

STATEMENT

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Professional direction in: 7.4. Social Health, Scientific specialty in: Social Medicine and Healthcare and Pharmacy Organization

Faculty of Public Health and Healthcare at *Professor Doctor Asen Zlatarov University* - Burgas

Member of the Scientific Jury, according to Order N.RD (ПД)376/21.12.2021 issued by the Rector of *Professor Doctor Asen Zlatarov University* - Burgas

Regarding: Participation in a composition for the occupation of the Academic position of Associate Professor in the Scientific Specialty: Social Medicine and Health Protection and Pharmacy Organization, for the needs of Healthcare Department at *Professor Doctor Asen Zlatarov University* – Burgas, announced in SG, issue 87/19.10.2021.

Only one Candidate has been admitted to and participated in the competition:

Chief Assistant Professor Katya Eftimova Popova

The Applicant has submitted all the documents necessary for the participation in the competition, in compliance with the requirements provided by the Act for the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria, the Regulation for its Implementation and the Rules on the Conditions and Procedure for Acquiring Science Degrees and Holding Academic Positions in *Professor Doctor Asen Zlatarov University*.

Concise biographical and professional data on Applicant's development

Chief Assistant Professor. Katya Eftimova Popova was born on October the 13th 1962 in the town of Burgas where she completed her Secondary education.

In 1980-1982 she completed her Secondary Medical education at *Doctor K. Vezenkov INSTITUTE FOR PREPARATION OF HEALTH STAFF* with SECONDARY SPECIALIZED EDUCATION – Burgas, Nursing Specialty – general profile; In 1995 – the Medical College Education (specialist) acquired at the College of Medicine in Burgas, Nursing Specialty – general profile. In 1987-1993 – Master Degree awarded at *Paisiy Hilendarski* College of Medicine in Plovdiv, Specialty in Biology and Chemistry, the teacher of Biology and Chemistry. In 2014-2016 - Master Degree awarded at the Medical University – Sofia, specialty in Healthcare Management. In 2015-2017 specialty in Medical Pedagogy acquired at the Medical University - Sofia.

Her professional career began in 1982 as a nurse at the First-Rate District Hospital (nowadays, University Multi-Profile Hospital for Active Treatment in Burgas), at the Internal Diseases Department: Nursing position occupied from 1982 to 1990.

From 1990 on she occupied a position of Assistant Professor and from June 2020 – of Chief Assistant Professor at Healthcare Department of the Public Health and Healthcare Faculty in the town of Burgas.

Assessment of the quantitative and qualitative indicators

Chief Assistant Katya Eftimova Popova has submitted a signed exhaustive document of prof, containing detailed lists, references, abstracts and full-text copies of the scientific works after acquiring the Chief Assistant Professor position, certificates and degrees, references of citations, a declaration of originality and authenticity of the documents applied to. The submitted materials contain the necessary information for the realization of a quantitative and qualitative assessment of the entire scientific development. The submitted scientific works are in the field of the problems related to the competition: Health protection

and Sports, Professional direction in 7.4. Public Health, Scientific specialty in Social Medicine and Health Protection and Pharmacy Organization.

A habilitation research work has been submitted thereto: a monograph on B.1 indicator, entitled Geriatric Care – realities and perspectives, Medical-Social Aspects, containing 208 pages, ISBN 978-619-7353-31-0, as well as a monograph entitled Quality of Life, related to Health of People Suffering from Chronic Diseases, ISBN 978-619-7353-32-7. A Declaration of equal participation of other authors have been applied to the co-publications. A reference of the author's articles has been presented where these articles have been totally 29 times cited, together with the publications in which the citations have been reflected.

The Applicant fulfills the conditions for the occupation of Associate Professor position, in compliance with art.29 of the Act on Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and with the minimum of points required for the occupation of Associate Professor position, according to the Regulations on the Implementation of the Act on Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria in the field 7. Health Protection and Sports, Professional Direction in 7.4. Public Health. In Table 1, I confirm the scientometric values, according to which the Chief Assistant Professor Katya Eftimova Popova fulfills all the conditions for the occupation of the Academic position of Associate Professor, in compliance with art. 73 of the Rules on the conditions and procedure for acquiring science degrees and holding academic positions in *Professor Doctor Asen Zlatarov University – Burgas* and the minimum points required for.

Table 1. Minimum points required for the occupation of Associate Professor academic position in the fields 7. Health Protection and Sports, Professional direction in 7.4. Public health, according to the Regulations on the Implementation of the Act on Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria. Minimum points required for the occupation of Associate Professor academic position in the fields 7. Health Protection and Sports, Professional direction in 7.4. Public Health, according to Rules on the conditions and procedure for acquiring science degrees and holding academic positions in *Professor Doctor Asen Zlatarov University – Burgas*.

Group of indicators	Associate Professor, according to the Act on Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Regulations on the Implementation of the Act on Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria	Associate Professor, according to the Rules on the conditions and procedure for acquiring science degrees and holding academic positions in <i>Professor Doctor Asen Zlatarov University – Burgas</i> .	Chief Assistant Professor Katya Popova
A	50	50	50
B	-	-	-
C	100	100	100
D	200	220	744
E	50	60	165
F Sum of the indicators from 13 to the end		20	265
Totally:	400	450	1324

80 titles and scientific contributions have been indicated in this competition, of which:

1. An authored monograph;
2. A co-authored monograph;
3. Two practical guides of 25% (6 topics) and 20% (2 topics);

4. A co-authored school appliance;
5. 39 publications in full text, of which: 7 authored; in 13 ones, the first author; 7 ones published in International editions; 3 ones in/English. All the publications are scientifically reviewed and indexed.
6. Participation in 2 National and 15 International Conferences.
7. Moderator in an International Scientific Conference.
8. Member of Organizational Committees of Students' scientific sessions.
9. 39 publications have been presented in full text, of which: 7 authored; in 13 – the first author; 7 in International editions; 3 ones in English. All the publications are scientifically reviewed and indexed.

All the published scientific works with which the Applicant has participated in the competition are not overlapped by the publications submitted by the Applicant during the defense of her dissertation work for acquiring of Doctor educational and scientific degree.

Participation in projects. Participation in 19 projects, of which: 1 (one) International and 8 (eight) National ones.

Main directions of the publication activity

The scientific works, submitted by the Applicant, correspond to the requirements by their subject matter and contents, being in the main directions as follows:

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

Lecturer's activity

During the last three academic years, Katya Eftimova Popova, as Assistant Professor, has a workload, as follows: respectively, 781.1, 815.3, 760 classes/yearly. She participates in the teaching of medical-social, obligatory, elective and optional subjects (according to the Unique State Requirements USR) for the acquiring of Professional Bachelor educational qualification degree by students of specialty in Nursing, Obstetrician, Physician Assistant, Bachelor Educational qualification degree. She has the experience in conducting of lectures and practical exercises, seminars, teaching practice and pre-graduate internship. The workload reference covers the requirements provided by the Rules on the conditions and procedure for acquiring science degrees and holding academic positions in *Professor Doctor Asen Zlatarov University – Burgas*.

Conclusion

The examination of the papers submitted by Chief Assistant Professor Katya Eftimova Popova on the competition for occupation of Associate Professor Academic position, has shown that the normative requirements provided by the Act on Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria, the Regulations on its Implementation and the Rules on the conditions and procedure for acquiring science degrees and holding academic positions in *Professor Doctor Asen Zlatarov University – Burgas* are covered both in the quantitative and qualitative aspects. The Applicant has submitted scientific works in sufficient volume, characterized by original and applicable contributions.

In conclusion, I am giving a positive assessment to the Chief Assistant Professor Katya Eftimova Popova and I AM POSITIVELY VOTING, proposing to the members of the Academic Jury to vote also positively electing the above mentioned candidate and awarding the academic position of Associate Professor in the field of the Higher education: 7. Health Protection and Sports, Professional direction in 7.4. Public Health, Scientific specialty in Social Medicine and Health Protection and Pharmacy Organization, at the Faculty of Public Health and Healthcare of *Professor Doctor Asen Zlatarov* University – Burgas.

On February 10th 2022
In the town of Burgas

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