ADMISSION PROCEDURE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

CHAPTER I. ADMISSION PROCEDURE for MEDICINE -ENGLISH (Târgu Mures)/DENTISTRY – ENGLISH (Târgu Mures)

- Art. 1. The duration of Medicine and Dentistry programmes is of 12 semesters, each programme having 360-credits (360 ECTS).
- Art. 2. In both programmes, the courses are delivered in English, but the clinical training, given the need for doctor-patient communication, is carried out in Romanian.
- Art. 3. Applicants who are eligible to apply to these programmes can be citizens from Romania, or belonging to the European Union, to the European Economic Area (Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein), to the Swiss Confederation and also other countries. The minimum application requirements are stated in Section 1 art. 8 and Section 2, art. 17.
- Art. 4. The available places for these programmes are validated by the Senate of UMFST G.E. PALADE TG.MURES in accordance with the maximum number of places approved by A.R.A.C.I.S. (Romanian Agency for Quality Assurance in Higher Education), and in agreement with the current institutional strategy.
- Art. 5. The assessment of the candidates will be carried out by an Admission Board appointed by the Rector of the "George Emil Palade" University of Medicine, Pharmacy, Science, and Technology of Târgu-Mureş (UMFST G.E. PALADE TG.MURES).
- Art. 6. For the academic year 2023/2024, the admission of the international students at the UMST Târgu Mureş will be done in two stages:
 - Early Admission: March April
 - Regular Admission: July September
- Art. 7. The distribution of places for both early admission and regular admission will be decided by the Administrative Board in accordance with the maximum figure approved by the Senate of UMFST G.E. PALADE TG.MURES.

SECTION 1. Early Admission Procedure

- Art. 8. The following candidates may apply for *Early Admission*:
 - (1) international candidates undergoing the last year of study in a foreign high school;
- (2) international and Romanian candidates who have completed the high school and have a baccalaureate diploma or one of its equivalents
- Art. 9. The application and the payment of a non-refundable tax of 200 euro dossier processing fee, can be made **online** using the **online** admission platform.



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Art. 10. Documents to be provided for Early Admission:

- (1) a personal statement of one page (Calibri font, size 11, 250-300 words) that will necessarily answer at least two of the following questions:
 - O What/ who has influenced your decision to apply for a medical school?
 - O What will you do to be a good student/ doctor/ dentist?
 - O What plans do you have with your medical education?
 - Which extracurricular activity of yours are you most proud of and why?
 - What is your favorite book and how has it influenced you?
 - Are there any unusual circumstances in your life that would make us consider your application in a different light?
 - Describe the world in which you have lived and tell us what you would like to change about it. How do you intend to make an impact?
- (2) a letter of recommendation from the principal of the school
- (3) a scanned copy of the passport
- (4) signed and stamped high school Transcript of Records
- (5) a signed declaration that the candidate taking the Skype interview is the one mentioned in the application form
- (6) if applicable: a certificate confirming that the applicant holds an internationally recognised language certificate for the language of study (Cambridge certificate, TOEFL certificate etc.)
- (7) if applicable: proof of voluntary activity (humanitarian, etc.) and other relevant achievements (arts, sports etc.) only the activities proven with certificates/diplomas will be taken into consideration
- (8) if the payment was not made online, a copy of the receipt of payment of the 200 Euros, at the University cashier as an equivalent in LEI, or in Euros in the following account (cheques are not accepted):

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B-dul REGINA ELISABETA nr.5 COD SWIFT: RNCBROBUXXX

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- Art. 11. All necessary application documents will be provided in English. If the official documents are not issued in English, a <u>certified translation into Romanian</u> is required.
- Art. 12. Each page of the required documents will be <u>scanned</u> and uploaded on our online platform along with all the personal information required by the on-line application, in order to validate your file for the admission procedure.
 - The submitted documents for enrollment (July 31st) must be identical to the documents uploaded for early admission. Any fraud will result in the expulsions of the candidate and notification of the police.
- Art. 13. The *Early Admission* procedure will cover the following stages:
 - (1) assessment of the personal statement submitted online by the candidate.
 - (2) assessment of the applicant's former activities prior to the submission of the application (high school grades, extracurricular activities) according to the grid (Appendix 1). (For reasons of equity, the baccalaureate diploma or its equivalent will not be assessed during



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this stage. Only the grades in Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics and Computer Science, obtained during High School will be taken into consideration, according to the grid **Appendix 1**).

- (3) A Skype interview for each applicant, which will be scheduled and announced in time. The purpose of the interview is the evaluation of the compatibility with the medical profession and the English Proficiency.
- Art. 14. Candidates will be ranked in the descending order of the scores obtained in the three steps mentioned in Art. 13. No appeals can be filed regarding the results of the assessment process.
- Art. 15. Following the assessment, 3 types of decisions are possible:
 - (1) <u>Conditional admission</u> provisional enrolment in Medicine or Dentistry English language programmes. In order to conclude the enrolment process the candidate will need to fulfill all of the following requirements:
 - Passing the baccalaureate (or equivalent) examination (see the Equivalence table – Appendix 3))
 - o Recognition of studies by the Romanian Ministry of Education.
 - Payment of a deposit according to the admission methodology. This deposit will be the first installment (4000 Euros) of the yearly tuition fee (8000 Euros).
 - !!! Important notice: The installment is not refundable.
 - (2) <u>Pending</u> the application will be deferred to the Regular Admission round. The candidate will not need to apply again. However, pending candidates will need to provide additional documents, and their dossiers will be re-assessed according to the regular admission procedure. The final decision will be taken when the regular admission takes place.
 - (3) <u>Rejection</u> candidates will not be offered a place in our undergraduate programmes and will not be able to apply again during the same year.
- Art. 16. Both "Conditional admission" and "Pending" candidates will have to submit in due time all the necessary documents to obtain the "Letter of acceptance" issued by the Romanian Ministry of Education.

SECTION 2. Regular Admission Procedure

- Art. 17. Applicants for these programmes must possess a High School diploma from an accredited high school in the applicant's country of origin. This diploma must be accepted by the Romanian Ministry of Education.
- Art. 18. The *Regular Admission* competition procedure has the following stages:
 - (1) assessment of the personal dossier according to a grid which is available on the website of the university (Appendix 2)
 - (2) an interview on Skype to assess English proficiency and the compatibility with the medical profession (Sample questions can be found on **Appendix 4**)



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Art. 19. For registration each candidate hands in or sends their application dossier directly to the university by mail or by intermediaries, to the following address:

"George Emil Palade" University of Medicine, Pharmacy, Science, and Technology of Targu Mures

38 Gheorghe Marinescu Street, 540142, Târqu Mures, Romania Faculty of Medicine in English - Secretary Office

Tel: +40 265-215 551 extension 173

Fax: +40 265-210 407

Documents sent by E-mail will NOT be accepted.

Art. 20. Documents to be provided in the dossier of the applicant:

A. Applicants from the State members of the European Union, or belonging to the European Economic Area (Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein) and to the Swiss Confederation:

- (1) Certificate of Studies (baccalaureate diploma or an equivalent diploma, 2 certified copies in the language of issuance + 2 certified translations into Romanian from a notary public if the documents are not issued in English). The high school diploma must allow the candidate access to higher education in the country of origin.
- (2) Transcript of Records (2 certified copies in the language of issuance + 2 certified translations into Romanian if the documents are not issued in English), and Syllabus in case of applicants who request the recognition for partial studies
- (3) Birth Certificate (original copy + certified translation into English or Romanian)
- (4) Medical Tests: HIV and VDRL to be provided on registration
- (5) Medical Record vaccines and a certificate from the general practitioner in the country of origin attesting that the candidate does not suffer from any chronic or neuropsychological illnesses, contagious diseases or other illnesses not compatible with the future profession.
- (6) Copy of Health Insurance
- (7) 2 Copies of the Passport (pages 1,2,3,4)/ Identity card (certified copies)
- (8) 4 Photographs (2.5 cm/3.5 cm)
- (9) Completed and signed Application Form for "George Emil Palade" University of Medicine, Pharmacy, Science, and Technology of Târgu Mures
- (10) Completed and signed Application for Recognition, Required for Acceptance to Studies (2 copies)
- (11) If applicable: a certificate confirming that the applicant holds an internationally recognized language certificate for the language of study (Cambridge certificate, TOEFL certificate, etc.)
- (12) If applicable: documents certifying voluntary activity (humanitarian, etc.), work experience in fields related to medicine, other relevant achievements (arts, sport, etc) - only the activities proven with certificates will be taken into consideration.
- (13) A signed Curriculum Vitae (CV), including contact details
- (14) A copy of the receipt of payment of administration fee (200 Euros) payable at the University cashier as an equivalent in LEI, or in Euros in the following account (cheques are not accepted):

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- (15) Swedish citizens have to provide a certificate from the Swedish Council for Higher Education, stating that the applicant meets the general requirements to apply to Swedish universities.
- (16) Applicants from the following EU countries will present their Certificate of Studies (baccalaureate diploma or an equivalent diploma) certified with the Hague Apostille: Greece, Cyprus, Italy, Portugal, Spain
- (17) Romanian citizens are allowed to apply for the English programme, under the same conditions provided by law for EU citizens, including tuition fees.
- (18) It is the George Emil Palade University of Medicine, Pharmacy, Science, and Technology of Târgu-Mureş that sends all the documents provided by the applicants to the Ministry of Education, in order to be evaluated by the National Centre for Recognition and Equivalence of Diplomas.
- (19) Only the candidates whose documents are accepted and validated by the National Centre for Recognition and Equivalence of Diplomas (C.N.R.E.D.) under the form of a Letter of acceptance will be enrolled in UMFST G.E. PALADE TG.MURES Târgu Mureş.

B. Applicants from non-EU countries or countries not belonging to the European Economic Area or to the Swiss Confederation:

- (1) The dossier of the applicants will include the same documents as mentioned in section 2 above, except those mentioned in part (10) of article 20 above. The dossier will contain 2 completed and signed copies of the Application for the Issuance of the Letter of Acceptance to Studies.
- (2) These documents must be authenticated by the Romanian Embassy in the issuing country or by the Hague Apostille (depending on the case).
- (3) According to order 3359MD/11.03.2013 issued by the Romanian Ministry of Education and Scientific Research, applicants from non-EU countries will send the application dossier directly to the George Emil Palade University of Medicine, Pharmacy, Science, and Technology of Târgu-Mureş.
- (4) It is the "George Emil Palade" University of Medicine, Pharmacy, Science, and Technology of Târgu-Mureş that sends all the documents provided by the applicants to the Romanian Ministry of Education, in order to be evaluated by the <u>Department of International Relations</u> of the Ministry, which will deliver the Letter of Acceptance to Studies.
- (5) Only candidates for whom the Letter of acceptance was issued can be enrolled to study at UMFST G.E. PALADE TG.MURES Târgu Mureş.
- Art. 21. The ranking of the candidates is based on general selection criteria and a specific scoring system. No appeals can be filed regarding the results of the assessment process.
- Art. 22. The list of students accepted to the "George Emil Palade" University of Medicine, Pharmacy, Science, and Technology of Târgu-Mures will be posted on the website of the university.
- Art. 23. All admitted candidates must enroll before September 15th, 2023. Candidates who fail to enroll by this date will not be accepted.
- Art. 24. The university cannot be held responsible for delays in the issuing of visas.
- Art. 25. For newly enrolled candidates for the academic year 2023-2024 the tuition fee is **8000 Euros/ academic year**.
- Art.26. Students from countries outside the European Union, outside the European Economic Area (Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein), or outside the Swiss Confederation have to pay the whole tuition fee



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(8000 Euros) in advance for the entire academic year (2023-2024) before the 1st of October 2023.

CHAPTER II. ADMISSION PROCEDURE for THE ROMANIAN AND HUNGARIAN PROGRAMMES OF STUDY

A. Admission of the citizens belonging to the states of the European Union or to the European Economic Area or Swiss Confederation

Art. 27. All citizens of EU Member States, Members of the European Economic Area and the Swiss Confederation, can to apply for admission to the Romanian and Hungarian Programmes of study of the

"George Emil Palade" University of Medicine, Pharmacy, Science, and Technology of Târgu-Mureş, under the same conditions provided by law for Romanian citizens, including tuition fees.

Candidates must prove their Romanian language proficiency by providing a Romanian language certificate issued by a nationally accredited certification authority.

- Art. 28. Admission follows the same rules and regulations as those applicable to the Romanian citizens.
- Art. 29. Prior to registering for admission, the validation of the diplomas by the National Centre for Recognition and Equivalence of Diplomas (C.N.R.E.D.), a specialized department within the Romanian Ministry of Education, is mandatory.

B. Admission of non-EU citizens or citizens from countries not belonging to the European Economic Area or to the Swiss Confederation

Art. 30. Applicants will be accepted only on the basis of the approval of the <u>Department of International Relations of the Ministry of Education</u>, which will deliver the Letter of Acceptance to Studies.

CHAPTER III. ADMISSION RESULTS

- Art. 31. In case more applicants have the same average and equal to the last assigned place, the delimitation will be based on the results from the baccalaureate examination.
- Art. 32. The results of the admission contest will be validated by the Admission Board and brought to the attention of the candidates by posting the results on the website of the University.
- Art. 33. If a candidate decides not to enroll before the start of the academic year, the available place will be awarded to other applicants according to the following rules:
 - (1) The candidate eligible for the available place is the one who has an equal average with the candidate who decided not to enroll, applying the criteria mentioned above.
 - (2) A candidate rejected with an average equal or greater than the minimum average required can be enrolled in accordance with the methodology and taking into account the list of results in descending order.

