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Study programme	12761 Public Health Care – full-time form, Slovak language 103254 Public Health Care – part-time form, Slovak language 168458 Public Health Care – part-time form, English language
Level	3rd
Form of study	full-time, part-time
Education method	In-person, blended, distance
Standard length of study	3 years – full-time, 4 years – part-time
Electronic application	The electronic application is published on the university's website. https://mais.truni.sk/eprihlaska/pages/odosielatel/rozhranie_odosielatela.mais
Deadline for submitting applications	**30 April 2027**
Employment of graduates	Graduates of the PhD programme in Public Health Care can choose to work in one of three areas: science and research, teaching, and practice. Combinations of two or all three of these are possible. Among the scientific fields, it is mainly applied research where PhD students gain further experience and skills by participating in European or domestic research and development teams. Universities are frequent employers, but increasingly research is also carried out within health care institutions or organisations that provide health-related services. Several of our PhD students have found interesting work in hospitals and are focused, for example, on the quality of health care. Many are employed by occupational health protection organisations, health insurance companies, or pharmaceutical firms. We would like to see the state public health service provide more impetus for research, which would certainly attract more PhD graduates. There are also ample opportunities in academia for assistant professorships focused on some component of public health. Even our faculty is expanding or maintaining its teaching team by selecting from among the best graduates. Public authorities in health care or health-related fields have also often employed our graduates. This is in part due to innovative programmes in leadership and integration with professionals that help our students gain key leadership positions both nationally and internationally.
Conditions of admission	The basic condition for admission to the doctoral study programme in the full-time and part-time form of study (which ends in obtaining the "PhD" degree) is the completion of the second level of university studies. An applicant for PhD studies must be able to demonstrate knowledge and skills at the graduate level from master's degree study programmes in Public Health Care or Laboratory Investigation Methods in Health Care (Mgr.), or a graduate of related fields of study (MUDr., PhDr.). Applicants who have completed their 2nd-level studies abroad must submit a ruling on the equivalence of their education. Another admission requirement, to ensure that applicants with the necessary abilities and aptitudes are admitted, is the admission procedure. The applicant must submit: 1. An applicant who has completed higher education abroad must submit educational documents that have been officially recognised as equivalent in accordance with Act No. 422/2015 on the Recognition of

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	Documents on Education and on the Recognition of Professional Qualifications and Amendments to Certain Acts. Applicants who demonstrate the highest level of aptitude for study, i.e. achieve the highest number of points, will be admitted to study. The results of the entrance examination will be published on the faculty's website.

Admission procedure	The admission procedure consists of: **- a written test – examination in a foreign language** – the selected foreign language will be indicated by the applicant in the application (max. 60 points) **- oral examination** focused on knowledge that is a prerequisite for successful entry to PhD study; the topics and categories of oral examination questions in individual disciplines are published on the faculty's website – https://fzsp.truni.sk/okruhy-otazok-na-prijimacie-pohovory (max. 60 points) **- presentations and discussions regarding the proposed dissertation topic** – the applicant must present his/her own dissertation proposal to the committee submitted together with the application; the committee will evaluate the quality of the developed proposal, its feasibility, choice of the research strategy, applicant's presentation of scientific and research plan, and applicant's responses to the committee's questions and suggestions. The dissertation proposal should be consulted in advance with the supervisor or a co-supervisor. A list of supervisors and co-supervisors approved by the Scientific Council of the Faculty of Health Care and Social Work of TU (FHCaSW TU) is available at the FHCaSW TU website –https://fzsp.truni.sk/zoznam-skolitelov (max. 150 points) **- other documented prerequisites of scientific activity** – e.g. participation in student scientific and professional activities, awards for studies, the applicant's own publishing activity, etc. (max. 30 points) The maximum possible score for the admission procedure is **300 points**.
Dissertation topics	Dissertation topics for the upcoming academic year will be published on the website. https://fzsp.truni.sk/temy-na-doktorandske-studium
Conditions of admission for foreign applicants	Graduates of foreign higher education institutions whose studies are equivalent in scope and content may also apply for admission. The admission requirements applicable to foreign nationals, international students, and applicants who have completed their previous studies abroad are identical to those applicable to applicants who have completed a Master's degree programme or an integrated study programme at a higher education institution in the Slovak Republic. Applicants are required to submit a recognized document certifying their educational qualification in accordance with Act No. 422/2015 Coll. on the Recognition of Educational Qualifications and the Recognition of Professional Qualifications and on Amendments and Supplements to Certain Acts, as amended. Recognition of the applicant's educational qualification in the relevant field of study is determined by the higher education institution providing the respective study programme or field of study.

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Coordinator for students with specific needs	doc. PhDr. Nadežda Kovalčíková, PhD.
Deadline for receipt of documents proving completion of previous education	Applicants who completed their 2nd-level university studies in the academic year 2025/2026 and earlier must send all the necessary attachments with their application. Applicants who will be completing their 2nd-level university studies in the academic year 2026/2027 must submit all necessary attachments in addition to evidence of completion of the 2nd level of study – diploma, certificate of final examination, diploma supplement – according to instructions from the faculty. The faculty will send an invitation to the admissions procedure to applicants one month before the entrance examination. Applicants who will not have been issued evidence of the completion of higher education in the relevant study programme on the date of the entrance examination must later submit a certificate of successful completion of the 2nd level in Public Health or Laboratory Investigation Methods in Health Care (Mgr.), or in related fields of study (MUDr., PhDr.).
Date of the entrance examination	June 2027
Attachments to the application	1. Curriculum Vitae, 2. Proof of payment of the admission fee of € 51, 3. Dissertation topic proposal in the scope of 2–3 pages, 4. Certified evidence of completion of the second level of education – diploma, certificate of final examination, and diploma supplement (applies to applicants who graduated in the academic year 2025/2026 and earlier). Applicants who will be completing the second level of study or a combined level in the academic year 2026/2027 will provide a certificate of attendance and a transcript of academic results for the period already completed. 5. Documents proving participation in student scientific and professional activities, English language certificate, and/or certificates for sports or cultural activities. 6. On the application form, the applicants will indicate the language entrance exam they will take: English or German.
Admission processing fee	€51
The admission processing fee should be paid as follows.	**Invoicing details: Bank:** State Treasury | **Account:** 7000241201/8180 **IBAN:** SK85 8180 0000 0070 0024 1201 **Variable symbol**: generated VS for payment for the applicant = applicant's personal identification number without the letter R generated via the online application, or without the symbol if the applicant is sending the application only by post **Specific symbol**: 30002 | **Additional information**: Surname and name
Estimated number of admitted applicants	Depending on the amount of the allocated budget and the fulfilment of basic and other admission requirements, the faculty plans to admit at least 1 full-time and 5 part-time students in the academic year 2027/2028.