

## DOCTORAL STUDY

### Dear candidates,

At the Faculty of Health Sciences and Social Work doctoral studies can be provided in the following fields of study:

- Laboratory Investigation Methods
- Public Health
- Social Work

Doctoral (PhD) study is the third level of the Higher Education Act, which is legislated by Act no. 131/2002 Coll. on Higher Education and on change and amendments to some laws as amended (hereinafter referred to as "Act").

Doctoral study focuses on the acquisition of knowledge based on the current state of scientific knowledge in the field of behavioural and medical and pharmaceutical sciences, and in particular the doctoral candidate's own contribution to it, which is the result of scientific research and independent creative activity. Doctoral study is also a systematic scientific research and publishing of professional and scientific works, especially in professional and scientific journals, conference proceedings, monographs and teaching texts at home and abroad.

Doctoral graduate is capable of independent scientific work, knows the methods and methodology of scientific work and creative activity in the field, knows the domestic and international professional and scientific literature that documents the development and shapes the status of this field. Substantial part of the doctoral student's profile and doctoral graduate's profile is the ability to apply the methods and scientific research methodology in solving any scientific and professional problem in the relevant field of study in the area of social work and health care, having regard to the current state of research and knowledge at home and around the world. Doctoral graduate is ready to separately analyze complex situations in the medical field and in the field of social work and promote their solutions to scientific, theoretical and practical models of social environment.

After successful completion of the doctoral study proceedings the graduates are awarded an academic degree Philosophiae Doctor (**Ph. D.**).

For admission to doctoral studies can apply graduates of the second level of university education. The admission is open to the graduates of foreign universities with adequate scope and content of study, who have certificated diplomas.

Before starting the admission procedure for PhD study, the Faculty announce topics for dissertation theses. Doctoral candidates enrol on these topics. For each of the topics there is intended a supervisor who is full-time employed at the Faculty. The candidate signs in to one of the

topics. The Faculty in agreement with the relevant department may accept a topic proposed by the applicant.

The application form for doctoral studies shall be supported by:

- a) Curriculum Vitae
- b) certified copy of documents on completion of the study program of the second level in the relevant field ("Mgr.")
- c) certified copy of the document granting the academic degree "Doctor" in the related fields of study (MUDr., PhDr., PaedDr., ThDr.) if they have been given such a title,
- d) list of the results of previous professional activity,
- e) list of published and unpublished works, including the expertise of these works, if they were made,
- f) project to the dissertation topic,
- g) in case of part-time study a consent with financial expenses on the study and the affidavit in what language they will perform linguistic exam
- h) evidence of payment of the administrative fee for admission procedure.

Doctoral study is carried out in full-time or part-time form of study. Forms of doctoral study are equivalent. Full-time form is characterized in particular by the regular presence of a doctoral student at the Faculty and its scientific activities, educational activities, consultations with the supervisor and systematic publications of the results of scientific and professional activity. Part-time form is characterized by mostly self-study, consultations with the supervisor and systematic publications of the results of scientific and professional activity.

Standard length of doctoral studies in full-time form is three or four years and in the part-time form it is four or five years.

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