

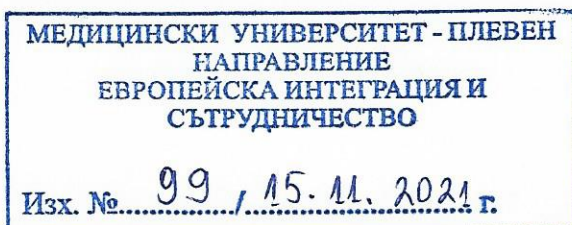


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**REVIEW**

**Of Educational and Professional Program for Second (Master's) Level of  
Higher Education in 22 "Healthcare" Area of Expertise,  
222 "Medicine" Specialty at Sumy State University**

The reviewed educational and professional program (EPP) was developed by a working group, which included experienced research and teaching staff of Sumy State University, stakeholders – the representatives of healthcare institutions of Ukraine and Poland, and second professional level students (domestic and foreign), who are studying by this EPP.

EPP was designed in accordance with current regulations for higher medical education activities: the Order of Ukraine "On Higher Education", "Guidelines for the Development of Higher Education Standards" (the Order of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine No. 600 dated 01.12.2016), the Resolution "On approval of License Provisions for Educational Institutions Activities" of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine No. 1187 dated 30.12.2015, European standards and recommendations for higher education quality assurance.

The EPP of 222 "Medicine" Specialty defines the list of components, ECTS credits number, program learning outcomes, types of assessment of students, human resources, logistics, and information provision and

methodological support; the structural and logical scheme is also presented. All requirements with regard to layout and content are met.

The EPP correspond to the mission, vision, and key values of Sumy State University. It is important that the forms and methods of the educational process are student-centered and provide an individual trajectory for students. The unique aspect of this program lies in a combination of classical university education, which provides professional competencies formation, and social skills, taking into account individual abilities and educational needs. This is ensured by optional components present in the EPP in the amount of 90 credits, which is 30% of the total number of credits. The presented program learning outcomes were established in accordance with the competencies and requirements.

Medical University – Pleven and Sumy State University have developed fruitful and reliable partnership in the field of Medicine for the last years. Excellent bilateral cooperation was built in organizing mobility of students and academic staff for studies, teaching and research by inter-institutional agreements and within the Erasmus+ Program for partner countries. The similarity in the curricula of both universities has guaranteed bilateral benefits for the participants.

It has become a tradition for MU-Pleven and SSU to organize and take a part in annual scientific events such as the International Scientific Conference for Students in Medicine and Young Researchers, Autumn School on Innovations in Medicine, in-present meetings and online webinars with lecture delivery. Both universities have also shared activities during the National Student Scientific Session on Healthcare with International Participation, National Student Conference for Students and Lecturers from the Medical Colleges, Week of Social Work, Bioethics Day and Global Ethics Day, Modern School of Obstetrics and Gynaecology and School of Laparoscopic and Robot Assisted Surgery for Students.

Several joint scientific articles by authors who have worked on joint projects have been published in peer-reviewed scientific journals. Representatives of the academic and teaching staff from both universities have visited the partner centers for innovative research with their modern technical equipment, laboratories for molecular analysis, libraries and educational conditions and have been able to assess as optimal the opportunities for future collaborative work.

In my opinion, the developed second (Master's) level EPP in 222 "Medicine" specialty corresponds to the declared second level of education and can be recommended for implementation.

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