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Having regard to the Article 29 (1) of the Statute of Medika College for Vocational Studies in Helthcare in Belgrade (Official Gazette No 0-001/19 of October 1, 2019) and the proposal of the Teaching and professional Council of Medika College for Vocational Studies in Helthcare in Belgrade, at a session held on May 22, 2020, passed a decision approving:

LANGUAGE POLICY

Medika College for Vocational Studies in Healthcare in Belgrade (hereinafter: CVSH MEDIKA) is an independent higher education institution with the status of a legal entity, which realizes vocational studies in the field of Medical Sciences.

The primary goal of Language Policy is to increase awareness of students and staff on the importance of language and its use in the professional community. The importance of foreign languages, especially English, has a general value in higher education and is the language of globalization and publications.

The medium of instruction at CVSH MEDIKA is Serbian. The complete Course Catalogue of CVSH MEDIKA is also available in English on the website of CVSH MEDIKA.

For international students within mobility programs, course in undergraduate and master's study programs can be easily adapted to a smaller group of students and the needs of foreign students.

Certain courses in undergraduate and master vocational studies will be offered to foreign exchange students in English. The list of courses on which classes will be organized and conducted in English is determined by the Teaching and professional Council of CVSH MEDIKA.

The leading principles of the Language Policy of CVSH MEDIKA:

- High language competences are a prerequisite for international mobility of students and staff;
- Motivating our students to acquire necessary language competences;
- Motivating teaching and non-teaching staff to advance language competences.

Existing forms of language advancement competences:

- The existence of a mandatory course in a foreign language in the basic vocational studies of all study programs that CVSH MEDIKA implements, as well as in the master vocational studies. Students of CVSH MEDIKA have the opportunity to choose a course in a foreign language in the first year of study, where courses in English and German are offered. Within these courses, students master the language material for general purposes, but special attention is paid to the use of a foreign language in professional literature.
- Advancement of students' foreign language is implemented by encouraging students to use foreign literature, primarily in English. Within the Course Catalogue, which can be found on the website of CVSH MEDIKA, in the Literature section, references can be found in English.
- Advancement of students' language competences in the field of foreign languages is realized through students' work on final or master's papers, where students use literature in English in the preparation of their papers.

CVSH MEDIKA aims to provide conditions for the accreditation of the study program of master vocational studies, in which teaching in English would be fully implemented.

Knowledge of a foreign language is a prerequisite for a successful exchange of students, teaching and non-teaching staff. CVSH MEDIKA and the partner higher education institution define the required level of knowledge of the language in which classes are instructed within the international mobility framework. The lowest level of knowledge that incoming and outgoing students of CVSH MEDIKA must meet is B1-B2 (reading, writing and speaking) on the CEFR scale (Common European Framework of References for Languages) or equivalent to it.

For outgoing students who want to participate in the exchange program, CVSH MEDIKA offers language support through the organization of additional foreign language classes and testing the level of knowledge. If a student has previously passed a mandatory foreign language course with a grade 9 or 10, additional oral examination is required, but if a student has passed a course with an 8 or below that grade, both written and oral examination is required. In case the student does not have the required level of language knowledge, foreign teachers offer consultations on how to advance the student's language competences before the exchange.

Incoming students and staff must meet the English language proficiency criteria set forth in paragraph 9, unless English or Spanish is their mother tongue, or they have completed previous studies in English or Serbian. Incoming students, in order to improve their language competences, can also attend foreign language classes offered by CVSH MEDIKA. Moreover, CVSH MEDIKA provides incoming students with Serbian language courses, so that they acquire the basic knowledge of Serbian language necessary for everyday communication and easier adaptation to the new environment.

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