

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY TEST FOR MEDICAL SPECIALTIES

The goal of the English language proficiency test at Medical University - Varna is to identify the level of language proficiency of the applicants and to make sure that they will be able to cope with studying medicine or dental medicine in English. The exam consists of two compulsory parts: a written test and an oral interview.

Candidates are expected to sit for a written test that lasts 90 minutes and has the following components:

1. Listening comprehension – this task involves listening to an authentic text of about 500 words that concerns contemporary topics of interest from the general medical field. Topics may cover information about the common cold, flu, dehydration, genetically modified organisms, etc. Applicants are to respond appropriately in a few words according to the register and style of the text.
2. Reading comprehension – this task aims at testing candidates' ability to understand and interpret an authentic text of about 600 words concerning general health issues. Applicants respond appropriately in a few words according to the register and style of the text.
3. The use of English component is in essence a gap filling task. It focuses on a text related to common health issues of about 300 words with 15 to 20 gaps. Applicants have to provide only one suitable word that renders meaning to the whole text. The missing words have to be inferred from context. This task aims at checking prospective students' prediction skills, knowledge of grammar, vocabulary and collocations.
4. The writing task offers a choice of two topics again related to general health issues. Candidates choose one and discuss it in about 200 words sharing their life experience and personal views on the subject.

All candidates who have successfully passed the written test (with score of 60% and above) are allowed to sit for the oral exam. The oral part is a compulsory component of the entry exam in English. It consists of two parts and lasts about 10 minutes/candidate. The first part is a short interview with the candidates that relates to their experiences, education, travelling, and various topics of popular concern. The second part of the oral exam is a guided conversation (5 – 8 minutes). The interviewer initiates a conversation on a topic of general interest, based on visual stimuli. Possible topics are Health and illnesses, Lifestyle and nutrition, Sports and hobbies, Studying and career, Culture and traditions, etc.

There are four sample tests in English language proficiency for your reference. The tests are available in Moodle (moodle.mu-varna.bg). To start working with the tests you need to complete the information required for a new account (create new account at <https://moodle.mu-varna.bg/login/index.php>). You will receive a welcoming message with easy instructions to complete your registration. After you confirm your new account by clicking at the blue link (moodle.mu-varna.bg) you may start working with the tests.

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