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GENERAL DESCRIPTION

„The Faculty of General Medicine is not only home to medical studies and research, but also an outstanding centre for regional health care, a scholarly institution where efforts on research and daily routine activities, education and patient care enhance one another and add up. This multidimensional character explains its mission: bridging the gap between scientific research and everyday practice by way of training highly qualified professionals. Innovation and internationally recognised research is one of the two pillars of this bridge. Healing activity embracing the handling of key tasks is the other one.”

The predecessor of the University of Pécs Medical School was the Medical University of Pécs (POTE) which operated as a separate, independent institution from 1 February 1951 to 31 December 1999. Its historical predecessor was the Royal Hungarian Elizabeth University founded in Bratislava (Pozsony) on 7 June 1912, or rather the Medical Faculty of this university established on 14 April, 1918. Due to the Trianon Treaty the University and the Faculty had to escape from the crowning city and after nearly half a decade of homelessness in the capital, the University found its home in the Mecsek Hills.

The first extensive development project began in the 1950s resulting in the construction of the “400-bed clinical block” (1966) and the “theoretical block” (1970). In the academic year 1973/74 the dentistry programme was launched with 25 students and the English Programme began a decade later with students from a dozen different countries. In 1990 the Medical University of Pécs (POTE) became a two-faculty institution when the Faculty of Health Sciences was established. The training programme for pharmacists started in September 2000 with 40 students, and the German Language Programme started in the academic year 2004/05. The youngest programme of the Medical School is the Masters Programme in Medical Biotechnology. The English language programme was launched from the academic year 2010/2011.

As a result of a government decree, the Medical University of Pécs, together with other higher education institutions in Pécs, was integrated into the University of Pécs in 2000. Presently,

the Medical School is one of the ten faculties of the University of Pécs. The independent Faculty of Pharmacy was established in 2016.

The Medical School is divided into 52 departments, 21 of which are concerned with basic sciences and pre-clinical medicine. They include: Anatomy, Behavioural Sciences, Biochemistry and Medical Chemistry, Biophysics, Central Electron Microscope Laboratory, Forensic Medicine, Infectology, Catastrophe Medicine and Oxiology, Institute of Bioanalysis, Institute of Family Medicine, Medical Biology, Medical Linguistics, Organic and Pharmacological Chemistry, Pathophysiology and Gerontology, Pharmaceutical Chemistry, Pharmaceutics / Central Clinical Pharmacy, Pharmacognosy, Pharmacology and Pharmacotherapy, Pharmacotechnology, Physiology, Public Health, Surgical Research and Techniques and the Clinical Departments (31) Anaesthesia and Intensive Therapy, Central Nursing Services, Clinical Utility Services, Dentistry, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Department of Emergency Medicine, Department of Vascular Surgery, Dermatology, Venereology and Oncodermatology, Heart Institute, Hospital Sanitation Service Center, Immunology and Biotechnology, Internal Medicine 1, Internal Medicine 2 / Nephrology Center, Laboratory Medicine, Medical Genetics, Medical Microbiology and Immunology, Neurology, Neurosurgery, Nuclear Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Oncotherapy, Ophthalmology, Orthopaedics, Oto-rhino-laryngology (ENT), Paediatrics, Pathology, Psychiatry and Psychotherapy, Radiology. Rheumatology and Immunology, Surgery, Traumatology and Hand Surgery, Urology. There are also several sub-departments and sections that contribute to research and teaching activities. All the laboratories are well equipped in accordance with the highest European standards. (If you need more information about the departments, please visit this site: <http://aok.pte.hu/index.php?page=egysegek&int=intklin&mid=2&nyelv=eng>)

Since the town of Pécs does not have a city hospital, the Medical School provides the major part of the in-patient services for the community. Several regional centres are operated by the Medical School. Its diagnostic centre and the heart surgery centre meet the highest international standards.

The University Hospital and the research institutions were formerly housed in the central city hospital, the Episcopal Library, the old academy of law and various schools. Today, however, with the exception of a few departments still located in the western part of the city, most of the research and teaching facilities of the Medical School are located on one campus. All the student service facilities, including the Medical School's Administration, the Student Residence Halls, and the Student Activity Areas, have also been integrated into the same area.

In September 2003, the Medical School introduced the credit system and made the curriculum modular. The new system is in compliance with the ECTS (European Credit Transfer System).

Although the primary purpose of the Medical School is to teach sciences and the art of medicine, research is also an important function. There are plenty of ongoing research projects supported by Hungarian Academy of Sciences, the National Research Foundation, and the Hungarian Ministry of Health. Additional grants come from local pharmaceutical companies and various industrial firms.

Research at the Medical School is of high quality and enjoys a good international recognition. The Medical School has plenty of accredited PhD programs in medicine, biology and chemistry. The Medical School has a wide range of international relations focusing on student and staff mobility as well as on joint research projects.

Students interested in pursuing a career in medical research are strongly encouraged to do so through our programmes. The options include the full spectrum of specialities. The Student Researchers' Society is a programme operating in each of the departments of the Medical School.

The English Language Programme

The English Language Programme started in 1984 with 38 students. Since then the number of admitted students has gradually increased to 120 per year. Our students come from all over the world.

As of the academic year 2005/2006 the Dentistry English Programme is also available besides the General Medicine English Programme.

The academic year at the Medical School is divided into two five-month semesters including an examination period. The programme consists of six years of pre-clinical and clinical studies (ten semesters and one year of clinical rotations) in the General Medicine degree, five years in the Dentistry degree and five years in the Pharmacy degree.

The curriculum is drawn up in the belief that direct experience with patients is fundamental to a sound medical education.

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The German Language Programme

Description of the programme:

Every year 160 students have begun their studies in the German Programme of the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Pécs since the first semester of the academic year 2004/2005.

A six-year General Medicine Programme and a five-year Dentistry Programme are available.

Instruction is conducted in small groups (20 students per group) and takes place in the departments and institutes of the Campus close to the historic city centre.

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Pharmacy Program

English language training at the Pharmacy Programme of the University of Pécs started in September 2010 following the establishment of the institutes of pharmaceutical sciences.

Our students are required to undertake a five-year programme of training. In the first semesters the emphasis is put on the acquisition of basic knowledge in biology, chemistry and physics. Theoretical knowledge and hands-on skills are acquired at the Departments of Anatomy, Physiology, Pathophysiology, Microbiology and Immunology. Following the

completion of the second year of study, students begin to acquire in-depth knowledge in pharmacy-related subjects, such as pharmaceutical chemistry, biopharmacy, pharmaceutical technologies.

Dentistry Program

The Dentistry Program in English started in the academic year 2005/2006. This is a five-year program. Beside theoretical studies it gives a lot of manual practice hours to students as well to be well-prepared when finishing university and getting a degree as a dentist. The German Program has been launched in the academic year 2004/2005.

Masters Programme in Medical Biotechnology

The Masters Programme in Medical Biotechnology has been launched in the academic year 2010/2011.

The use of biotechnology in medicine is becoming ever more widespread under continuous pressure from clinical needs. The development of sophisticated diagnostic methods, effective drug design and personalized therapies all require biotechnology.

As the whole programme operates in English the interest in the two-year degree programme is increasing from year to year among Erasmus students, too.

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Degree:

Erasmus students can freely join the English or German Programmes courses, however Hungarian speaking visiting students are strongly advised to join the Hungarian program. The detailed list of the courses, booklets and curricula can be found on the following website:

http://aok.pte.hu/index.php?page=egyseg&egy_id=570&menu=dinam&dmid=23&nyelv=eng

You can find all the necessary information on the Medical Schools homepage:

<http://aok.pte.hu/index.php?page=nyito&mid=9&nyelv=eng>

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