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## **THE PRESENTATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF DEBRECEN, FACULTY OF HEALTH**

The Faculty of Health is the educational and research organizational unit of the University of Debrecen. Our faculty is part of a university that is one of the most accredited higher education institutions in the country with a long history, providing a wide range of training and research opportunities for its students with its many faculties and doctoral schools. The purpose of the establishment of the faculty is to help solve the tasks of professional, economic renewal and reorganization of health care and social policy in the Northern Great Plain region; reduce the problems of professional care; give young high school graduates the opportunity to continue their education; contribute to reducing unemployment by undertaking the training of professionals needed for the region.

The institution was established in 1990 as the College of Health of the Medical University of Debrecen (DOTE) with a center in Nyíregyháza, followed by a branch in Gyula and Debrecen. The establishment of the college in Nyíregyháza was determined by a broad regional social and labor market demand. The training started for general social workers and health visitors. In 1991, the range was expanded with students in health care management, and in 1993-1994 with qualified nurses. The medical diagnostics laboratory analytical program was started in 1997, the ambulance officer training in 1998, and the physiotherapist program in 1999. The college concluded an agreement with the András Jósa County Teaching Hospital on cooperation in the practical training of students. The University of Debrecen was established on January 1, 2000, similarly to other integrated higher education institutions in the country, with the (re) amalgamation and legal succession of previously independent institutions. The faculty joined the Medical and Health Sciences Center of the University of Debrecen, which was established at that time. Due to the integration process and the changes in the Hungarian Accreditation Committee regulations, the training in Gyula was handed over to the Békéscsaba College. The branch located in Miskolc, which was established in the mid-1990s, was taken over by the University of Miskolc and continued to operate. The name of the faculty was changed from September 1, 2007 from the College of Health to the Faculty of Health.

In the 2008 academic year, a master's program in health social work was launched. In 2009, the Hungarian Accreditation Committee accredited the two master's programs submitted by the faculty and another specialization of a bachelor's program. Thus, the training expanded with the



master's program in nursing, the SOWOSEC (Social Work and Social Economy) MA training, implemented jointly with eight foreign institutions and supported by the European Union, with the BSc training in Health Tourism Management, and in 2016 with the MSc training for Health educators.

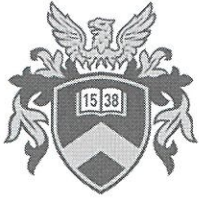
The faculty has had a Social Vocational Examination, Vocational and Further Education Center since 2005, which organizes social examinations, vocational and further trainings. In its resolution of March 2009, the Faculty Council established the Regional Health Training Center.

In terms of the number of students of the Faculty of Health, it is one of the significant faculties of the University of Debrecen, which has an excellent educational and scientific background and a wide range of international relations covering more than twenty countries. As stated in the Bologna Declaration, the training of the traditional credit system has been transformed into multi-cycle training in our faculty.

Currently, nearly 1,600 students are studying in higher education vocational training, four bachelor's courses, four master's courses, and their many specializations. Among the bachelor's program courses, the nursing and patient care training (nurse, ambulance officer, midwife specialization), the health care and prevention training (health visitor specialization), the health care management training (health insurance, health administration organizer, health tourism organizer specialization) in the field of health sciences, social work bachelor's program trains professionals in the social sciences. In addition to the bachelor's and master's programs, we also organize specialized further trainings at our faculty. These include further trainings for health rehabilitation managers, youth health visitors, further trainings in applied social gerontology, acute care and interdisciplinary community work. The number of further trainings is constantly increasing at our faculty.

From the bachelor's program we offer, nurses and midwives obtain a recognized and accepted degree in all countries of the European Union. The university background gives our students the opportunity to obtain a master's degree or to join the PhD program by taking advantage of the opportunities offered by other faculties of the university after obtaining a bachelor's degree, in case they do not wish to obtain a master's degree from our faculty. Our faculty has also taken steps towards university trainings in English in health care and social fields.

In planning the training programs, in addition to the European training standards, we kept in mind the labor market needs of the region. The trainings at our faculty are primarily intended to meet the labor needs of the health and social segments of the labor market, but of course we also provide our students with well-convertible knowledge for employment in other areas of the labor market. The infrastructural conditions of the education and the teaching staff provide a European standard of education.



We actively participate in the intellectual life of the city of Nyíregyháza, the county and the region. The authority and spirituality of the institution are mainly determined by the university background and high-quality practice-oriented education. Our scientific student activity and application activity is more significant year by year. The Frigyes Verzár Vocational College was founded in our faculty in 2013, which unites talented students, providing them with special study and training opportunities.

The number and proportion of the faculty's lecturers with an academic degree is constantly increasing, and our lecturers play an active role in several doctoral schools. The faculty is currently the publisher of three scientific journals (Hungarian Gerontology; Acta Medicinae et Sociologica; Dialogue). Many of our colleagues are in doctoral training. The scientific background of the training is also guaranteed by the close cooperation of the university faculties.

The faculty regularly receives guest lecturers, who also take an active role in theoretical training and special courses. Guest students from across the border are also hallmarks of the quality of faculty training. The relations established with foreign scientific workshops serve as a scientific background for the dynamic development of the faculty.

The University of Debrecen Faculty of Health, as an institution of higher health education in Hungary, contributes to satisfying the needs of the labor market with a high level of modern, versatile interdisciplinary training, research and development. This mission is accomplished by the faculty, the university lecturers, the staff and students together, committed to quality, in collaboration with domestic and international partners, with the needs of employers in mind. The faculty has been operating quality assurance since 1999. We have also gradually developed the organizational framework for the operation of the quality system. Since 2006, we have been continuously integrating the quality management system according to the ISO 9001: 2000 standard into the faculty's quality system according to the excellence model of the European Foundation for Quality Management (EFQM) built for training and research activities. The faculty's quality management system operating in accordance with the EN ISO 9001: 2015 standard is audited annually by internal and external auditors. The structural transformation of the university that took place in 2014 subordinated the faculty's quality-related activities directly to the university quality management, maintaining and strengthening the quality management system according to the previous model of excellence.

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