

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ON A DECISION OF THE ACCREDITATION COUNCIL

on the results of the completed evaluation under a programme accreditation procedure of a doctoral programme "Clinical Laboratory" from a professional field 7.1. Medicine, an area of higher education 7. Health and sport at the Medical University - Plovdiv

The procedure was opened by the Accreditation Council on 15.09.2016 at the request of the Rector of the Medical University - Plovdiv- (ref. № 597A/29.07.2016). The Expert panel, approved by the Accreditation Council on 13.07.2017 carried out an inspection of the institution under evaluation in the period **20-21.07.2017**.

At a meeting held on **03.10.2017**, the Standing Committee on health and sport adopted the Expert panel's report and, based on it, prepared a report on the results of the completed programme accreditation of the doctoral program "Clinical Laboratory" from a professional field 7.1. Medicine at the Medical University - Plovdiv. The report reflects **findings and assessments on the fulfilment of the requirements of the Criterion System in accordance with the Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the European Higher Education Area (ESG) - Part 1 / 1-10 / and in the sense of Art. 78, para. 3 of the HEA (Table 5).**

On 16.11.2017, the Accreditation Council approved the report of the Standing Committee and voted on the basis of the "Rules for voting on procedures for accreditation and evaluation of projects", adopted by NEAA. After summarizing the results of the voting the Accreditation Council took the following **DECISIONS**:

1. Awards programme accreditation to a doctoral programme "Clinical laboratory" (taught in Bulgarian and English) from a professional field 7.1 Medicine at the Medical University – Plovdiv on the grounds of an overall assessment of 9.19 (nine, point nineteen hundredths).

2. The period of validity of the accreditation is 6 (SIX) years, in accordance with Art. 79, para. 4, item 1 of the Higher Education Act.

The Accreditation Council formulates the following **recommendations**:

1. To activate the work to attract candidates for full-time PhD studies in “Clinical laboratory”.
Deadline: permanent

2. To carry out external auditing of the doctoral programmes.

Deadline permanent

President of NEAA

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