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Postgraduate education for medical professionals

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With the acceptance of Bulgaria in the European Union, the education for acquiring a specialty in the healthcare system is harmonized with the European legislation.

Bulgarian Legislation

- Law of Health;
- Law of Healthcare establishments;
- Law of professional organizations and associations;
- Ordinance №34/29th of December, 2006 on the acquiring a specialty in the healthcare system /canceled, but still active for the graduates, enrolled under its order and rules/
- Ordinance №1/22nd of January 2015 on the acquiring a specialty in the healthcare system



- According to Bulgarian legislation, postgraduate training is right to all persons with educational-qualification degree “*physician*”, “*master*” and “*bachelor*”, who work in the national healthcare system.
- Physicians are admitted twice per year after a competition for a limited number of places.

Postgraduate education includes:

- Education for acquiring a specialty;
- Continuous education for enhancement of the qualification;

- Education for acquiring of specialty in Medical Faculty is implemented under the form of specialization.
- Continuous education in the Faculty is implemented under the form of courses and individual training, and also as training for acquiring highly-specialized activities.

Acquiring a specialty in the Healthcare system

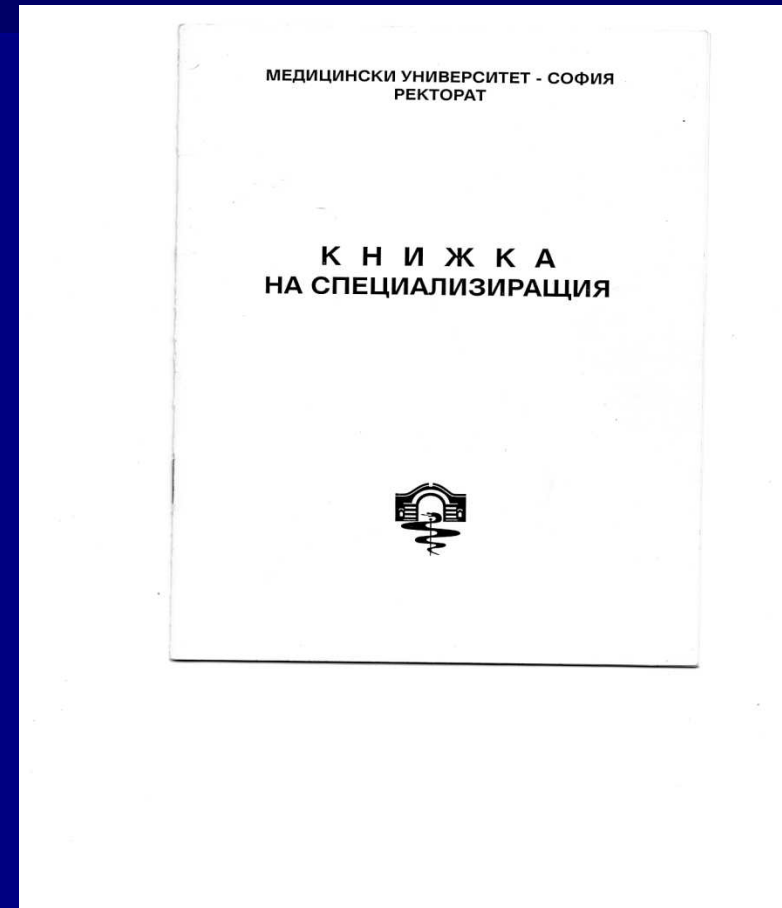
- According the order and rules of Ordinance №34/29th of December, 2006 /canceled, but still active for graduates, enrolled under the Ordinance/;
- According the order and rules of Ordinance №1/22nd of January, 2015;
- Training according united curriculums, approved by the Minister of Health;
- Theoretical training in the Departments of Medical Faculty;
- Practical training in accredited healthcare establishments.

Objectives of postgraduate training

- To satisfy the needs of specialists in Bulgaria by training for acquiring a specialty
- To increase the qualification of people working in the healthcare system by acquiring a specialty
- To maintain and to keep up to date the knowledge of people working in the system of healthcare by continuing training.



- According to the present legislation, the enrollment for acquiring a *clinical specialty* happens based on an employment contract, between the graduate physicians and the accredited healthcare establishment, which is the base of his practical training.
- With the beginning of the specialization, every enrolled person receives a “Gradebook of the graduate”.





- Enrollment for a *non-clinical* specialty begins after the Order of the Rector of the University.
- The enrollment for acquiring a specialty in General Medicine begins also after the Order.





- The curriculums for every specialty are coordinated with the Universities and the Professional organizations and are approved by the Minister of Health.
- Programs are regularly updated, according to the progress of the Medical science and practice.

Specialties

- According to Ordinance 1/22.01.2016 there are **62 clinical specialties** with period of training from 3 to 5 years.
- The **non-clinical** specialties are **15**. Their period of training is from 2 to 4 years.





- Theoretical training of the graduates includes basic and thematic courses.
- The courses take place in the Departments of the Medical Faculty from Professors with different specialties.



- The practical training for the clinical specialties takes place in accredited healthcare establishments, called training facilities.
- The Director of the training facilities determines the mentor of the graduate. The mentor has to have a specialty and 5 years experience in it.



- When beginning a theoretical or practical training, the graduates are registered at the Department of Postgraduate Education of the Medical Faculty and receive a document for it.

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Учебна карта - НАПРАВЛЕНИЕ
за постъпване на индивидуално обучение в МФ

1. Име, презиме, фамилия д-р

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3. Наименование на курса

4. Дата на започване:

5. Продължителност на курса:

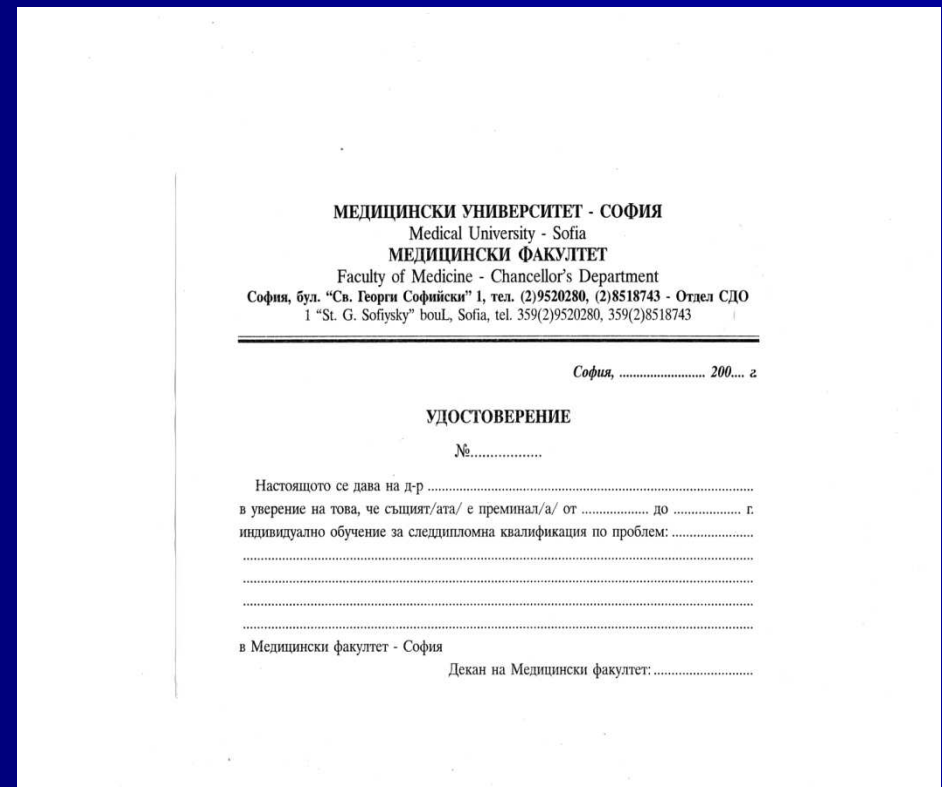
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ЗАБЕЛЕЖКА: ПРИ ЗАПОЧВАНЕ НА ОБУЧЕНИЕТО СЛЕДВА ДА СЕ ЯВИТЕ В ОТДЕЛ - ЗА РЕГИСТРАЦИЯ.

Декан на Медицински факултет:



- After finishing the training and showing all evidences for successfully completed courses the graduates receive a certificate from the Department of Postgraduate Education.





- The certificates, received from the Department of Postgraduate Education, are collected by the graduate during the whole period of training;
- They are being enclosed to all the documents for entry to a State Examination for acquiring a specialty.

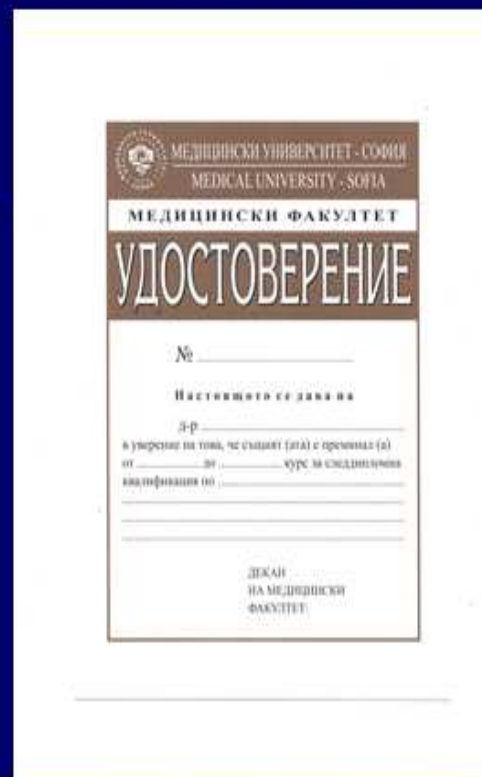
Number of graduates, trained in Medical Faculty from 2012 until 31st of May, 2016

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016 до 31.05.
BASIC COURSES /from the programs of specialization/	866	784	776	796	386
THEMATIC COURSES /from the programs of specialization/	441	348	346	391	268
INDIVIDUAL PRACTICAL TRAINING /for graduates/	1 054	1 117	1 224	1 127	426
Общо:	2 361	2 249	2 346	2 314	1 080

Admitted for specialization in the period from 2012 to 2015

2012	2013	2014	2015
284	422	445	490





- After specialization the physicians also continue their narrow training for enhancement of their qualification.
- They receive special certificates, prepared by the Department of Postgraduate Education.



- Highly-specialized training is available for physicians with specialties. The training is organised in **59** subspecialties. From 2012 to 2015, training was organized for **1 547 physicians**.

2012	2013	2014	2015
454	389	349	355

Challenges

- In some of the therapeutic areas there is a lack of specialists, like:
 - Pediatrics
 - Anesthesiology
 - Pathoanatomy
 - Infectious diseases

For solving this problem, the Government provides additional financing for the graduates, admitted for education in these specialties.

University hospitals, facilities of the Medical Faculty







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