

STATEMENT

Regarding a competition for the academic position of "Associate Professor"
at the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov" – Burgas, Faculty of Social Sciences
Department of Pedagogy and Teaching Methodology
In the field of higher education 1. Pedagogical sciences
Professional field 1.2. Pedagogy – "Methods of teaching Bulgarian language and
Literature in kindergarten and primary school"

The competition is announced in the State Newspaper, issue 45 of 17.06.2022.

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I. General data about the competition

In the competition for "Associate Professor" in the field of higher education 1. Pedagogical sciences, professional field 1.2. Pedagogy – "Methods of teaching Bulgarian Language and Literature in kindergarten and primary school" as a candidate is Ch. Assistant Prof. Dr. Penka Krasteva Valcheva.

The statement is written on the basis of order № RD-244 of 15.09.2022 of the Rector of the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov", Burgas.

II. General data about the candidate

Ch. Assistant Professor Dr. Penka Krasteva Valcheva was born on April 04, 1981. in the city of Burgas. She graduated from the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov" in 2010 with Bachelor of Science degree – specialty "Preschool and primary school pedagogy". In 2012, she graduated from the master's program "Alternative Pedagogical Technologies in Kindergarten and Primary School" with M.Sc. degree in "Pedagogy". She finished her Ph.D. at Plovdiv University "Paisiy Hilendarski" within the Doctoral program "Pedagogy of teaching Bulgarian language and literature". She has a post-graduate qualification in suggestology and suggestopedia.

Since 2010, her working career is in the field of pedagogy. He works as a kindergarten and primary school teacher in several kindergartens and schools in Burgas and Plovdiv. Since 2018 until 2020 is assistant, and since 2020 until now – chieve assistant professor at the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov" – Burgas.

According to the regulations on the terms and conditions for obtaining scientific degrees and holding academic positions at the University „Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov”, Burgas, Penka Krasteva Valcheva meets the requirements for holding the academic position of “Associate Professor” defined in Section III.

Ch. Assistant Professor Dr. Penka Krasteva Valcheva is actively involved in the process of educating students in the specialties „Preschool and primary school pedagogy“, „Preschool pedagogy and foreign language“, “Primary school pedagogy and foreign language” and „Social pedagogy“. Her research interests are in the field of pedagogy of teaching and learning Bulgarian Language and Literature in kindergarten and primary school.

III. Review of candidate’s research work

The candidate has presented a list of 1 monography, 1 book on the basis of a doctorate, 2 students’ textbook, 2 books for Preschool teachers and 17 publications. The publications are published in Knowledge International Journal (3 issues), Management and Education Journal (3 issues), Education and Technology Journal (4 issues), Kindergarten Journal (1 issue), Preschool and School Education Journal (1 issue), in E-journal “Science and Education” and in Books of papers (4 issues). 3 of the publications are in indexed and 10 in refereed and peer-reviewed journals.

In the monography “Application of the mnemonic method in preschool age” a methodical algorithm for the perception and memorization of a lyrical work by 5-6 year old children in kindergarten with the help of mnemonic tables is presented.

On the basis of her Ph.D. study, the candidate has published a book “Creative narrative in preschool age. Development of communicative competence through the creative narrative in the third and fourth groups of the kindergarten”. The book presents a technological model for developing the communicative and speech skills of children in preparatory groups through a creative narrative.

The textbook for students “Theory and methodology of teaching Bulgarian language and literature in preschool age” is aimed at students of pedagogical specialties studying for the profession of Kindergarten and Primary School Teacher. The textbook was written in co-authorship with Prof. DSc. Bozhidar Angelov.

The university textbook “Museum-pedagogy based games” includes theoretical and practical-applied developments of teachers and students for the lecture module “Museum Education and Literary Education”. The manual was co-authored by Prof. DSc. Margarita Terzieva.

The candidate has an active publication work. More active publishing in English in journals with impact factor and impact rank could be recommended.

The candidate's work can be defined with a main focus on the development of language competences, in particular – development of communicative competences in children at Preschool and Primary School level.

The submitted documents and references prove full coverage of the minimum requirements for the type and volume of the candidate's publications and citations, for her participation in scientific forums and on projects work.

IV. Scientific contributions

The candidate's contributions can be outlined in theoretical and practical aspects.

In theoretical aspects:

1. An overview of the psychological and pedagogical literature on the development of memory in the educational process at preschool age is presented.
2. Mnemonic memorization techniques are analyzed.

In practical aspects:

1. An author's model for memorizing and reproducing a lyrical work by means of a mnemonic code from preschool kids has been developed.
2. A methodical model for developing students' communicative competences through a creative narrative has been developed and tested.
3. Textbooks have been created for Pedagogy students and Kindergarten, and Primary school teachers for the formation of language competences in preschool and primary school age.

The main scientific interests of the candidate, according to the presented publications, are in the fields of:

- Problems of Bulgarian language and Literature teaching and learning in preschool age.
- Problems of Bulgarian language and Literature teaching and learning in primary school age.
- Transition between kindergarten and primary school education in Bulgarian language and literature.

V. Teaching experience

During the last two academic years, the candidate has a workload of over 800 hours at a standard of 400.

The candidate has an active teaching activity. She leads lectures and seminars on “Pedagogy of teaching Bulgarian language and literature in kindergarten” and “Comparative education”, and seminars and practical classes on compulsory and elective courses related to the pedagogy of teaching and learning Bulgarian

language and literature in kindergarten and primary school. Among the disciplines taught by the candidate are "Theory of education", "Preschool pedagogy", "Inclusive education", selective classes such as "Cinema pedagogy" and "Literature education in the conditions of bilingualism", etc.

She works actively with students from her position as the main tutor of the Faculty of Social Sciences at the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov", Burgas.

VI. Conclusion

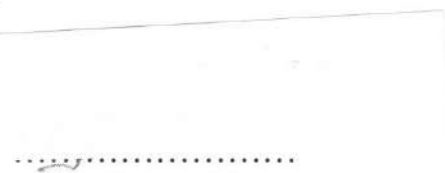
The candidate convincingly proves the qualification and potential necessary for holding the academic position of "Associate Professor".

The presented publications and the described experience from scientific and practical-applied work form my positive opinion about the candidacy of Ch. Assistant Professor Dr. Penka Valcheva on the announced competition.

I recommend to the members of the Scientific Jury to vote positively and to prepare a report-proposal to the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Social Sciences at the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov" to elect Ch. Assistant Professor Dr. Penka Krasteva Valcheva for the academic position "Associate Professor" in the professional field 1.2. Pedagogy – Methods of teaching Bulgarian language and Literature in kindergarten and primary school, at the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov", Faculty of Social Sciences, Burgas.

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