

STATEMENT

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Scientific specialty/ies/ in:
„Social Medicine and Health care and Pharmacy Organization”
“Theory of Education and Didactics
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President of the Scientific Jury, pursuant to the Order № RD (ПД) - 376/21.12.2021 issued by the
Rector of the Professor *Doctor Asen Zlatarov* University – Burgas

Regarding: a competition for occupation of the Academic position of Associate Professor of the Scientific Specialty “Social Medicine and Healthcare and Pharmacy Organization; Higher Education 7. Health Protection and Sports; Professional Direction of 7.4. Public Health; additional qualification: Master in Healthcare Management, announced in SG, Issue N.87/19.10.2021.

The only candidate who participates in the competition is Katya Eftimova Popova, MD, Chief Associate Professor in the Healthcare Department of *Professor Doctor Asen Zlatarov* University.

General description of the papers submitted for the competition

The documentation submitted by Katya Popova, MD, for the participation in the competition (a full set of documents on electronic support) is in a good order and contains all the documents necessary for the occupation of Associate Professor Academic position, in full conformity with the Rules on the conditions and procedure for acquiring science degrees and holding academic positions in *Professor Doctor Asen Zlatarov* University – Burgas.

The documentation fully reflects the scientific and professional development of the Applicant rendering a possibility for making an objective assessment.

II. Analysis of the Applicant`s career profile

1. Education and training:

By the moment the Applicant has been awarded the education and qualification degrees as follow: 1980-1982 – a secondary medical education, *Doctor K. Vezekov* INSTITUTE FOR PREPARATION OF HEALTH STAFF with SECONDARY SPECIALIZED EDUCATION – Burgas, Nursing Specialty – general profile; 1995 – the Medical College Education (specialist) acquired at the College of Medicine in Burgas, Nursing Specialty – general profile; 1987-1993 – Master Degree awarded at *Paisiy Hilendarski* College of Medicine in Plovdiv, Specialty in Biology and Chemistry, the teacher of Biology and Chemistry; 2014-2016 - Master Degree awarded at the Medical University – Sofia, specialty in Healthcare Management; 2015-2017 specialty in Medical Pedagogy acquired at the Medical University - Sofia. In 2019 K. Popova defended a dissertation at the Medical University – Sofia and was awarded the educational and scientific degree of Doctor (Degree № 740-D/30.10.2019). Professional direction 7.4. Public Health, Scientific Specialty in Social Medicine and Health care and Pharmacy Organization Dissertation Topic of Health and Social Aspects of Care for Elderly and Older People.

5 (five) Certificates and Attestations of specializations, courses, seminars and trainings have been submitted by the Applicant.

2. Professional development:

From 1982 to 1990 Katya Popova occupied the Nursing position at the First-Rate District Hospital (nowadays, University Multi-Profile Hospital for Active Treatment in Burgas), at the Internal Diseases Department.

3. Academic development:

- Since November 1st1990 and up-to-the moment, K.Popova has been consecutively occupying the Academic positions of Lecturer, Assistant Professor and Chief Assistant Professor at *Professor Doctor Asen Zlatarov* University – Burgas.
- From September 1st1996 to September 1st1997 she occupied the position of Assistant Professor at the Medical University in Sofia, at the Nursing Faculty (nowadays, Faculty of Public Care).

4. Complex assessment of the didactic-methodical and teaching activity

A Reference elaborated by the author is enclosed hereto as to providing scientific advisory services and tutoring for students, trainees and graduate students:

Doctor Katya Popova has participated in performing of the clinical practice and the pre-degree probation by the students chosen the Nursing Specialty;

* Doctor K.Popova has also led the performance of the pre-degree probation on Pedagogy by trainees who have chosen the specialty in Healthcare Management at the Medical University – Varna and at the Medical University – Sofia;

*she has pointed out a List of the Scientific Advisory Services to the students-participants with papers (reports) in Students' Scientific Sessions: 16 of which 6 have been classified in prize places by the Scientific Jury;

*she has been conducting lecture courses and practical learning classes for Nursing, Obstetrics and Assistant Physician specialties, as well as regarding the Bachelor educational and qualification degree;

*she has been participating in teams in the development of 10 teaching programs for the above mentioned three specialties;

* she has been participating in the performance of the post-graduate courses of nurses employed in Children's and Pupils' Health Protection, as well as other nurses, social workers and assistants.

She is an author and co-author of 7 training programs for post-graduate training.

A reference on the training workload provided is enclosed hereto, including the last 6 years.

Doctor K.Popova has worked up training course materials and resources on the subjects which have been teaching by her. Her multiannual pedagogical experience is related to contributions of a scientific, methodical and practical-applied character in the course of training.

5. Administrative responsibilities:

Doctor Katya Popova is a member of the General Assembly of the Social Health and Healthcare Faculty; a Faculty Council member of the Social Health and Healthcare Faculty (FOZZG); she was a Deputy Director of the Medical College within the period of 2000-2008; she is a member of the Commissions as follow: Commission of Quality, of the EMC (Educational-Methodical Council); of the Accreditation Procedures and Post-Accreditation Control; in the Commission for the Preparation of Didactic Documentation; in the State Examination Board for Nursing specialty.

6. Membership in scientific organizations:

1. A member of the Bulgarian Scientific Society of Public Health.

III. Assessment of the Applicant's scientific works for the entire academic development:

a. General characteristics of the scientific production and the publishing activity

Doctor Katya Popova submits a scientific production, significant by volume, of a broad thematic range of actual and substantial problems in the Public Health and Healthcare field, which thoroughly concern the specialty of the announced competition. 80 titles and scientific manifestations have been pointed out by her in the Author's Reference. She has been participating in this competition after submitting the following publication activity:

- Publications related to the dissertation: 5;
- An authored monograph;
- A co-authored monograph;
- Two practical guides containing a 25% (6 topics) and a 20% (2 topics) participation;
- A school appliance in co-authorship;
- 39 publications in a full text, of which: 7 authored (written on her own); in 13 of them she is the /first author; 7 ones are in international editions; 3 ones are in English. All the editions are scientifically reviewed and indexed;
- 5 of the publications are in the worldwide known referenced and indexed databases containing scientific information (Web of Science);
- 34 are the publications and the reports published in non-referenced magazines, being scientifically reviewed or published in edited co-works

The submitted scientific works are relevant to the directions as follow:

1. **Public health. Risk factors for health, health prevention and promotion:** health needs; prevention of socially significant diseases; children's and pupils' health protection; quality of life in risk groups of population; bioethical aspects in health protection; health education in social communities.
2. **Healthcare:** integrated medical and social care for elderly people; for people suffering from chronic diseases; health care organization and management; healthcare quality.
3. **Quality of medical education:** vocational preparation of healthcare specialists according to the strategies of quality of education and increased needs of society.

6. Scientific activity:

- **Participation in national and international forums in Bulgaria: in 11 ones, as a member of the Organising Committee of the Students' Scientific sessions: 2014 – 2016 and 2020.**
- **Paprticiation in scientific forums abroad: in 6 ones held in Serbia, Montenegro, Greece, Romania, Albania, Turkey:**
- Doctor K.Popova participated as moderator in the International Conference held in Albania.

- **Participation in projects implementation and management:**

Doctor K.Popova have submitted information for the participation in 18 projects, of which: international – 1; national educational ones – 7. She has also participated in 10 (being a project leader of one of them) university research projects related to study of the various healthcare aspects oriented to vulnerable social groups: elderly and older people, children.

IV. Reflection (citation) of the Applicant's publications in the national and foreign literature:

Katya Popova, MD, has correctly submitted a number of citations (author's ones excluded). The total number of citations amounts to 29 of which 27 in articles and 2 in co-works.

V. Critical observations: none, from me.

VI. Personal impressions.

I personally know Katya Popova thanks to our coactivity as colleagues and lecturers. She possesses valuable personal and professional qualities which have been developing over the years and applying to her scientific and professional career. K.Popova is a responsible and engaged lecturer showing creativity and will in the development of her constructive ideas.

VII. Total assessment of Applicant's conformity to the obligatory conditions and obligatory quantitative criteria and scientometric indicators, pursuant to the Regulations for occupation of Associate Professor Academic position at Professor Doctor Asen Zlatarov University – Burgas.

Katya Popova, MD, has submitted for this competition her scientific production in a volume which covers the obligatory conditions and significantly surpasses the obligatory quantitative criteria and the scientometric indicators, according to the Table of the minimum points required, in a group of indices, for occupation of Associate Professor Academic position at Professor Doctor Asen Zlatarov University – Burgas, Higher Education field 7. Health Protection and sports, Professional Direction 7.4. Public Health, Social Medicine and Healthcare and Pharmacy organization.

VIII. Conclusion

As a result of what above exposed, I am giving my positive mark and being convinced of, I suggest that the Members of the Scientific Jury adjudged the Academic Position of Associate Professor to Katya Eftimova Popova, Chief Assistant, Chief Assistant Professor, Scientific Specialty in Social Medicine and Health Protection and Pharmacy Organization, Higher Education field 7. Health Protection and Sports, Professional Direction 7.4. Public Health.

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