

REVIEW

**for the educational and professional program "Dentistry" of the second (Master's)
level of higher education of the field of knowledge 22 "Health", educational qualification
"Master of Dentistry", implemented at
Poltava State Medical University**

Highly professional academic staff of the University, stakeholders (representatives of student self-government and employers) who are interested in training highly qualified specialists capable of integration into the European Dental Space took part in the development of the educational and professional program "Dentistry".

The developers set a goal to form the ability of higher education students to apply the acquired theoretical knowledge, integral, general and special competencies in practical healthcare, in particular, in private dental practice; to solve typical and atypical tasks based on the knowledge of major dental diseases, disorders of the function of the maxillofacial organs, symptoms and syndromes that characterize each specific disease.

Noteworthy is the fact that the EPP "Dentistry" working group takes into account the best international experience in training dentists and current trends in recognizing the priority of private dental practice, which provides an opportunity to form an individual educational trajectory due to elective components (at least 25% of the total number of credits) and will allow higher education students of the university to take a more responsible approach to the selection of the future professional direction in Dentistry.

The formation of a qualitative composition of the academic staff who implement EPP "Dentistry" happens due to scientific training of graduates of the university in postgraduate education and involvement in scientific and pedagogical activities of educators with scientific degrees and academic titles on a competitive basis by concluding contracts. Members of the support group who implement the educational component of the educational and professional program have qualifications, relevant specialties: higher education, scientific degree and / or academic rank, confirmed level of scientific and professional activity.

The EPP scheme is standard and clearly maintained, in accordance with the requirements of regulatory documentation: EPP profile, aim, features, suitability of graduates for employment; program competencies that are clearly formulated and accessible; a list of educational components of the EPP, a structural and logical scheme for studying educational components, a matrix of compliance of program competencies with the components of the EPP, matrix for ensuring learning outcomes with the corresponding components of the EPP.

As a recommendation, I can offer the involvement of more stakeholders-employers working or owning private dental clinics outside Ukraine in the practical implementation of the EPP "Dentistry" - as teachers or lecturers.

Thus, the educational and professional program "Dentistry", developed by the working group of the staff members of Poltava State Medical University, is a normative document in which the goals are clearly formulated, the profile, the list of educational components and their logical sequence, the number of ECTS credits required for the implementation of this program are clearly formulated; assessment form of higher education students, etc. EPP "Dentistry" meets the requirements for such a level of educational programs, and Poltava State Medical University has all the opportunities for its implementation in full.

I will note that in 1990 I myself graduated from the Dental Faculty of the Poltava State Medical Stomatological Institute. My education allowed me to work at the University Clinic in Germany, and later to open my own dental clinic in Baden Baden, where I work to this day. I always fondly remember the years of study in Poltava and am grateful to smart, talented and hardworking teachers who can not only bring their students love to their chosen profession, but also educate decent people from them.

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