



Basic medical training and quality assurance in the establishment of new medical schools

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- **The Agency for Science and High Education** implements the procedure, initiate accreditation and re-accreditation for all high education institutions and studies in the Republic Croatia in accordance with the provisions of the **Act on High Education and Science**



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- The **initial** accreditation of a high education institution is carried out in the case of:
 - 1. establishment of a new education institution
 - 2. if the status of the high education institution changes



- **Reaccreditation** of the higher education institution is carried out every five years



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- The higher education institution begins its activities after registration in the Register of High Education university that is runed by the **Ministry of Science and Education.**





We currently have 5 medical faculties:

- Faculty of Medicine Zagreb
- Faculty of Medicine Rijeka
- Faculty of Medicine Osijek
- Faculty of Medicine, Split
- Faculty of Medicine, CKUCatholic University of Croatia-(member of the International Federation of Catholic Universities)





2023/2024 Number of students enrolled

MF Zagreb	301
MF Rijeka	130
MF Split	90
MF Osijek	80
Mf CKU	40



641 on population of 55 000 fresh students



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- There is a shortage of doctors in some rural areas, while larger cities are better covered (the standard problem of a shortage of doctors in Family medicine, Pediatrics and Gynecology)



PRIVATE-PUBLIC

- **CKU –private** (*5000 EUR/year*)
- **state faculties** offer classes in English/German, thus attracting international students who study at their own expense





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- Regarding certain procedures from the segment of complementary medicine such as **acupuncture**, it is included in the program of certain specializations, for example in *physical medicine and rehabilitation*, as well as *anesthesiology, resuscitation and intensive care medicine*.





- In 2020, the Ministry of Health adopted a new Rulebook on norms and standards for the performance of healthcare activities which prescribed the conditions for performing acupuncture in *family medicine practices / specialist practices*.





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- **The Ordinance** relating to family (general) medicine clinics stipulates that the clinic where the acupuncture procedure is performed must have *disposable equipment* for acupuncture and a doctor of medicine who has the appropriate *proof of having completed the education* prescribed by the **professional of the Society of the Croatian Medical Association** responsible for acupuncture.



- specialist **outpatient clinic** also stipulates that the specialist outpatient clinic where the acupuncture procedure is performed must have *disposable acupuncture accessories* and a *specialist medical doctor* who has the appropriate proof of completed education prescribed by the professional society of the **Croatian Medical Association responsible for acupuncture.**



- Clinical centers, hospitals- **pain clinic**





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Nursing law

- it is currently in the process of drafting amendments



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- The goal of the proposed changes is to provide knowledge and skills, i.e. competencies for independent work in the emergency medical service, as part of the specialist training of nurses and technicians in emergency medicine. Nurses/technicians with completed specialist training will provide a wider range of health services to emergency patients, and a large number of interventions would not require a doctor



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- HLK participated in the matter of task-shifting in such a way that it had its representative in the working groups of the Ministry of Health that were preparing the change in regulations.



- Nurses/technicians with completed specialist training will provide a wider range of health services to emergency patients, and a large number of interventions would not require a doctor.



- to define the competencies of nursing bachelors with specialist training in emergency medicine, i.e. enabling the application of knowledge, skills and medicines without the presence of a doctor in life-threatening situations



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- through specialized training of nurses/technicians, a bachelor's degree in nursing with at least two or three years of work in the field of emergency medicine (unified emergency hospital reception or an institution for emergency medical assistance) to ensure knowledge and skills, i.e. competences for independent work in an emergency medical service



- nurses/technicians with completed specialist training will be able to provide a wider scope of health care for emergency patients, and a doctor would not be needed for a large number of interventions.



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- amendments to the Act on Nursing are in the process of adoption.













