

**Review**  
**at the ESP “Dentistry” training of educational and scientific level**  
**Doctor of Philosophy**

Our University positions itself as a reliable partner in all areas of international communication, ready to share its experience and open to dialogue.

We are happy to get acquainted with the educational and scientific program for teaching doctors of philosophy in Dentistry specialty, which is implemented at Ivano-Frankivsk National Medical University, Ukraine

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As with us, the study at ESP lasts four years, doctoral students study compulsory and optional disciplines, as well as conduct practical and teaching activities. Emphasis on performance of scientific - research work.

In your program, we note that the educational disciplines aimed at mastering of scientific degree PhD (Philosophy Doctor) in the methodology of scientific and teaching activities, improving the abilities and skills necessary for further professional activities. We are inclined to need a smaller study load than 60 ECTS credits, as in your ESP, because a scientist needs to devote a significant part of his time to research.

It is good that you managed to organize the study of the educational components of the program in the I and II years of education. It may be best to study electives at the applicant's request at any time, without being tied to years of study. After all, the choice should allow the doctoral student to better adapt education to his individual needs. The cycles of elective courses, in addition to your chosen classes of professional training, include additional courses in pedagogy and methodology of classes with students, who improve their teaching skills.

We advise you to deepen the practice of internationalization of higher education, to participate in international educational and scientific-research

programs. Invite dentists from abroad to give lectures or conduct other forms of English classes. Follow the principle - science has no borders, and gaining experience of the best European practices, you will be able to increase the position of dental science in your country.

In our opinion, based on the recommendations [Salzburg 2010] in the curriculum for the preparation of doctoral students it is necessary to increase the hours for studying legal norms and professional ethics of scientific research, protection of intellectual property.

For the future PhD is quite appropriate not only for the Covid-19 pandemic, but also in general part of the program, for example up to 30-40% can be implemented through distance education using appropriate modern methods and techniques of distance education.

I wish success and further development of your educational and scientific program.

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