

Study program “Medical Care” is developed in order to offer scientifically based and practically oriented first level higher professional education and prepare specialists for professional activity in the field of healthcare service. The initiation and implementation of the program was encouraged by the situation in the healthcare labour market and the strategy for its further development in our country. Students who have acquired the program are especially in demand in medical aid and primary health care service. Integrating of the graduates as the representatives of the profession regulated by Latvian legislation in the space of the European Community in accordance with the directives of European Union is determined by the common system of qualification recognition.

Doctor’s Assistant is a self-guided medical person engaged in medical treatment within the scope of his/her profession in accordance with the level of competence defined by the Cabinet of Ministers, i.e. providing emergency medical aid to sick or injured people whose life is endangered or under a critical condition, establishing of a patient’s diagnosis and treatment, prescribing and application of medicines, attesting of a patient’s death, providing continuous medical and preventive care for patients, organising and management of his/her own work and the work of his/her colleagues, education of patients, society or team members. Doctor's Assistant works in outpatient medical establishments, emergency medical aid establishments, inpatient medical establishments.

Goal of the Program

To train highly qualified first level higher professional education Doctor’s Assistants corresponding to the demands of the Latvian market and economic situation, ensuring the mastering of professional and theoretical knowledge and skills for self-guided work of a medical person.

Objectives of the Program

- to master scientific areas and methods within the framework of the Doctor’s Assistant competence in accordance with the professional standard and labour market demands.
- to acquire knowledge regarding healthy and sick people, emergency medical situations in accordance with professional standard;
- to acquire basic clinical skills, modern technologies, diagnosis, differential diagnosis, medical and preventive care within the framework of his/her professional competence;
- to develop understanding of code of professional conduct, basic social skills of communication, self-guided and team work;
- to be aware of regulatory enactments and documents regulating the activity of a Doctor's Assistance;
- to motivate students for further education and professional development.

Quality assessment of the study program

Quality assurance of the study program is based on ENQA standards and guidelines for quality assurance in the European Higher Education Area approved in Bergen in 2005. The standard of the Doctor’s Assistant profession defines the scope of specific features typical for the profession of Doctor’s Assistant and determining compliance of the profession with the demands.
