

HISTORY OF MEDICAL UNIVERSITY - SOFIA



"Knyaz Alexander I" Hospital - today Alexandrovskaya Hospital. The image is on a postcard from the late 19th century from the collection of the Museum of History of Sofia.

The law establishing the Faculty of Medicine at Sofia University was adopted by the 17th National Assembly on November 10, 1917. It entered into force with Decree No. 21 of Tsar Ferdinand and was recorded in the government White Book on November 22, 1917.

The bill was submitted by the Minister of Education, Petar Peshev. In his address, he said: "Without a doubt, one of the important state tasks that we must fulfill is the opening of a Faculty of Medicine at our university... This is, first of all, for our national pride and, more importantly, for the sense of dignity of our country, which has embarked on the path of a better future. This is also a result of the need to lay the foundations of Bulgarian science in the field of medicine."



MISSION OF MEDICAL UNIVERSITY - SOFIA

In fulfilling its mission, MU strives to:

- increased its reputation as an internationally recognized research center
- offers excellent teaching in a research-enriched environment
- increases the number of students and postgraduates from the country and abroad
produces graduates who are adaptable and meet the increasing demands of employers (national and international) from all sectors
- ensures the formation of high-quality teachers and improves their effectiveness
- optimizes the use of resources to improve the working environment and range of services for students and staff
- achieves a level of budgetary and extra-budgetary resources that allows for balanced growth, adequate capital investments and maintaining a level sufficient for a stable financial foundation in the future development of the university.

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place

in the five areas in which it offers training, according to the Ranking System of Universities in Bulgaria

9.56

ACCREDITATION

medicine – 9.74, dentistry – 9.56, pharmacy – 9.70, public health and healthcare – 9.03

10470

TOTAL STUDENTS

Medicine – 3700, Dentistry – 1500, Pharmacy – 1400, Public Health and Healthcare – 3860, PhD capacity – 390

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CURRICULUM

PROFESSIONAL FIELD "HEALTH CARE"

SPECIALTY " Nurse "

Educational degree "Bachelor"

Professional qualification

"Nursing"

Duration of training: 4 years (8 semesters)

Type of training: full-time

Abstract

. The organization of the training is in accordance with the set goals, objectives and capacity of the university.

The training is conducted in a full-time form, lasting 4 academic years, corresponding to 8 semesters. It includes theoretical and practical training. Theoretical training is carried out through mandatory, elective and facultative academic disciplines in the form of lectures, seminars and practical exercises within 6 semesters. Practical training is conducted through educational (clinical) practice and pre-graduate internship.

Qualification requirements and qualification rules

The training in the specialty "Nursing" for the educational qualification degree "Bachelor" is conducted in a full-time form with a duration of 4 years, corresponding to 8 semesters and a teaching load of **5,424 academic hours of auditorium workload and 24.5 credits (with mandatory 4630 hours and 240 credits according to USR under the Credit Accumulation and Transfer System).**

Students have the opportunity to receive additional credits from elective and optional subjects, providing specific competencies corresponding to their interests.

Program profile (specialty)

The Bachelor's program is oriented in two directions: theoretical training and practical training. The teaching hours for practical training are not less than 50% of the total teaching hours, according to Art. 10 of the USR.

Professional profile of graduates

The acquired theoretical knowledge and practical skills allow graduates to work, independently or in a team, in various sectors of the healthcare system: medical institutions for outpatient and inpatient care, including Emergency Medical Care Centres, Transfusion Haematology Centres, Mental Health Centres, homes for medical and social care, hospices, Regional Health Inspection, National

Health Insurance Fund, school health offices, etc.

Opportunities for continuing education

In the master's programs: "Healthcare Management", "Public Health and Health Management", "Management of Medical and Social Activities and Public Health" and doctoral program "Healthcare Management" in the professional field 7.4. Public Health.

Credit course structure

No.	ECTS code	Course/discipline	USR	Auditorium			Extracurricular			C	FE
				TAH	L	S/ P	TE	IP	AW		
1	2	3	4	5	6	10	11	12	13	14	15
Compulsory courses 1st semester											
1.		Philosophy and Introduction to Nursing care. Theoretical Foundations – Part I	180 total	100	55	45	1 40	90	50	8	E
2.		Anatomy and Clinical Pathology	45 total	30	20	10	60	40	20	3	Cont
3.		Latin Language with Medical Terms	30	30	-	30	60	30	30	3	E
4.		Medical Psychology	30	30	20	10	45	25	20	2.5	E
5.		Medical Ethics and Deontology	30	30	20	10	45	35	10	2.5	E
6.		Informatics	60	60	15	45	60	50	10	4	E
7.		Child Pedagogy and Child Psychology	30	30	20	10	60	40	20	3	E
8.		Physical Education and Sports		30	-	30	-	-	-	1	Cont
9.		Training (Clinical) Practice		90	-	90	-	-	-	3	Cont
Total for the 1st semester				450	160	290	470			30	
Compulsory courses 2nd semester											
1.		Philosophy and Introduction to Nursing care. Theoretical Foundations – Part II	180 total	80	35	45	1 15	85	30	6.5	E
2.		Human Physiology and Pathophysiology	45	45	21	24	65	50	15	3.7	E

3.	Anatomy and Clinical Pathology	45 to- tal	15	7	8	30	20	10	1.5	E
4.	Hygiene and Ecology	30	30	20	10	45	35	10	2.5	E
5.	Medical Genetics	15	15	7	8	30	20	10	1.5	E
6.	Clinical Laboratory, Biochemistry and Immunology	15	15	10	5	30	20	10	1.5	E

7.	Diagnostic Imaging in Nursing Practice	15	15	7	8	30	20	10	1.5	E
8.	Health Promotion	15	15	7	8	30	20	10	1.5	E
9.	Surgery - Part I	75 to- tal	45	20	25	70	50	20	3.8	E
10.	Physical Education and Sports		30	-	30	-	-	-	1	E
11.	Training (Clinical) Practice		150	-	150	-	-	-	5	E
Total for 2nd semester			455	134	321	445			30	

Compulsory courses 3rd semester

1.	Nursing Care for Patients with Surgical Diseases	75 to- tal	30	7	23	45	30	15	2.5	Cont
2.	Nursing Care for Patients with Somatic Diseases	90	30	10	20	45	30	15	2.5	Cont
3.	Nursing Care for Children and Adults with Disabilities	60	60	30	30	60	40	20	4	E
4.	Microbiology, Parasitology and Virology	30	30	14	16	30	20	10	2	E
5.	Surgery - Part II	75 to- tal	30	14	16	30	20	10	2	E
6.	Internal Medicine-Part I	90 to- tal	45	20	25	45	35	10	3	E
7.	Paediatrics with Neonatology	45	45	20	25	45	35	10	3	E
8.	Nervous Diseases and Psychiatry	30 to- tal	15	7	8	15	10	5	1	Cont
9.	Medical Insurance in Disaster Situations	30	30	16	14	30	20	10	2	E
10.	Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation	15	15	7	8	15	10	5	1	E
11.	Physical Education and Sports		30	-	30	-	-	-	1	Cert
12.	Teaching (Clinical) Practice		180	-	180	-	-	-	6	Cont
Total for the 3rd semester			540	145	395	390			30	

Compulsory courses 4th semester

1.	Nursing Care for Patients with Surgical Diseases	75 to- tal	45	11	34	45	25	20	3	E
2.	Nursing Care for Patients with Somatic Diseases	90 to- tal	60	12	48	60	40	20	4	E
3.	Nursing Care for Neurological Patients	45	45	15	30	60	40	20	3.5	E
6.	Internal Medicine Part 2	90 to- tal	45	20	25	45	30	15	3	E
7.	Nervous Diseases and Psychiatry	30 to- tal	15	7	8	15	10	5	1	E

8.	Pharmacology	45	45	20	25	60	40	20	3.5	E
9.	Anaesthesiology, Resuscitation and Intensive Care	60	60	30	30	60	40	20	4	E
10.	Physical Education and Sports		30	-	30	-	-	-	1	Cert.
11.	Training (Clinical) Practice		210	-	210	-	-	-	7	E

Total for the 4th semester			555	115	440	375			30	
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Compulsory courses 5th semester

1.	Nursing Care in Paediatrics	45	45	13	32	45	25	20	3	E
2.	Nursing Care for the Mentally Ill	30	30	10	20	30	20	10	2	E
3.	Nursing Care in Resuscitation and Intensive Care	45	45	10	35	45	25	20	3	E
4.	Nursing Care for Patients with Oncological Diseases	30	30	10	20	30	20	10	2	E
5.	Home Nursing Care		60	20	40	30	20	10	3	E
6.	Infectious Diseases and Epidemiology	30	30	10	20	30	20	10	2	E
7.	Obstetrics and Gynaecology	30	30	14	16	30	20	10	2	E
8.	Skin and Venereal Diseases	15	15	7	8	15	10	5	1	E
9.	Eye Diseases	15	15	7	8	15	10	5	1	E
10.	Ear, Nose and Throat Diseases	15	15	7	8	15	10	5	1	E
11.	Geriatrics	15	15	7	8	15	10	5	1	E
12.	Physical Education and Sports		30	-	30	-	-	-	1	Cert.
13.	Teaching (Clinical) Practice		240	-	240	-	-	-	8	Cont

Total for the 5th semester			600	115	485	300			30	
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Compulsory courses 6th semester

1.	Nursing Care for Infectious Patients	45	45	10	35	30	15	10	2.5	E
2.	Nursing Care for Eye and ENT Diseases	30	30	10	20	30	20	10	2	E
3.	Nursing Care for Adults	60	60	20	40	45	30	15	3.5	E
4.	Nursing Care for the Mother and Newborn	30	30	10	20	30	20	10	2	E
5.	Palliative Nursing Care	30	30	10	20	15	10	5	1.5	E
6.	Social and Health Legislation	30	30	20	10	30	20	10	2	E
7.	Therapeutic Nutrition	15	15	10	5	15	10	5	1	E
8.	Social Medicine	30	30	20	10	30	20	10	2	E
9.	Medical Equipment in Nursing Practice	15	15	7	8	15	10	5	1	E
10.	Principles And Methodology of Training	45	45	30	15	30	15	10	2.5	E
11.	Physical Education and Sports		30	-	30	-	-	-	1	Cert
12.	Training (Clinical) Practice		270	-	270	-	-	-	9	Cont

Total for the 6th semester			630	147	483	330			30	
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7th and 8th semester Pre-graduate internship – 53 credits

1.	Nursing Care for Patients with Surgical Diseases		320						10	
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2.		Nursing Care for Patients with Somatic Diseases		320						10	
3.		Nursing Care for Patients with Onco-logical Diseases		120						4.5	
4.		Nursing Care for Neurological Patients		120						4.5	
5.		Nursing Care for the Elderly		120						4.5	
6.		Nursing Care in Resuscitation and In- tensive Care		160						5.5	
7.		Nursing Care for Infectious Patients		120						4.5	
8.		Nursing Care for the Mentally Ill		80						2	
9.		Nursing Care in Paediatrics		160						5.5	
10.		Freely Selectable Internship		80						2	
Total hours of pre-graduate internship:				1600	astronomical hours (2,134 academic hours						
Physical education and sports (the discipline ends with certification)				60	2 credits						
Form of graduation - state practical and theoretical exams:											
1. Philosophy of nursing. Theoretical and practical foundations of general and special nursing care – <i>theoretical and practical exam.</i>										4	E E E E
2. Internal Medicine and Pharmacology - Nursing Activities and Care - <i>Theoretical Exam.</i>										2	
3. Surgery and anaesthesiology, resuscitation and intensive care - nursing activities and care - <i>theoretical exam.</i>										2	
4. Social Medicine with Health Promotion and Social and Health Legislation - <i>theoretical exam.</i>										2	
Total number of credits from state exams:							10				
Total for the entire training course:				5,424			2 310			2 45	
Elective courses											
1st and 2nd semester											
1.		Communication techniques and skills		20	1 0	10	4 0	40	-	2	E
2.		First aid for children with facial anoma- lies		20	8	12	40	40	-	2	E
3rd and 4th semester											
3.		The nurse's place in clinical laboratory analysis		20	6	14	4 0	3 0	10	2	E
4.		Prevention and control of healthcare- associated infections (nosocomial infec- tions)		20	10	10	4 0	3 0	10	2	E
5th and 6th semester											
5.		Geriatric psychiatry		20	10	10	4 0	3 0	10	2	E

6.	Behavior and nursing care in emergency abdominal surgery	20	5	15	40	30	10	2	E
7.	Urinary system surgeries	20	10	10	40	30	10	2	E
Optional subjects									
1.	Foreign Language – English, German, French	60	-	60	30	20	10	3	E
2.	Philosophical Anthropology	15	15	0	15	10	5	1	E
3.	Health economics	15	15	0	15	10	5	1	E

Each elective and optional course grants additional credits.

***Note:** Students can choose 1 elective course each semester (from the first to the sixth inclusive).

Examination rules; assessment and grading

During training, continuous assessment and evaluation in the individual disciplines are carried out through: completing assignments, coursework, presentations, developing course projects, solving cases, didactic tests, developing didactic materials. At the end of the training in the discipline, a practical or written theoretical exam is carried out.

Graduation requirements

Students who have successfully passed all semester exams in the mandatory and elective subjects, and have completed the required internships and pre-graduation internship are allowed to take state exams.

Graduation with state practical and theoretical exams in:

1. Philosophy of nursing. Theoretical and practical foundations of general and special nursing care – *practical and theoretical exam*.
2. Internal Medicine and Pharmacology - **Nursing Activities and Care** - *Theoretical Exam*.
3. Surgery and anaesthesiology, resuscitation and intensive care - **nursing activities and care** - *theoretical exam*.
4. Social medicine with health promotion and social and health legislation – *theoretical exam*.

Form of training

Full time training

Program Director or equivalent person in charge

