in two of which she is the scientific supervisor. Evidence for participation in Erasmus+ international mobility is also attached.

Evaluation of the teaching-methodical and teaching activities

From the presented official reference, issued by MU "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov" - Varna, it is evident that Ch. Assistant Professor Galina Petrova, PhD, has 24 years, 10 months and 28 days of work experience in the specialty and teaching experience - 16 years, 0 months and 16 days as of 08/16/2023. For the last four years, her teaching workload averaged 662 hours. The same exceeds the norm of 360 hours, according to the decision of the AC of MU - Varna for the academic position of Chief Assistant Professor, which the candidate holds at MU - Varna. Ch. Assistant Professor Galina Petrova, PhD, participates in the education of students from the "Nursing" specialty, by conducting exercises in "Philosophy and introduction to nursing care. Theoretical foundations" and in most of the main profiling disciplines laid down in "Practical foundations of nursing care", as well as through the organization, conduct and control of Academic (clinical) practice and Pre-graduate internship. She takes an active part in the development and updating of the study documentation of these disciplines, as well as in the preparation of study materials for them. Ch. Assistant Professor Galina Petrova, PhD, provides methodical guidance to students from the "Nursing" specialty in participating in scientific forums and publications.

Personal impressions of the candidate

I know Galina Petrova and work together with her in the Department of Health Care since 2019. She is a fair, ethical, responsible and competent university teacher and scientist who is respected and highly regarded by colleagues and students.

Conclusion

The review of the presented materials and the analysis of the research and teaching activities show that Ch. Assistant Professor Galina Ilieva Petrova, PhD, covers the scientometric requirements for acquiring the academic position of "Associate professor", according to the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff of the Republic of Bulgaria, the Regulations for its application and Regulations for the development of the academic staff of the Medical University — Varna.

The above-mentioned analysis and my personal impressions of the candidate are grounds for my conviction to give my positive assessment and to recommend to the respected members of the Scientific Jury to vote positively for the acquisition of the academic position "Associate professor" from Ch. Assistant professor Galina Ilieva Petrova, PhD in the specialty "Management of health care", in the field of higher education 7. Health care and sports, professional direction 7.4. Public health, for the needs of the Department of Nursing Care, Faculty of Public Health, Medical University " Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov" - Varna.

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City of Varna

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