

OPINION

**by assoc. prof. Ekaterina Todorova, PhD Department of Health Care and Social Work,
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on the submitted materials for application for the academic position Associate Professor in the higher education field 7. Healthcare And Sports, professional field 7.4. Public Health, as made public in the State journal no. 23/19.03.2021 with only candidate **assist. prof. Polina Mihova, PhD**

Assessment of the compliance with the national minimal requirements

The information about publications and other activities presented by assist. prof. Polina Mihova according to the requirements of NACID shows that she meets the minimum national requirements specified in Art. 2b of the ZRASRB for occupying the position of professor in the professional field 7.4. Public Health. It should be noted that the candidate has far more than the required number of points in some groups of indicators.

Research and results

The data presented by the applicant shows intensive and fruitful research activity for over 10 years. The problems studied are mainly in the field of telemedicine, the creation of online learning platforms and interactive therapeutic applications for people with various communication disorders.

The publications abroad as well as the citations from foreign authors make a very good impression.

The main part of the presented materials is the monograph by Polina Mihova entitled "Applied software solutions in healthcare" (Mihova, 2020, Assenevtsi Press). It addresses a central important problem of building information systems in medical practice.

What makes a very good impression is the clear and systematic discussion of existing views and practices which prepares well the presentation of the contribution part of the book. A large part of the book is a serious and deep historiographical study of the problems under consideration, which is a significant contribution by itself. The main contributions are related to the presented author's models of software solutions and implemented developments.

Teaching and teaching activities

Polina Mihova's teaching activity exceeds in volume all the requirements of NBU. Apart from the formal data, from personal impressions as a colleague of hers in the Department of Health Care and Social Work, I can say that she has an extremely responsible attitude to the teaching process, and especially to students from various levels of education.

Based on the experience from the joint initiatives related to training, I have no doubts about her professionalism and human attitude towards the students.

Administrative and community service

From the information presented for the competition and from my personal impressions since 2006, I can confidently say that Polina Mihova was extremely active in the administrative and social activities of the Department of Health Care and Social Work and the University.


Her activity was related to various positions she held as program director and program board director. She is an active participant in the preparation and renewal of bachelor's and master's programs at the Department and she works hard and effectively as a member of the team for accreditation of programs in the professional field 7.4. Public Health at NBU.

Polina Mihova works actively as an ERASMUS coordinator of the Department of Health and Social Work.

Conclusion

Based on the above, I fully believe that the materials presented by assist. prof. Polina Mihova in the competition for the academic position of Associate Professor in the higher education field: 7. Healthcare and Sports, professional field 7.4. Public Health, fully meet the requirements, which is why I strongly support her application.

Sofia, 21 June 2021

Signature: 
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