

Quality Policy of the English Medical Studies Program School of Medicine, University of Patras

The Quality Policy of the English Medical Studies Program of the School of Medicine is fully aligned with the Quality Policy of the University of Patras, reflecting its firm commitment to providing high-quality higher education to the students who choose it. At the University of Patras, Undergraduate, Postgraduate, and Doctoral Study Programs of high academic standards and significant added value are designed and implemented, in both Greek and English, across the major disciplines and fields of Medical Science.

More specifically, for the implementation of this policy within the English Medical Studies Program of the School, the School is committed to applying the quality assurance procedures described in the Quality Manual of the Internal Quality Assurance System (IQAS) of the Institution, as implemented at the level of study programs. The ultimate goal is the continuous improvement of academic and research output, as well as the overall student experience. The main pillars of this policy include:

1. **High Quality of Studies Based on International Standards**

The School is committed to delivering high-level education in accordance with international standards, through the integration of modern educational practices, such as Problem-Based Learning (PBL) and integrated teaching approaches.

2. **Modern Educational Practices and Support of Basic Research**

The development of students' critical thinking is actively supported, while engagement in basic research is encouraged from the early years of study.

3. **Ensuring the Adequacy of Infrastructure and Teaching Staff**

The academic unit is committed to the evaluation and continuous improvement of infrastructure, as well as the qualifications of teaching and scientific staff, ensuring the high quality of educational and research activities.

4. **Annual Evaluation and Activity Reporting**

On an annual basis, data related to student progress and staff performance are collected and analyzed. The internal assessment of achievements and objectives is presented in dedicated meetings of the OMEA (Internal Evaluation Group) and is publicly communicated.

5. **Alignment with the Certified Quality Policy of the Institution**

The Quality Policy of the EMSP is based on the certified standards of the University of Patras and is aligned with the guidelines of the **HAHE (Hellenic Authority for Higher Education)**, ensuring the continuous enhancement of the study program.

6. **Safeguarding Academic Principles and Transparency**

The Quality Policy is founded on transparency, inclusion, non-discrimination, and respect for students and staff, highlighting the School's commitment to academic values and equal access for persons with disabilities.

Planned Actions for Achieving the Above Objectives

- **Upgrading Curricula and Educational Practices**

- Periodic review of curricula and integration of innovative educational practices, such as Problem-Based Learning (PBL) and integrated teaching.
- **Promoting Research Participation and Supporting Basic Research**
 - Development of research initiatives for students from the early years of study, with emphasis on analytical and critical thinking.
- **Improvement of Infrastructure and Staff**
 - Regular evaluation and upgrading of program infrastructure.
 - Continuous professional development of teaching staff in modern educational methodologies.
- **Recording and Evaluating Annual Progress Data**
 - Collection and analysis of data related to student performance and educational activities, followed by outcome evaluation and implementation of improvement actions in collaboration with the OMEA.
- **Compliance with the Guidelines of the Institution and HAHE**
 - Continuous review of quality assurance practices in accordance with the certified standards of the University of Patras and HAHE.
- **Enhancing Transparency and Ensuring Academic Inclusion**
 - Promotion of equality and inclusion for students with disabilities, while evaluation results are communicated and made accessible to students and staff.

The Quality Policy of the English Medical Studies Program constitutes a dynamic and evolving framework, which is continuously reviewed and adapted to the needs of the School and its students, promoting excellence in education and research. The objective is the continuous development of the program in line with contemporary scientific requirements and international standards in medical education.

The quality assurance procedures described in the Institution's Quality Manual are implemented at the level of the School with the necessary degree of specialization, where required. All quality assurance procedures of the School of Medicine are subject to annual review and inspection by the OMEA in collaboration with the MODIP (Quality Assurance Unit) of the University of Patras. The outcomes of this process are documented in the Annual Internal Evaluation Reports of the School, which are available through the MODIP Information System of the University of Patras.

The quality objectives and quality policy are published on the official website of the School at the following link <https://meden.upatras.gr/quality-assurance/>.