

STATEMENT

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Regarding the dissertation work on the topic: "Competencies of the midwife in family planning of Roma women from the Plovdiv region" for the award of the educational and scientific degree "doctor" in the doctoral program "Health care management" in the field of higher education 7. Health care and sports, professional direction 7.4 Public health

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1. General presentation of the Procedure and the doctoral candidate

The presented set of materials on paper / electronic media is in accordance with Art. 70 (1) of 1. Sec. Acquisition of educational and scientific degree "DOCTOR" and scientific degree "DOCTOR OF SCIENCES" in MU-Plovdiv and Regulations of MU-Plovdiv dated 28.01.2021 and includes all necessary documents for the procedure for the public performance of a dissertation.

The doctoral candidate has also attached 3 publications related to the dissertation work.

2. Brief data on the career development and qualifications of the doctoral candidate

Assist. Marieta Vladimirova was born in 1981 in Plovdiv. In 2014, she graduated from the MU - Plovdiv, OKS "Bachelor" in the specialty "Midwife" from the professional field "Health Care", and in 2018 she also acquired a master's degree in "Health Care Management". He has acquired the specialty "Breastfeeding and healthy and dietary nutrition consultant" and a number of additional qualifications and specializations.

She began her work experience in 2014 as a midwife at the Obstetrics and Gynecology Clinic of St. George Medical Center, Plovdiv. From 2018 to the present, she holds the academic position of "assistant" in the Department of Obstetrical Care of the Faculty of Public Health at the Medical University of Plovdiv. Assist. Vladimirova is actively involved in the teaching and administrative activities of the department.

3. Evaluation of the topicality of the topic

The topicality of the issue is determined by a very worrying problem, namely the demographic crisis in which our country is and which is deepening with each passing year. The aging of the population, the emigration of young people and the increase in the number of families with reproductive problems determine the drastically decreasing number of Bulgarian citizens.

Bulgaria is among the EU countries with the largest share of Roma population. Against the backdrop of the unfavorable demographic forecast for our country, there is evidence of a significantly higher level of reproduction among the Roma ethnic group, and one of the reasons for this is the lack of integration. The trend in many countries is to provide integrated care for reproductive health and family planning, which will affect the quality of life of families of this ethnicity.

The social and psychological aspects in the midwife's work with risk groups of people are increasingly relevant, considering the difficulties they encounter every day in their work and the delicate psychological moments that are present in relationships with people. Studies in this area create opportunities for establishing theoretical problematic aspects, as well as for possible practical solutions in order to improve modern demographic, health and educational policies aimed at minority groups of the population.

In this aspect, the presented dissertation thesis of Assist. Marieta Vladimirova deals with an actual and significant problem.

4. Awareness of the problem

The literature review is 46 pages long and includes 210 bibliographic sources, mostly from foreign authors. It is structured in eight sections, which examine in detail the problems of the Roma community in a number of foreign countries and in Bulgaria. In parallel, the obstetric care provided for the Roma population in the various countries was also analyzed. Emphasis is placed on the unfavorable socio-economic situation, lack of education and low health culture, which determine the characteristic reproductive behavior of Roma women. An analysis was made of a number of statistical data relating to the social status of the Roma ethnic group and the negative trends determining the lowered criteria for their own health well-being were brought out. A significant place in the overview is devoted to the competencies of the midwife in family planning, taking into account her opportunities for promotional and advisory activities with the aim of improving women's reproductive health.

The literature review ends with conclusions pointing to the sought problems and solutions, which shows the good literary awareness of the doctoral student on the problem.

5. Research methodology

The purpose of the dissertation is clearly stated. The tasks are correctly defined and logical, they derive from the purpose of the research, and with their solution the work gains completeness. It is noticeable that no working hypothesis has been raised.

Materials and methods in the study are described in detail and informative. Correctly selected sociological methods are relevant to the purpose and tasks and ensure credibility and persuasiveness of the conclusions drawn, which shows the possibilities of the doctoral student to plan and conduct independent research activities. The applied and used toolkit of two survey

cards allows a thorough analysis of the researched problems. The object of the study are 400 Roma women from the Plovdiv region and 200 midwives from the city of Plovdiv. The various stages of the retrospective study and the timing of its implementation are presented in detail. The precise statistical processing of the data allows an appropriate visualization of the obtained results.

6. Characterization and evaluation of the dissertation work

The dissertation is developed in a volume of 160 pages and is consistently structured as follows: introduction, literature review, objectives, materials and methodology, results, postgraduate training program, conclusions, contributions, suggestions and recommendations, bibliography and appendices. The results are illustrated with 34 figures, 11 tables, 2 schemes and 5 appendices.

The introduction convincingly substantiates the relevance of the problem and the motivation of assist. Vladimirova for choosing the topic of the dissertation work.

In the review of the literary sources, the doctoral student searches for and analyzes the characteristics and trends in the reproduction of the population in minority groups, focusing on the causes and challenges that this problem creates. It considers the need to support Roma families in matters of family planning, with the active participation of midwives.

In the part with the results of the conducted studies, an adequate analysis of the collected data is presented. The results are characterized by completeness and are supported by detailed structured graphs and detailed tables that present the obtained data in a more synthesized form, ensuring their proper perception and understanding.

Based on the in-depth and generalized analysis, doctoral student Vladimirova proposes a developed program for postgraduate training of midwives, which will increase their qualifications and expand their competencies in family planning among marginal ethnic groups of the population.

The obtained results correspond to the set goal and tasks, and based on them, 6 justified conclusions were drawn. The recommendations to the relevant institutions are detailed and convincingly motivated.

7. Contributions and significance of the dissertation work - 6 contributions have been defined that have theoretical and applied value.

8. Abstract

The 60-page abstract is formatted according to legal requirements and concisely reflects the main results and ideas in the dissertation work.

9. Personal participation of the doctoral student

In the proposed dissertation work, the dissertation student has a complete personal involvement and all given conclusions, contributions and obtained results are his personal credit.

CONCLUSION

The submitted dissertation "Competencies of the midwife in family planning of Roma women from the Plovdiv region" by Marieta Simeonova Vladimirova fulfills all the requirements of a completed doctoral dissertation, contains contributions of theoretical and applied-practical significance and fully meets the criteria of the Law on the Development of Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Regulations for the conditions and procedures for acquiring scientific degrees and occupying academic positions at the MU - Plovdiv.

The dissertation shows that the doctoral student has in-depth theoretical knowledge and professional skills in the specialty "Health Care Management", demonstrating qualities and skills for independent conduct of scientific research.

Based on the complex assessment of the dissertation work and the abstract, I give my positive assessment and propose to the honorable Scientific Jury to award the educational and scientific degree "Doctor" to Assist. Marieta Simeonova Vladimirova in the specialty "Health Care Management" in the professional direction 7.4 Public Health in the field of Higher Education 7. Healthcare and sports.

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Prepared the statement:

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