

STATEMENT

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Regarding: competition for acquiring an academic position „**Associate Professor**” of specialty Management Health Care, professional direction 7.4 Public Health, in the field of higher education 7. Health and Sports, for the Nursing Training Sector, Department of Health Care, Faculty of Public Health, Medical University „Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov“, Varna, published in the State Gazette, issue 54/23.06.2023.

I. Resume of the candidate's career development

Chief Assist. Prof. Galina Ilieva Petrova, PhD graduated from Varna Medical Institute in 1996 with a specialty "nurse". Acquires a Bachelor's degree in Health Care Management at the Medical University - Plovdiv (2003) and later a Master's degree in the same specialty at the Medical University - Sofia (2007).

After successfully defending her dissertation on the topic “Development of preventive health care for children - the role of the nurse” and acquired the educational and scientific degree "PhD" in the specialty “Management Health Care” at the Medical University „Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov“, Varna (2016). At present she has completed a specialization in Medical Pedagogy (2014).

The professional realization and experience of Chief Assist. Prof. Galina Petrova began in 1996 as a nurse in the "Mother and Child" Home in Varna. In the period 1998-2007 he worked in different health structures in Stara Zagora (University Hospital "Prof. Dr. Stoyan Kirkovich" AD, individual practice for primary health care, Medical and Social Care Home "Anastasia Golovina").

Academic development began in 2007 as an assistant professor at the Department of Social Medicine and Health Management at the Faculty of Medicine of Trakia University -

Stara Zagora, and since 2019 she has been holding the position of 'Chief Assistant Professor' at the Department of Health Care at the Faculty of Public Health of Medical University - Varna.

II. General description of the submitted materials

The candidate has submitted all the necessary documents for the competition for acquiring an academic position „Associate Professor ” in the field of higher education 7. Health and Sports, professional direction 7.4 Public Health, of specialty Health Care Management, are in compliance with requirements for holding an academic position of „Associate Professor” according to the Development of Academic Staff in Republic of Bulgaria (DASRBA), the Rules for its implementation and the Rules and acquirement of scientific degrees and holding academic positions at Medical University „Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov” – Varna.

The documents submitted by the candidate include: CV; copies of diploma for the respective specialties and the doctoral degree; certificate of recognized specialty; monographic work; abstracts of scientific works for the competition; a list of publications and a copy of them; list and copy of the required number of citations; reference from the University Library of a Varna Medical University for the publications and citations meeting the minimum national requirements, full-text publications and citations, outside the minimum requirements for scientometric indicators and the additional requirements defined in these regulations (accompanied by evidence) and other documents certifying the indicators, according to the regulation for acquiring an academic position „ „Associate Professor” at the Varna Medical University.

I find no omissions in the submitted documentation.

III. Evaluation of the scientific works of the candidates for the entire academic development

Chief Assist. Prof. Galina Ilieva Petrova, PhD participated in this competition, presented scientific papers proving the fulfillment of the minimum requirements for occupation of the academic position of „Associate Professor" distributed scientometric aspect as follows:

- dissertation for obtaining the educational and scientific degree of “Doctor" – 1 (A1);
- habilitation thesis – monograph – 1 (B3);
- publications and reports published in scientific journals, refereed and indexed in world-renowned databases with scientific information in subgroup G7 - 4;

- publications and papers published in non-refereed peer-reviewed journals or published in edited collective volumes in subgroup G8 - 16;
- full-text publications in scientific journals and collections, beyond the minimum scientific-metric requirements for the academic position of „Associate Professor" - 3;
- scientific works used for the position of "chief assistant" - 2;
- submitted publications for obtaining PhD - 5 (G8);
- 2 scientific publications in journals with/without SJR and/or IF;
- 32 participation in scientific forums;
- 8 participation in scientific projects.

The scientific and applied contributions of Chief Assist. Prof. Galina Petrova, PhD are focused in areas:

- History of nursing in child health care in European and Bulgarian dimensions (A1, B3, G8.10, IV.3, III.2);
- Development and Management of Child Health Care in Bulgaria - Historical, Health Policy and Organizational problems (A1, B3, G 8.10, G 8.12, G 8.14, G 8.15, G 8.16, III 1, III 2, IV 4);
- Health and social inequalities in early childhood (B3, G7.2, G7.3, G8.10, G8.14);
- Contemporary problems in Pediatric Nursing (B3, G7.4, G8.9, G8.11);
- Ethical and organizational problems of long-term care in general medical practice (G 8.1, G 8.2, G 8.3, G 8.4, G 8.6, G 8.7, G 8.8, G 8.13, II .1, II.2);
- Varia (G 7.1, G 8.5, II 3, IV 1).

In the presented reference original scientific contributions cover scientific issues, purposed for current and significant problems in the field of the announced competition.

For the first time in our country, a theoretical study has been conducted on the participation of nurses in the curative and preventive care of children, in inpatient and outpatient settings. The most widespread form of child health protection was found to be child health advisory stations, a prototype of modern child health advisory stations. The positive Bulgarian experience of filling the shortage of nurse-visitors in the villages by creating the institution of nurse-visitors, with their prior training and work rules, is revealed.

Studies and analyses have been conducted to identify historical, health policy and organizational problems in the development and management of child healthcare in Bulgaria. Bulgaria's position in terms of infant mortality rates among European countries has been established. The issue of insufficient use of nursing competences in preventive work with

children and failure to meet the needs of groups of families for individualized advice and guidance in raising a healthy child is discussed.

A comprehensive assessment of health inequalities in early childhood and the factors that cause inequalities, with a focus on place of residence, education, and ethnicity.

Innovative strategies for coping with burnout syndrome are presented. New information with potential for new ideas and directions for research and best practice. The nurse's place as part of the health care team is explored and a series of roles nurses might have in advance health directives: providing information and emotional support, mediating dialogue within the family or between members of the health care team, and supporting well-documented future care.

The impact of the ethical problems accompanying the health care reform in Bulgaria is studied through an analysis of the complaints (qualitative analysis) submitted to the Professional Ethics Committee.

The scientific publications of Chief Assist. Prof. Galina Petrova, PhD are published in world-renowned and recognized publications which is confirmed with the presented reference and Impact Factor.

The scientometric citation reference, issued by the Medical University of Varna, reveals 6 citations, 1 of which are refereed and indexed in the world databases with scientific information, 2 in monographs and collective volumes and 3 in non-refereed peer-reviewed journals.

Chief Assist. Prof. Galina Petrova, PhD has participated in 8 research projects, which are financed by the "Science" fund on significant topics related to process management in health care. Participations in a number of conferences and scientific sessions on important topics related to public health have been presented.

IV. Comprehensive, qualitative assessment of the teaching-methodological and teaching activities

Chief Assist. Prof. Galina Petrova, PhD has long teaching experience in Trakia University - Stara Zagora and Varna Medical University.

The candidate takes part in the teaching of basic disciplines – „Philosophy and introduction to nursing. Theoretical foundations“ and „Practical foundations of nursing care“ to students of Nurse. In the reference provided has a high average annual academic load, which exceeds the requirements.

V. 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 Rules of the Varna Medical University, Chief Assist. Prof. Galina Ilieva Petrova, PhD shows that complies with the scientometric requirements for acquiring an academic position „Associate Professor ”.

The candidate in the competition submit the required number of scientific papers, highlighting significant theoretical and applied contributions. The research activity represents significant achievements in science and practice.

Chief Assist. Prof. Galina Ilieva Petrova, PhD has a well-formed research profile, theoretical and practical-applied contributions from his work, active work with students as a lecturer and supervisor of research activities. She is a member of prestigious Bulgarian and international scientific organizations, a thorough researcher and a respected lecturer. The candidate presents up-to-date, original scientific production of high quality, global significance, international recognition and significant potential for practical applicability.

After getting acquainted in detail with the documentation provided to me and making a comprehensive assessment of the research and teaching activities of the participant in the competition for the academic position of **„Associate Professor " in specialty „Management Health Care“**, I think that she fully meets all requirements.

All this gives me the reason to propose **Chief Assist. Prof. Galina Ilieva Petrova, PhD** to take the academic position of „Associate Professor " in specialty „ Management Health Care“ in the field of higher education 7. Health and Sports, professional direction 7.4 Public Health, for the Nursing Training Sector, Department of Health Care, Faculty of Public Health, Medical University „Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov“, Varna.

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