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Art. 9. (1)

(2) (*Amended and supplemented – 25.08.2023*) The distance learning format may include in-person (on-site) periods, which shall be conducted at the core academic units of MU–Varna. These in-person components may not exceed 15 percent of the total number of hours defined in the curriculum of the corresponding full-time programme.

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Art. 10. (1) (*Amended and supplemented – 11.05.2015; 14.06.2017; 03.02.2025*)

Medical University “Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov” – Varna offers degree programmes in the following specialties: “Medicine”, “Dental Medicine”, “Pharmacy”, “Nursing”, “Midwifery”, “Health Management”, “Public Health”, “Health Care Management”, “Pharmaceutical Management”, “Public Health and Health Management”, “Rehabilitation, Balneotherapy, Wellness and Spa”, “Assistant Pharmacist”, “Rehabilitation Therapist”, “Dental Technician”, “Medical Laboratory Technician”, “Radiologic Technician”, “Public Health Inspector”, “Medical Cosmetologist”, “Medical Optician”, “Health Management and Medico-Social Care”, “Pharmaceutical Management and Care”, “Optometry”, “Public Health Protection and Control”, “Speech Therapy”, “Kinesitherapy”, “Clinical Speech Therapy”, “Biomedical Engineering and Technologies”, “Information Technology in Healthcare and Health Services”, “Electronic and Information Technologies in Healthcare”, “Cosmetology”, “Technology Transfer and Innovation in Pharmacy”, and others.

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Art. 11. (*Amended and supplemented – 03.02.2025*) Training in the regulated professions of “Medicine”, “Dental Medicine”, “Pharmacy”, “Nursing”, “Midwifery”, and “Kinesitherapy” shall be conducted exclusively in full-time mode and shall comply with the provisions of the Ordinances on the Uniform State Requirements for the Acquisition of Higher Education in each respective specialty.

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(5) (*New – 18.06.2018; amended and supplemented – 03.02.2025*)

The Bachelor’s degree programme in “Speech Therapy” is conducted in full-time mode and has a duration of eight academic semesters. The Master’s degree programme in “Speech Therapy” is conducted in part-time mode and has a duration of four academic semesters.

(6) (*New – 03.02.2025*)

The Bachelor’s degree programme in “Biomedical Engineering and

Technologies” is offered in both full-time and part-time modes of study, each with a duration of eight academic semesters.

(7) *(New – 03.02.2025)*

The Bachelor’s degree programme in “Kinesitherapy” is offered in full-time mode and has a duration of eight academic semesters.

The Master’s degree programme in “Kinesitherapy”, following completion of a Bachelor’s degree in the same specialty, is offered in full-time mode with a duration of two academic semesters.

Art. 14. (1) *(New, replaces previous text of Art. 14 – 03.02.2025)*

The Master’s degree programme in “Health Management”, following a Bachelor’s degree in the same specialty, is conducted in part-time mode with a duration of two academic semesters.

(2) *(New – 03.02.2025)*

The Master’s degree programme in “Clinical Speech Therapy”, following a Bachelor’s and/or Master’s degree in “Speech Therapy” within Professional Field 7.4 – Public Health, is conducted in part-time mode with a duration of two academic semesters.

(3) *(New – 03.02.2025)*

The Master’s degree programme in “Electronic and Information Technologies in Healthcare”, following a Bachelor’s or Master’s degree in Professional Field 5.2 – Electrical Engineering, Electronics and Automation, is conducted in part-time mode with a duration of two academic semesters.

(4) *(New – 03.02.2025)*

The Master’s degree programmes in the following specialties are offered in part-time mode with a duration of four academic semesters: “Health Management” *(for graduates with a Bachelor’s or Master’s degree in another specialty)*, “Pharmaceutical Management”, “Health Management and Medico-Social Care”, “Pharmaceutical Management and Care”, “Public Health Protection and Control”, “Information Technologies in Healthcare and Health Services”, “Electronic and Information Technologies in Healthcare” *(for graduates from professional fields other than those listed in paragraph 3)*, “Cosmetology”, and “Technology Transfer and Innovation in Pharmacy”.

Art. 16. (1) *(Amended and supplemented – 13.09.2024)*

The Vocational Training Centre at MU–Varna organises and conducts training programmes for the acquisition of professional qualifications.

(2) *(Amended and supplemented – 13.09.2024)*

The list of professions and specialties offered at the Vocational Training Centre shall be determined by decision of the Academic Council.

Art. 17. (1)

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(3) *(Amended and supplemented – 27.04.2020; 21.03.2022)*

Each year, upon the proposal of the Vice-Rector for Educational Affairs, the Academic Council shall determine the specialties, admission conditions, and tuition fees for students applying for a second or additional degree programme.

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Art. 24. (1)

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(3) *(Amended – 14.06.2017; amended and supplemented – 27.04.2020; 21.03.2022)*

The Vice-Rector for Educational Affairs exercises direct leadership and oversight over the educational activities at MU–Varna. Educational oversight within individual academic units is exercised by the Deans of the faculties and their deputies, the Directors of colleges and branch campuses and their deputies, the Director of the Department, the Heads of departments and teaching sectors, the Head of the Educational Department, and the Director of the Vocational Training Centre.

Art. 25. (1)

(2) *(Amended – 14.06.2017; amended and supplemented – 03.02.2025)*

Course coordinators, programme coordinators, and administrative assistants within the departments (teaching sectors) shall collaborate with the educational organisers and experts from the faculties, colleges (branches), and the Educational Department, ensuring effective organisation and administration of the educational process.

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Art. 27. (1) *(Amended and supplemented – 27.04.2020; 21.03.2022)*

Upon the proposal of the Vice-Rector for Educational Affairs, the Academic Council of MU–Varna shall appoint the Committee on Educational Affairs.

(2) *(Amended and supplemented – 27.04.2020; 21.03.2022)*

The Committee on Educational Affairs shall act as an advisory body to the Vice-Rector for Educational Affairs, with expert functions focused on modernisation and advancement of education at the University, updating and improvement of curricula and academic programmes, modernisation of teaching methods, enhancement of the educational process, integration of leading academic practices, and ensuring a consistently high standard of education aligned with user needs.

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(3) (*Amended and supplemented – 27.04.2020; amended – 21.03.2022*)

The Programme Councils shall report on their activities to the Dean or the Director of the College, as well as to the Vice-Rector for Educational Affairs, at least once per academic year.

Art. 30a. (New – 11.05.2015; amended – 25.08.2023) The implementation, development, coordination, and integration of digital media and modern e-learning across all faculties and academic units of the University are carried out by the International Centre for Electronic and Distance Education (ICEDE). The Centre provides:

1. Development of e-learning competences among academic staff and students;
2. Provision of various forms of consultation, training sessions, and qualification courses for lecturers and students;
3. Support for full student access to both internal and external educational resources, as well as to user-oriented online platforms for self-directed learning, including supplementary electronic interactive materials and tests;
4. Infrastructure for electronic examinations;
5. Assistance in the development and execution of research projects at MU–Varna in the field of e-learning and digital media;

6. Support for the establishment of a unified electronic campus at Medical University – Varna.

Art. 38. (1) (Amended – 10.12.2018; amended and supplemented – 03.02.2025) The distribution of students into groups is carried out by the educational coordinators and academic experts of the respective faculties, Medical College, or branch campuses, following prior coordination with the Dean/Director and the Educational Department, ensuring the following minimum group sizes: 10 students for the specialties “*Health Management*” and “*Health Care Management*”; 8 students for all other specialties; 5 students for courses in a specialised foreign language.

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(7) *(Amended and supplemented – 03.02.2025)*

Transfers of students from one group to another are permitted no more than twice throughout the entire course of study and are allowed only by decision of the Dean of the faculty or Director of the College (or branch campus). Such transfers must occur no later than two weeks after the start of the academic year.

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Art. 47. (1)

(2) *(Amended and supplemented – 27.04.2020; 21.03.2022)*

Curricula shall be coordinated with the Educational Department and the Vice-Rector for Educational Affairs, and adopted by the Faculty Council or the College Council, as applicable.

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Art. 50. (1)

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(4) *(New – 24.03.2014; amended and supplemented – 27.04.2020; amended – 21.03.2022)*

Curricula for the current academic year may be amended by decision of the Academic Council, exceptionally and upon justified necessity. The proposal for amendment shall be submitted by the Vice-Rector for Educational Affairs in accordance with the procedure and conditions outlined in paragraph 5.

(5) *(New – 24.03.2014; amended – 11.05.2015; amended and supplemented – 27.04.2020; 21.03.2022)*

The Head of the relevant academic unit shall submit a reasoned proposal for changes to the curriculum to the Vice-Rector for Educational Affairs, in accordance with the procedure under Article 50(1). Upon assessing the feasibility and justification of the proposal, the Vice-Rector may either submit it for discussion and approval by the Academic Council, or return it for revision.

Art. 54. (1) *(Amended – 21.03.2022)*

The annual academic calendar at MU–Varna for full-time students enrolled in the “Professional Bachelor”, “Bachelor”, and “Master” degree programmes (after completed secondary education) shall be prepared by the Educational Department and approved by the Academic Council upon the proposal of the Vice-Rector for Educational Affairs,

no later than the end of the preceding academic year.

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(4) *(Amended and supplemented – 27.04.2020; 21.03.2022)*

By way of exception and upon justified necessity, the annual academic calendar for specific specialties and/or cohorts may be amended upon the proposal of the Dean or College Director, subject to coordination with the Educational Department and the Vice-Rector for Educational Affairs, and shall be adopted by the Faculty Council or the College Council.

(5) *(Amended and supplemented – 11.05.2015; 03.02.2025)*

The schedules for pre-graduation internships and state examinations for each specialty shall be prepared by the educational organisers and experts of the respective faculty/college and shall be approved by the respective Faculty Dean or College Director.

(6) *(New – 11.05.2015; amended and supplemented – 03.02.2025)*

The schedules for pre-graduation internships and state examinations for the branch campuses shall be prepared by the educational organisers and experts at the respective faculty, based on a proposal from the Branch Director, and approved by the relevant Faculty Deans.

Art. 60. (1) *(Amended and supplemented – 03.02.2025)*

The administrative services for students shall be provided by the educational organisers and academic experts within the dean's offices **or the** academic office of the college (branch campus), as well as by the staff of the Educational Department, under the supervision of the respective Faculty Deans / College (Branch) Directors, their Deputy Deans/Directors, and the Head of the Educational Department, via the Administrative Department, *Registry Sector*.

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Art. 64. *(Amended and supplemented – 16.07.2018; 03.02.2025)*

The organisers and experts in educational activities at the faculties, colleges, branches, and the Department of Foreign Language Education, Communication, and Sport shall:

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d) *(Amended and supplemented – 27.04.2020; 21.03.2022)*

Prepare for issuance transcripts of records, certificates, letters of confirmation, and other documents related to student or course status, and submit them for signature by

the Dean / Director of the College (Branch) / Department of Foreign Language Education, Communication, and Sport, and/or by the Vice-Rector for Educational Affairs and the Rector;

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3. *(Amended and supplemented – 27.04.2020; 21.03.2022)*
Prepare summaries and reports based on student/course participant applications and complaints received via the *Registry Sector*, and submit them for review and decision to the respective Deans, College (Branch) Directors, Department of Foreign Language Education, Communication, and Sport, or to the Vice-Rector for Educational Affairs, as applicable, or to the Rector;

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Art. 65. (1)

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(3) *(Amended and supplemented – 03.02.2025)*

The educational organisers and experts at the faculties, colleges, or branch campuses shall, upon request by students, issue a Student Credit Certificate (using the approved template), certifying the student's academic status and eligibility to enrol for the next semester. This document shall be signed by the Rector or an authorised official (Dean/Director) and shall be recorded annually in a dedicated register maintained by each academic unit and branch.

Art. 66. (1) *(Amended and supplemented – 13.09.2024)*

Students are required to pay a tuition fee for their education. The tuition fee is annual and is determined either in accordance with the applicable legal framework or by decision of the Academic Council.

(2) *(New – 13.09.2024)*

The amount of tuition fees under Art. 21, para. 2 and 3 of the Higher Education Act and Art. 9, para. 3, item 6, letter "b" of the same Act shall be calculated by adding the tuition maintenance funding, determined under Art. 91, para. 2, items 1 and 3, to the amount of the tuition fee set under Art. 95, para. 2 of the Act for the respective professional field or regulated profession. These fees are subject to

approval by the Academic Council.

(3) *(New – 13.09.2024)*

If any of the components used in the tuition fee calculation under paragraph 2 are modified, the annual tuition fee shall be recalculated accordingly and applied in line with a decision of the Academic Council.

(4) *(New – 13.09.2024)*

The tuition fees under para. 2, and any changes made under para. 3, are established by statutory procedure and are non-negotiable, regardless of the amounts specified in any signed education contracts.

(5) *(New; former para. 5 – 13.09.2024)*

Tuition fees shall be paid via bank transfer to the official account of Medical University – Varna. Any bank charges incurred shall be borne by the **payer**.

Art. 67. (1) *(Amended and supplemented – 13.09.2024)*

The statutory annual tuition fee shall be paid in equal instalments, no later than two weeks after the beginning of each semester. Students may also pay the entire annual tuition fee in a single instalment at the start of the academic year. In case of a fee adjustment under Art. 66, para. 3, the difference shall be paid or refunded within two weeks after the beginning of the second semester.

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Art. 73. (1)

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(5) *(Amended – 14.06.2017; amended and supplemented – 03.02.2025)*

The planned ongoing assessment for individual courses within a given specialty shall be carried out according to a schedule, indicating the academic weeks of assessment within the semester and make-up dates, proposed by the Head of the Department or Teaching Sector responsible for the course. The schedule is approved by the Dean or Director of the College/Branch at the start of each semester. It is drawn up by the course coordinators, in coordination with the Heads of the Departments or Teaching Sectors, and shall comply with the requirements of Art. 73, para. 7.

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(4) *(Amended and supplemented – 27.04.2020; 21.03.2022)*

Permission to sit for an examination under paragraph (3) is granted by the Vice-Rector for Educational Affairs upon submission of a written request by the student. Students who are granted permission shall pay an examination fee, the amount of which is determined by the Academic Council.

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(8) *(Amended and supplemented – 27.04.2020; 21.03.2022)*

In justified cases, and upon proposal of the Dean or Director of the College (Branch), the examination session schedule may be modified, subject to approval by the Vice-Rector for Educational Affairs.

Art. 83. (1)

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(3) *(Amended – 14.06.2017; amended and supplemented – 27.04.2020; 21.03.2022)*

Based on the information provided by the respective departments or teaching sectors, the Programme Councils and the Deans / Director of the College (Branch) shall carry out a comprehensive analysis of student performance by specialty and, in coordination with the Vice-Rector for Educational Affairs, shall implement measures for its improvement.

Art. 92. *(Amended and supplemented – 03.02.2025)* Student enrolment is carried out individually and is recorded in both the electronic student file and the student's academic record book, certified by the signature of the educational organiser or academic expert, and stamped with the official seal of the respective faculty / college / branch.

Art. 93a *(New – 03.02.2025)* (1) Students enrolled in part-time programmes may be provided with the opportunity to attend theoretical lectures in a real-time electronic learning environment.

(2) Such training shall be permitted on justified grounds, based on a motivated written request submitted by the student, and approved by

the Dean, no later than two weeks before the beginning of the respective module.

Art. 97. (1) *(Amended and supplemented – 07.07.2015; 20.11.2023, effective from the summer semester of academic year 2023/2024)*

If a student fails to complete the planned ongoing assessment (e.g. colloquium) and/or the required minimum of practical work as defined in the curriculum, the course may not be certified at the end of the semester, and the student is not permitted to sit for the final examination in that discipline.

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(3) *(Amended – 14.06.2017; amended and supplemented – 03.02.2025)* Student absences must be made up within two weeks from the date of the last absence, unless otherwise decided by the Head of Department or Teaching Sector. Make-up sessions for missed practical classes are permitted after the end of the semester, but no later than two weeks following the start of the examination session.

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Art. 99. (1)

(2) *(New, former text of Art. 99 – 10.12.2018; amended and supplemented – 27.04.2020; amended – 21.03.2022)*

Upon proposal by the Director of the Department or the lecturer in charge of a specialised subject, and in coordination with the Vice-Rector for Educational Affairs, students enrolled in preparatory courses in Bulgarian or English may be offered either an individual learning format or the opportunity to make up missed classes, subject to payment of a fee determined by the Academic Council.

Art. 105. (1)

(2) *(Amended and supplemented – 27.04.2020; amended – 21.03.2022)*

By exception, and upon proposal of the Dean or Director of the College (Branch), in consultation with the Head of Department responsible for the discipline, and with the approval of the Vice-Rector for Educational Affairs, extraordinary examination dates may be scheduled outside the regular retake and liquidation sessions for examinations not taken in the previous academic year. Participation in such exams requires the issuance of an individual examination protocol and payment of a fee approved by the Academic Council.

Art. 107. (1) (Нова, предишен текст на Art. 107 – 11.11.2019 г.,

ОТМ. – 20.11.2023 г.)

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Art. 123. (1)

(2) (*Amended and supplemented – 03.02.2025*)

The official order shall be delivered to the student by the organiser or expert for academic activities at the relevant dean's office or college (branch) academic office, or shall be sent to the student's declared correspondence address by registered mail with return receipt.

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Art. 124a. (New – 10.12.2018) (1)

(2) (*Amended and supplemented – 16.02.2023*)

Proposals submitted by facilities for conducting student practical training and pre-graduation internships shall be forwarded to the Head of the Department of Postgraduate Education or to a designated staff member within the department.

(3) (*Amended and supplemented – 16.02.2023*)

The Head of the Department of Postgraduate Education or the assigned officer shall forward the proposals to the Heads of the relevant academic units or branch campuses that conduct training in the respective programmes, in accordance with the accreditation status or the capacity of the training facility.

(4) (*Amended and supplemented – 27.04.2020; 21.03.2022; 16.02.2023; 11.03.2024*)

Following a positive decision by the councils of the respective academic units, the Head of the Department of Postgraduate Education or the designated officer shall compile the information into a contract proposal and submit it to the Vice-Rector for Postgraduate Education.

(5) (*Amended and supplemented – 27.04.2020; 21.03.2022; 16.02.2023; 11.03.2024*)

The Vice-Rector for Postgraduate Education shall present the proposed training facilities to the Academic Council for approval.

(6) (*Amended and supplemented – 27.04.2020; 21.03.2022; 16.02.2023; 11.03.2024*)

In the case of renewal or extension of existing agreements with training facilities, paragraphs (1) through (4) shall apply. Following this procedure, the Vice-Rector for Postgraduate Education shall submit a proposal to the Rector for extension or renewal of the agreement.

Art. 128. (1)

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(3) (*New – 14.06.2017; amended and supplemented –*

10.12.2018; 27.04.2020; 21.03.2022; 16.02.2023; 13.09.2024)
Upon expiry of an agreement with a training facility under paragraph (1), the conclusion of a supplementary agreement or a new contract shall be undertaken by the Rector, based on a proposal from the Vice-Rector for Postgraduate Education, in accordance with the procedure outlined in Art. 124a.

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Art. 133. (1) *(New, former text of Art. 133 – 03.02.2025)*
Students enrolled in the programmes "Nursing" and "Midwifery" shall carry out clinical training from the first to the sixth semester inclusive, with a total duration of not less than 1,140 academic hours.

(2) *(New – 03.02.2025)*

Students in the "Kinesitherapy" Bachelor's degree programme shall carry out clinical training from the second to the seventh semester inclusive, with a minimum duration of 1,320 astronomical hours, of which 360 astronomical hours shall be completed as practical placements following the second, fourth, and sixth semesters.

(3) *(New – 03.02.2025)*

Students in the "Kinesitherapy" Master's degree programme shall complete clinical training with a total duration of not less than 300 astronomical hours.

(4) *(New – 03.02.2025)*

Students in the "Optometry" programme shall undergo clinical training from the first to the third semester inclusive, with a minimum total duration of 120 astronomical hours.

(5) *(New – 03.02.2025)*

Students in the "Biomedical Engineering and Technologies" programme shall complete practical training with a total duration of 60 academic hours.

(6) *(New – 03.02.2025)*

Students in the "Speech Therapy" Bachelor's programme shall complete clinical speech-language practice with a total duration of 210 academic hours.

(7) *(New – 03.02.2025)*

Students in the "Cosmetology" programme shall complete practical training with a total duration of 240 academic hours.

Art. 134. (1)

(2) *(New – 10.12.2018; amended and supplemented – 03.02.2025)*

Students enrolled in the programmes "Optometry," "Medical Cosmetology," "Medical Optician," "Biomedical Engineering and Technology," and "Speech Therapy" may carry out their practical training in facilities that meet the regulatory requirements for the

relevant professional activity. This is subject to submission of a written request, which must be approved by the Head of the relevant academic unit. A confirmation letter from the training facility must be attached to the application, stating the facility's capacity to provide appropriate conditions for the internship.

Art. 136. (1)

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(5) *(Former text of para. 4; amended – 11.05.2015; amended and supplemented – 03.02.2025)*

The professional and clinical training of students enrolled in the programmes “Nursing,” “Midwifery,” “Kinesitherapy,” and the degree programmes of the Medical College shall be supervised by clinical instructors and teaching staff, appointed by order of the Rector. The training of students in the “Nursing” and “Midwifery” programmes shall also involve preceptors designated by the Chief or Senior Nurse/Midwife at the training facility, who must hold at least a Bachelor's degree.

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Art. 137. (1)

(2) *(Amended and supplemented – 14.06.2017; 03.02.2025)*

It is permissible for students to undertake pre-graduation clinical internships in specific subjects at foreign medical institutions accredited under the legislation of the respective country. The institution must submit a declaration confirming at minimum: the student's acceptance to undertake practical training in designated disciplines of the pre-graduation internship, the institution's accreditation status under the relevant national legislation, any other relevant facts and circumstances. In such cases, the internship must be carried out in accordance with the schedule of the assigned group as determined by the academic organisers and experts of the respective faculty. The state examinations shall be taken at MU–Varna, in accordance with the established group schedule.

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(5) *(New – 14.06.2017; amended and supplemented – 10.12.2018; 27.04.2020; 21.03.2022; 16.02.2023; 13.09.2024)*

Upon expiration of the agreement with a training facility under paragraph (1), the conclusion of a supplementary agreement or a new contract shall be executed by the Rector, based on a proposal from the Vice-Rector for Postgraduate Education,

following the procedure outlined in Art. 124a.

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Art. 142. (Amended and supplemented – 03.06.2024) The pre-graduation internship for the specialty “Medicine” has a total duration of 310 calendar days, or 1320 hours, and is distributed among the core clinical disciplines as follows:

- Internal Medicine – 85 calendar days;
- General Surgery – 75 calendar days;
- Paediatrics – 51 calendar days;
- Obstetrics and Gynaecology – 50 calendar days;
- Infectious Diseases, Epidemiology, Hygiene and Social Medicine – 35 calendar days;
- General Practice – 9 calendar days;
- Emergency Medicine – 5 calendar days.

Art. 146. (1) (*New, former text of Art. 146 – 18.06.2018; amended and supplemented – 03.02.2025*)

Students in the “Health Management” programme (Bachelor’s degree) shall complete a pre-graduation internship of 150 hours in public or private healthcare and social service institutions, health insurance funds, rehabilitation centres, or regional and national administrative bodies responsible for health and social services, approved by the Faculty Council.

(2) (*New – 18.06.2018; amended and supplemented – 03.02.2025*)

Students in the “Optometry” programme shall complete a pre-graduation internship of 450 hours and a study placement of 360 hours.

(3) (*New – 18.06.2018; amended and supplemented – 03.02.2025*)

Students in the “Speech Therapy” programme shall complete a pre-graduation internship of 200 hours.

(4) (*New – 03.02.2025*)

Students in the “Public Health Protection and Control” programme shall complete a pre-graduation internship of 90 hours.

(5) (*New – 03.02.2025*)

Students in the “Technology Transfer and Innovation in Pharmacy” programme shall complete a pre-graduation internship of 120 hours (*15 calendar days*).

Art. 147. (Amended and supplemented – 03.02.2025) Students enrolled in the “Healthcare Management” programme shall undertake a pre-graduation internship in Healthcare Management and Medical Pedagogy, with a total duration of 250 hours for the Bachelor’s degree

and 120 hours for the Master's degree, respectively.

Art. 150. (1)

(2) (*Amended and supplemented – 03.06.2024*)

Completion of the pre-graduation internships in “General Medicine” and “Emergency Medicine” is a mandatory graduation requirement for students enrolled in the “Medicine” programme. On the final day of each internship, students shall undergo an exit interview or final evaluation discussion.

Art. 152. (*Amended and supplemented – 03.06.2024*) The training in the specialty "Pharmacy" concludes with the sitting of state examinations in the following subjects: Pharmaceutical Technology and Biopharmacy, Pharmacognosy, Pharmacology and Toxicology, Pharmaceutical Chemistry and Pharmaceutical Analysis, Social Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Legislation.

Art. 153. (*Amended and supplemented – 03.02.2025*) Students in the "Nursing" programme complete their education by passing state examinations in the following areas: Philosophy of Nursing. Theoretical and Practical Foundations of General and Specialized Nursing Care; Internal Medicine and Pharmacology – Nursing Procedures and Care; Surgery and Anaesthesiology, Intensive and Critical Care – Nursing Procedures and Care; Social Medicine with Health Promotion and Social and Health Legislation.

Art. 154a (*New – 03.02.2025*) The training in the specialty "Kinesitherapy" at the Bachelor's level concludes with a comprehensive state examination in the fundamentals and methods of kinesitherapy and its application to various diseases and conditions – including both theoretical and practical components. The training at the Master's level concludes with a state examination or a defence of a Master's thesis.

Art. 157. (*Amended and supplemented – 11.05.2015, 18.06.2018, 03.02.2025*) Students in the following programmes: Public Health, Pharmaceutical Management, Health Management and Medico-Social Care, Pharmaceutical Management and Care, Optometry, Public Health Protection and Control, Speech Therapy, Rehabilitation, Balneotherapy, Wellness and Spa, Clinical Speech Therapy, Biomedical Engineering and Technology, Information Technologies in Healthcare and Health Services, Electronic and Information Technologies in Healthcare, Cosmetology, and Technology Transfer and Innovation in Pharmacy, complete their studies by either sitting a state theoretical examination or preparing and defending a graduation thesis, as specified in the programme curriculum.

Art. 161. (1)

(2) (*Amended and supplemented – 11.05.2015, 03.02.2025*)

The schedules referred to in paragraph (1) shall be developed by the academic organisers and curriculum experts within the respective faculty/college and approved by the Faculty Dean or College Director.

(3) (*New – 11.05.2015, amended and supplemented – 03.02.2025*) For the branch campuses, the schedules under paragraph (1) shall be prepared by the respective academic organisers and experts in the relevant dean’s office, upon the proposal of the Branch Director, and shall be approved by the Dean of the corresponding faculty.

Art. 169. (*Amended and supplemented – 03.02.2025*) A student may request to retake a State Examination to improve their grade, provided that they submit a written waiver of the existing grade, no later than the date of the last examination in the liquidation session. The request must be submitted in writing to the Dean/Director of the respective academic unit. The result of the retaken examination is final, except in the case of a fail grade. In such cases, the student may retake the examination in the following academic year upon submission of a new request and payment of a fee, as determined by the Academic Council.

Art. 181. (*Amended – 11.05.2015, 14.06.2017, 18.06.2018; Amended and supplemented – 03.02.2025*) Students enrolled in the following Master’s programmes: Public Health, Pharmaceutical Management, Rehabilitation, Balneotherapy, Wellness and Spa, Public Health Protection and Control, Optometry, Health Management and Medico-Social Care, Pharmaceutical Management and Care, Information Technologies in Healthcare and Health Services, Electronic and Information Technologies in Healthcare, Kinesitherapy (Master's degree), Speech Therapy (Master's degree), Clinical Speech Therapy, Cosmetology, and Technology Transfer and Innovation in Pharmacy, who have fulfilled the curriculum requirements and successfully passed all State Examinations (or defended a Master's thesis, where applicable), shall be awarded a Diploma of Higher Education conferring the educational qualification degree Master, along with the respective professional qualification.

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9. (*Amended and supplemented – 16.02.2022*) To transfer to another higher education institution, faculty, specialty, degree programme, or form of study, in accordance with the applicable legal framework, the internal regulations of the University, and Chapter Ten of these Regulations;

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(2) (*Amended and supplemented – 03.02.2025*)

Sanctions under paragraph (1) shall be imposed by the Rector through a written order, upon proposal by the Dean/Director, after obtaining the student’s written explanation and ascertaining the facts of the case. The order shall be served to the student by the academic affairs coordinator/expert in the respective Dean’s Office or College Branch Office. If personal delivery is not possible, the order shall be sent to the address for correspondence declared upon enrollment, via registered mail with acknowledgment of receipt.

Art. 197. (1) (*Amended – 23.01.2017; amended and supplemented – 20.11.2023*) In cases of confirmed cheating during ongoing assessment, semester or state examinations, or plagiarism in the preparation of independent coursework, the student shall receive a failing grade and a formal warning. In the event of a repeated offence, the penalty shall be a failing grade and a “warning of expulsion”. For any subsequent offence, the student shall receive a failing grade and be subject to temporary expulsion for a period determined by the Rector.

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Art. 201. (1) (*Former text of Art. 201 – 16.02.2022*) The Medical University – Varna provides opportunities and determines the conditions for student transfers from another higher education institution, faculty, specialty, or mode of study.

(2) (*New – 16.02.2022*) Transfers are not permitted to MU–Varna from the specialty in which the student has been admitted or is currently studying if that specialty belongs to the regulated professions offered at the University.

Art. 206. (1) (Amended and supplemented – 27.04.2020; amended – 21.03.2022) The recognition of completed examinations and the transfer of students from other domestic or international higher education institutions shall be carried out by the Rector based on a report from the Vice-Rector for Educational Affairs, following opinions from the Dean of the respective Faculty/Director of the College **and the** Head of the Department of Academic Affairs.

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TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

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Transitional and Final Provisions adopted pursuant to Protocol No. 24 / 14.06.2017

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§8.

Transitional and Final Provisions to the Decision of the Academic Council regarding the amendment and supplement to the Regulations for Educational Activities at the Medical University “Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov” – Varna, adopted by Protocol No. 15 / 16.12.2024, effective as of 13.09.2024.

§9. The amendments and supplements shall enter into force on 13 September 2024.

Transitional and Final Provisions to the Decision of the Academic Council regarding the amendment and supplement to the Regulations for Educational Activities at the Medical University “Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov” – Varna, adopted by Protocol No. 17 / 03.02.2025.

§10. The amendments and supplements shall enter into force on 3 February 2025.