

POSITION

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PSA 1. Pedagogical sciences, professional field 1.2. Pedagogy,

Scientific specialty „Pedagogy (training of medical specialists)”

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Concerning: Competition for Occupation of the Academic Position "Professor" in Higher Education 1. "Pedagogical Sciences", professional field 1.3. "Pedagogy of Education in ...", specialty "Pedagogy of Education in Health Care", for the needs of Varna Medical University, Branch Sliven, published in State Gazette, issue. 62 / 06.08.2019

Only one candidate participates in the competition: Assistant Professor Elena Grozeva Zheleva, Doctor of Pedagogy, university lecturer at Medical University "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov ", Varna, Branch Office - Sliven

I. Applicant's career profile

Associate Professor Elena Grozeva Zheleva was born in 1959. In 2002 she graduated from Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" Master's Degree in "Pedagogy", specialization in Adult Education, and in 2009 he obtained a Master's Degree in "Health Care" Management at the Medical University of Sofia. After successfully defending her dissertation on the subject "Educational and practical classes for the formation of the future specialist in the medical college" in 2006 she was awarded the Doctoral degree in science by specialty 05.07.01. "Theory of Education and Didactics" (Diploma No. 30355 / 10.04.2006, issued by the Higher Attestation Committee). In 2009, was selected by the Higher Attestation Committee as associate professor in the specialty 05.07.03. "Methodology of training in general and special nursing care" (Certificate of scientific title "Associate Professor" №25730 / 15.07.2009). In 2015 he acquired a specialty in "Medical Pedagogy" at the Medical University of Sofia (Certificate No 018756 / 10.10.2015, issued by the Medical University of Sofia for a recognized specialty in "Medical Pedagogy").

The teaching career of Assoc. Prof. Elena Zheleva started in 1986 at the structure of Thracian University (Seminary Higher Medical Institute, Medical College) - Stara Zagora

as a teaching lecturer, where she worked until 2009. As an Associate Professor he works at Medical Faculty of "Thracian University" - Stara Zagora / 2009. - 2012 /, and since 2012 until 2014. has worked at the "Angel Kanchev" University - Ruse / 2012. - 2014 / and since 2014 until now in the Branch - Sliven of the Medical University - Varna.

Assoc. Prof. Zheleva is a member of the Examination Committee for the state exam in the specialty "Medical Pedagogy" with an Order of the Minister of Health in the Republic of Bulgaria.

The professional biography of the candidate in the competition Assoc. Prof. E. Zheleva, as well as the scientific papers presented by her, show purposefulness and consistency in her research searches, interest in the problems of training in health care, which fully corresponds to the direction of the announced competition.

II. General description of the submitted materials for the competition

It is noteworthy that Assoc. Zheleva has correctly and accurately prepared the documentation for the competition. All necessary documents, provided in the Law for the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria, the Rules for its implementation and the Rules of the MU-Varna are presented.

III. Assessment of the applicant's scientific works

General characteristics of the submitted scientific works

The scientific production of the candidate in the competition is voluminous and multidimensional. Papers after the defense of the dissertation and the habilitation for the associate professor who are the subject of review are presented by the total:

- 1 monograph;
- 3 separate textbooks;
- 70 full-text articles, 38 of which are abroad (25 of which are in journals and 45 in scientific forums).

Actually, the candidate's entries in the competition after the acquisition of the scientific title "Associate Professor" are 85, but 15 are included in the list of minimum requirements for a professor and, according to the rules of MU-Varna, are excluded from the list of publications for acquiring the academic position "professor".

It is noteworthy that the distribution of scientific papers by year is quite uniform, which speaks of a deliberate and well-planned scientific development of the candidate.

Assoc. Prof. Zheleva's works contain certain scientific contributions to pedagogical theory and practice. The most significant part of the publication activity in terms of both quantitative and qualitative indicators - the importance of the results achieved, is related to the methodology of health care training.

The monograph work “Methodology of Health Care Training” is dedicated to the education of health care for students from the regulated specialties - nurse, midwife, rehabilitator and others. It aims to prove the need for a qualitatively new organization of the educational process carried out in higher education institutions, which prepare future health professionals.

The main issues and directions, theoretical classes, educational and practical classes, clinical practice and pre-graduate internship in the system of theoretical and practical training and education of healthcare professionals are outlined.

The analysis makes it possible to establish that all of the offered lectures, practical classes, clinical practice and pre-diploma internship, conducted in accordance with the methodology of training in health care in the higher education school, is a condition and factor for the formation of the future health specialist - nurse and a midwife.

The scientific contributions of Assoc. Zheleva's publications can be summarized in the following directions:

- * The scientific status of the health care teaching methodology and its role in organizing and implementing the specific learning process that prepares future healthcare professionals in the higher medical school have been experimentally proven.

- * The problems related to theoretical, practical and philosophical aspects of general and special nursing and obstetric care have been thoroughly and thoroughly developed.

- *Scientific activity*

Assoc. prof. Elena Zheleva has 77 participation in scientific forums, 43 of which are abroad (Poland, Russia, Belarus), which guarantees the promotion of her scientific production.

- *Participation in project implementation and management*

The candidate for “Professor” participates in 5 projects - one at the national level under the Student Practices line and as the head of four research projects: two at “Thracian University” - Stara Zagora and two at “Angel Kanchev” University of Rousse.

- *Scientific guidance for doctoral students*

Associate Professor Zheleva is the scientific supervisor of six successfully defended PhD students, and two of them is the second scientific supervisor. In the Professional area 1.2. Pedagogy under the Doctoral Program "Theory of Education and Didactics" successfully defended four PhD students, and in the direction 7.4. Public Health under the Doctoral Program in “Health Care Management” successfully defended two PhD students.

- *Reflection (citation) of the applicant's publications in national and foreign literature (publication image).*

A total of 20 citations are presented in the citations, 13 of which are in monographs and collective volumes with scientific review, and 7 citations are in non-refereed journals with scientific review. Evidence from the Web of Science database, Scopus, Google Scholar and eLibrary.ru, certificate from the Library of MU-Varna is presented.

IV. Assessment of educational and teaching activities

Assoc. Prof. Elena Zheleva takes her teaching and teaching engagements extremely seriously, from the stage of preparation to the stage of evaluating the results of the students' learning material. She is an erudite lecturer with a large lecture and seminar workload. Lectures: Nursing for patients with somatic diseases; Nursing care for patients with surgical ailments; Nursing care for children and adults with disabilities; Nursing in intensive care and intensive therapy; Nursing care for the neurologically ill; Nursing care for cancer patients; Nursing care for the mentally ill; Nursing home care; Nursing Maternity and Newborn Care; Nursing care for ocular and ENT diseases; Palliative Nursing; Nursing in pediatrics; Nursing care for adults; Nursing care for infectious patients; Nursing and obstetric care for pregnant women and women with surgical conditions.

Along with them, she leads the lectures and exercises at the Sliven Branch of the Medical University - Varna in 2 pedagogical disciplines: "Principles and methodology of training" for the specialties "Nurse" and "Midwife" and "Pedagogy" in the specialty "Nursing".

V. Personal impressions:

I would like to express my excellent impressions of Assoc. Prof. Zheleva, with whom I have maintained professional contacts for the last 20 years. She is an erudite and charismatic teacher, a serious scientist and researcher, and an ethical colleague. The contestant has invested a lot of energy and strength in her professional development and has achieved significant results. Her academic career has so far been a natural result of her entire scientific and teaching activities.

I wish her the successful development of the scientific fields to which she has focused her research interest

VI. Conclusion

Taking into account the scientific achievements and statements of the candidate, adequate to the direction of the competition, her long teaching activity and authority, I **confidently give my positive vote and believe that Elena Zheleva meets all the requirements for occupying the academic position of "Professor"**. With this in mind, I propose to the honorable members of the Scientific Jury and the Academic Council of

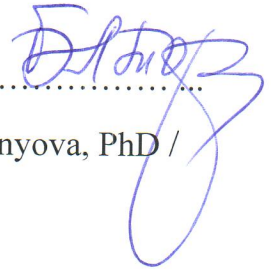
MU-Varna to vote **positively** Assoc. Professor Elena Grozeva Zheleva, Doctor of Pedagogy, to occupy the academic position of "Professor" in the field of higher education 1. Pedagogical Sciences, professional field 1.3. "Pedagogy of Education in ...", specialty "Pedagogy of Education in Health Care", for the needs of the Department of Health Care at the Branch of Sliven, Medical University-Varna.

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Member of the Scientific Jury:

/ prof. Biyanca Torniyova, PhD /

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