

OPINION

By **Assoc. Prof. Ekaterina Vatkova Todorova, PhD**

Professional direction 7.5. Health care

New Bulgarian University

On scientific works for participation in a competition for the academic position of associate professor, by professional direction 7.4. Public Health, announced in DV, no. 50/09/06/2023

Candidate: **Maria Dragomirova Stoyanova, PhD**

The candidate for the competition, Dr. Maria Dragomirova Stoyanova, has fulfilled the minimum national requirements for the field of higher education 7. Health care and sports, professional direction: 7.5. Health care, defined by the Regulations for the implementation of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria, to which candidates for obtaining a scientific degree and for holding the academic positions of "principal assistant", "associate professor" and "professor" must meet.

As a candidate for the competition, Dr. Maria Dragomirova Stoyanova presents a monographic work on the topic "The Covid-19 pandemic and the psycho-emotional state of nurses". The author's research work concerns current issues related to the emotional and mental functioning of healthcare workers. Trends in health care and in the behavior of medical personnel, which are a consequence of the experienced pandemic and the current post-pandemic situation, are discussed and analyzed.

Maria Dragomirova's candidacy is also supported by 11 scientific publications in non-refereed peer-reviewed journals or published in edited collective volumes, realized in the period from 2005 to 2017. According to the citation data of the scientific works, a reference is presented for 15 citations in peer-reviewed monographs and collective volumes, as well as in non-refereed peer-reviewed journals. The presented scientific publications and their citations fully meet the requirements of the announced competition.

Until now, Dr. Maria Dragomirova Stoyanova has not worked as a full-time teacher at NBU and, accordingly, has not had the opportunity for intensive academic work. From the spring semester of the academic year 2022/23, he is a part-time teacher at the NBU at the Master's Programme "Management of Health", in the course "Standards for electronic management in health care". Successfully conducts practical training on "General patient care" for students from Medical College at MU-Sofia in the specialty of X-ray laboratory technicians.

Maria Dragomirova demonstrates active public and administrative activity. He is a member of the Bulgarian Association of Healthcare Professionals (BAHPA). In the period from 2008 to 2011, he was the chairman of the Regional Council of Chief Nurses of the same organization. From 2004 to the present, she has been the head nurse at the Medical Institute of the Ministry of the Interior-Sofia, which undoubtedly speaks of excellent organizational and

administrative skills, teamwork skills and the implementation of effective communications between the various institutions.

In conclusion, based on the above and for the needs of the New Bulgarian University, I believe that the materials presented by Maria Dragomirova Stoyanova, PhD for the competition for the academic position of " associate professor " in professional direction 7.5. Health care meets the requirements and I support her candidacy.

Sofia, September 15, 2023.

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