ADMISSION TO THE FACULTY

• Public health - Bachelor's degree

Written exam - biology and chemistry or physics
(optional - selection is made by student)
The condition for enrolment in the full time study programs is completed high school education. The enrolment in the distance bachelor study program requires to pass the written exam and 2 years of practice in the health care sector.

• Public health - Master's degree

Written exam - knowledge in the extent of Bachelor study program
In bachelor and master study program the education is conducted in a form of lectures, practical workshops, seminars and practice in the Research Base of the University and the Public Health Institutes.
Besides graduates from bachelor degree of Public Health master study program in public health is also available for graduates from nursing, welfare and dietary nurses.

SERVICES FOR STUDENTS
The Faculty of Public Health offers following services for students in both internal and distance study forms:
• accommodation
• lunchroom
• computer laboratory and free internet
• library

USE OF GRADUATES IN PRACTICE

- Institutions of public health/national institutes of health – all kinds of professional positions
- Hospitals and other health care facilities – public health officers, hospital hygienist
- Research institutions focused on: chronic diseases, environment and health, infectious diseases, occupational environment and health etc.
- Advisory /counseling/ of health – promotion and healthy life style,
- Institutes of Labor Safety
- State institutions /health and environmental departments/
- Public organization – management of health protection and promotion problem, initiation and implementation of preventive programs for health protection and promotion
- Occupational health services – public health officers
- Local government – officers at the Departments of Health Care
- Health and social insurances – designing and implementing insurances
- Institutes of social care
- The Third Sector – project assistants and managers, also other positions
- Pharmaceutical companies
Slovak Medical University

Slovak Medical University is a specialized university institution providing undergraduate, graduate, and postgraduate education of health care subjects and post-secondary specialization studies in all categories of health care professionals.

Slovak Medical University (SMU) was established on September 1, 2002 as a successor of the Slovak Postgraduate Academy of Medicine – an internationally recognized institution that provided education for all categories of health care professionals for several decades.

In October 2003 the University became the 21st European university and the 2nd Slovak university, who signed the Bologna Declaration accepting the rules of academic freedom, institutional autonomy and democratic self-government.

SMU has 4 faculties and the Research Base of the University:
1. Faculty of Medical Specialty Studies
2. Faculty of Nursing and Health Professional Studies
3. Faculty of Public Health
4. Faculty of Health Care

Faculty of Public Health

Faculty of Public Health was established concurrently with Faculty of Nursing and Faculty of Medical Specialty Studies on the basis of the Slovak Medical University by the Act. 401/2002, Act. 131/2002, Act. 209/2002, came into force on September 1, 2002.

The main role of the Faculty is to participate in the implementation of public health practice through research and education of health care professionals and the population with special focus on disease prevention, health promotion, improvement of health, prolongation and improvement of quality of life and working disability decrease.

Departments of the Faculty:
- Department of Environmental Health
- Department of Epidemiology
- Department of Occupational Health
- Department of Health Management
- Department of Health Policy and Economics
- Department of Community and Preventive Health
- Department of Health Education and medical Pedagogy
- Department of Laboratory and Functional Diagnostics

STUDY PROGRAMS

Faculty of Public Health is a member of ASPHER and provides four types of education:
1. Undergraduate study programs—bachelor and master
2. Postgraduate study—PhD
3. Specialization studies
4. Continual education

1. Undergraduate study programs
   - Bachelor degree
     - duration 6 semesters, 3 academic years
     - full-time form: requires daily attendance in classes
     - distance learning: requires attendance in classes during 2 weeks per semester and individual study
   - Contains following modules
     - Elementary courses
     - Theory and methodology of research and professional work
     - Basics of Public Health
     - Practical skills

   - Master of Science in Public Health
     - duration 4 semesters, 2 academic years
     - full-time form: requires daily attendance in classes
     - distance learning: requires attendance in classes during 2 weeks per semester and individual study
   - Contains following modules
     - Health protection and promotion
     - Prevention and Epidemiology
     - Health management and policy
     - Occupational health
     - Health inspection and monitoring

2. Postgraduate study
   - Doctorate in Public Health
     - full-time form; duration, 3 - 4 academic years
     - distance learning; duration not more than 5 academic years

3. Specialization study
   - Master of Public Health
     - distance learning; duration 6 semesters, 3 academic years
     - study program for all categories of health care workers with university education / qualification for management and organization.
     - requires attendance in classes during 2 weeks per each semester

   Contains following modules
   - Information resources in Public Health
   - Health protection
   - Prevention
   - Community medicine
   - Basics of law in Public Health
   - Behavioral disciplines in Public Health
   - Basics of social care
   - Health economics
   - Health care law
   - Theory of management
   - Applied management
   - Health policy
   - Law in management
   - New trends in Public Health and Health Care
   - Specializations for graduates from Master of Science in Public Health
     - it enables to achieve a higher qualification in the different fields of public health
   - Specialization study programs of medical doctors in the field of Public Health
     - it is conducted in accord with Charter of Public Health published by UEMS

4. Continuous education in Public Health
   - numerous specialization and certification courses

STUDY ORGANIZATION

Study is organized in separate blocs which include obligatory and compulsorily optional courses. This creates possibilities for obtaining theoretical and practical knowledge and skills from the field of public health.

All academic years require to obtain minimum 60 credits for passing obligatory and optionally optional subjects in each year.

A student can continue in study at master degree only if he/she obtains fixed number of credits. In the third academic year it is necessary to write a final paper work, which is for 10 credits.

Study conclusion: defence of the final paper work and passing the state exams from 3 subjects.