

# SECOND YEAR OF STUDIES

school year 2024/2025.

| Course:  |
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| COMMUNICATION SKILLS   |
| The course is evaluated with 4 ECTS. There are 3 hours of active teaching per week (2 hours of |
| lectures and 1 hour for work in a small group).  |
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# **COURSE STRUCTURE:**

| Module | Module name                           | Week | Lectures per<br>week | Work in a<br>small group<br>per week | Module manager                             |
|--------|---------------------------------------|------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| 1      | Communication skills basics           | 6    | 3                    | 1                                    | Professor Vladimir<br>Janjić               |
| 2      | Special types of communication skills | 9    | 3                    | 1                                    | Assistant professor<br>Branimir Radmanović |
|        |                                       |      |                      |                                      | Σ45+15=60                                  |

The student masters the subject in modules. The grade is equivalent to the number of points earned (see tables). Points are earned in three ways:

SEMINAR PAPERS: In this way, the student can earn up to 20 points. Each student receives a topic for a seminar paper in each module that he teaches in written form. The preparation, content and form of the seminar paper are evaluated. A list of topics for term papers will be offered to students at the beginning of each module.

EVALUATION OF THE CLINICAL SEMINAR: In this way, the student can gain up to 20 points. Preparedness, manner of presentation, inclusion of others in the discussion are evaluated. The list of topics for clinical seminars will be offered to students in the first term of the course (one seminar can be prepared by one or more students).

FINAL TEST: In this way, the student can gain up to 60 points

| MODULE |                                       | MAXIMUM POINTS |         |            |     |
|--------|---------------------------------------|----------------|---------|------------|-----|
|        |                                       | seminary work  | seminar | final test |     |
| 1      | Communications skills basics          | 20             | 20      | 60         | Σ   |
| 2      | Special types of communication skills | 20             |         |            |     |
| Σ      |                                       | 20             | 20      | 60         | 100 |

#### The final grade is formed as follows:

In order to pass the course, the student must obtain a minimum of 51 points and pass all modules.

To pass the module the student must:

- 1. obtains more than 50% of the points provided for the seminar work
- 2. obtain more than 50% of the points provided for the clinical seminar
- 3. pass the final test, i.e. have more than 50% correct answers.

| the number of points earned | grade |
|-----------------------------|-------|
| 0 – 50                      | 5     |
| 51 – 60                     | 6     |
| 61 – 70                     | 7     |
| 71 – 80                     | 8     |
| 81 – 90                     | 9     |
| 91 – 100                    | 10    |

# FINAL TEST

# EVALUATION OF THE FINAL TEST The test has 60 questions Each question is worth 1 point

#### LITERATURE:

| TITLE OF THE TEXTBOOK       | AUTHORS                            | PUBLISHER   | The library | Reading room |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|---|-------------|--------------|
| Communication skills        | Milutin M. Nenadović               | University of Pristina, Faculty of Medicine           | yes         | yes          |
| Health communication skills | Vladimir Janjić<br>Marina Petrović | Faculty of Medical Sciences, University of Kragujevac | yes         | yes          |

All lectures are available on the website of the Faculty of Medical Sciences: www.medf.kg.ac.rs

## THE PROGRAM:

#### FIRST MODULE: BASICS OF COMMUNICATION SKILLS

#### TEACHING UNIT 1 (FIRST WEEK):

| INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNICATION SKILLS   |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| Lectures 2 classes   | Practices 1 class  |  |
| Basic principles of communication. History of Communication Skills.  | Значај адекватне комуникације у медицини   |  |
| The concept of empathy. Assertiveness.   | What a student should know:  • Understanding the role of adequate  |  |
| What a student should know:  | communication in medicine  |  |
| • Getting to know the history of communication skills  | <ul> <li>Acquaintance of students with the method of<br/>preparation and presentation of the seminars</li> </ul> |  |
| <ul><li> Understand the basic types of communication</li><li> Getting to know the concept and meaning of empathy</li></ul> | they will prepare  |  |
| Understand the practical importance of   |  |  |
| applying assertiveness in communication  |  |  |

#### TEACHING UNIT 2 (SECOND WEEK):

| Practices 1 class   |
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| Assertiveness and empathy in communication with the patient  What a student should know:  |
| <ul> <li>They will become familiar with the practical aspects of applying assertiveness and empathy in communication</li> <li>Practical formulation of a written request</li> </ul> |
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#### TEACHING UNIT 3 (THIRD WEEK):

| NON VERBAL COMMUNICATION SKILLS                             |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| Lectures 2 classes  | Practices 1 class  |  |
| Non-verbal forms of communication.                          | Practical aspects of non-verbal                                  |  |
| The importance of mimicry for communication.                | communication  |  |
| Gestural communication.                                     |  |  |
|   | What a student should know:                                      |  |
| What a student should know:                                 | <ul> <li>They will become familiar with the practical</li> </ul> |  |
| • Learn the importance of non-verbal                        | aspects of the application of non-verbal forms                   |  |
| communication in communication                              | of communication in medicine                                     |  |
| <ul> <li>Learn non-verbal forms of communication</li> </ul> |  |  |
| • Understand the concept and importance of                  |  |  |
| gestural communication                                      |  |  |
| Master the skills of facial expression in                   |  |  |

- communication
- Learn how to express your opinion non-verbally

#### UNIT 4 (FOURTH WEEK):

# INFLUENCE OF PERSONALITY CHARACTERISTICS AND SOCIAL SPECIFICITIES ON COMMUNICATION

| COMMUNICATION   |  |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|--|
| Lectures 2 classes  | Practices 1 class  |  |  |  |
| Personality types and communication.<br>Communication skills depending on the specifics<br>of the personality. Communication depending on<br>cultural and social specificities.   | Practical aspects of communication skills in medicine depending on personality type  |  |  |  |
| Communication with people with special needs.  What a student should know:  Get to know different personality types  Learn the communication approach depending on the personality type  Understand different cultural and social specificities and their impact on communication | <ul> <li>What a student should know:</li> <li>They will become familiar with the practical aspects of communication in medicine, depending on the type of personality</li> </ul> |  |  |  |

## TEACHING UNIT 5 (FIFTH WEEK):

# COMMUNICATION SKILLS WITH THE AUDITORIUM AND IN THE NON-HEALTH SECTOR

| SECTOR   |   |  |  |
|--|---|--|--|
| Lectures 2 classes   | Practices 1 class   |  |  |
| Presentation skills. Relations with the public. Communication within the institutions of the         | How to prepare a Power point presentation                               |  |  |
| system and outside the institutions.   | What a student should know: • They will learn how to make a Power point |  |  |
| What a student should know:  | presentation and how to present the prepared                            |  |  |
| • Learn how to prepare a presentation and how to present it  | content   |  |  |
| • Familiarize yourself with the art of communicating with media representatives                      |   |  |  |
| <ul> <li>Learn ways of written and verbal</li> </ul>   |   |  |  |
| communication with representatives of system   |   |  |  |
| institutions and the non-health sector (court,   |   |  |  |
| <ul><li>social institutions, authorities)</li><li>• Master communication with the audience</li></ul> |   |  |  |
| • Master communication with the audience   |   |  |  |

#### COMMUNICATION SKILLS - PROFESSIONAL ASPECTS

| COMMUNICATION SKILLS - PROFESSIONAL ASPECTS   |   |  |  |
|---|---|--|--|
| Lectures 2 classes  | Practices 1 class   |  |  |
| The role of communication skills in health-   | Practical aspects of professional communication in healthcare. Professional |  |  |
| professional relationships. Professional communication in healthcare. Teamwork. The | communication in different situations.                                      |  |  |
| specifics of communication depending on the   |   |  |  |
| professional environment and circumstances.   | What a student should know:   |  |  |
|   | <ul> <li>They will become familiar with the practical</li> </ul>            |  |  |
| What a student should know:   | aspects of professional communication in                                    |  |  |
| <ul> <li>Master the skills of professional communication</li> </ul>                 | healthcare  |  |  |
| in healthcare   | • They will become familiar with techniques for                             |  |  |
| • Learn how to communicate with members of the                                      | overcoming difficulties in different situations of                          |  |  |
| healthcare team   | professional communication.   |  |  |
| <ul> <li>Legal basis of mobbing in business</li> </ul>                              | -   |  |  |

#### SECOND MODULE: SPECIAL TYPES OF COMMUNICATION SKILLS

UNIT 7 (7TH WEEK):

communication

| COMMUNICATION SKILLS WITH PERSONS OF CHILD AND ADOLESCENT AGE                 |   |  |  |  |  |
|---|---|--|--|--|--|
| Lectures 2 classes  | Practices 1 class   |  |  |  |  |
| Interview with children and adolescents. Communication with sick children and | Specifics of communication with adolescents                     |  |  |  |  |
| adolescents.  | What a student should know:                                     |  |  |  |  |
| Basic principles of communication with parents of                             | • They will become familiar with the specifics                  |  |  |  |  |
| children and adolescents.   | of adolescence as an age in the light of adequate communication |  |  |  |  |
| What a student should know:   | •   |  |  |  |  |
| Learn an adequate relationship and  |   |  |  |  |  |
| communication with children of different ages                                 |   |  |  |  |  |
| • Learn how to get adequate information about the                             |   |  |  |  |  |
| disease from the child  |   |  |  |  |  |
| <ul> <li>Master communication skills with adolescents</li> </ul>              |   |  |  |  |  |
| • Understand the specifics of communication with                              |   |  |  |  |  |

#### UNIT 8 (EIGHTH WEEK):

parents of sick children

• Understand the necessity of adequate communication in preparing children for diagnostic and therapeutic procedures

| COMMUNICATION IN GERIATRIC  |  |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|--|
| Lectures 2 classes Practices 1 class  |  |  |  |  |
| Communication with the geriatric population. Professional interview with the geriatric population. Communication skills with dementia patients. Communication with agitated demented persons. | Stigmatization and prejudice in communication with the geriatric population.  What a student should know:  Understand the contribution of inadequate communication and stigmatization of people from the geriatric population. |  |  |  |

#### What a student should know:

- Get to know the specifics of aging and their impact on communication
- Master communication skills with the geriatric population
  - Understand the specifics of communication with demented patients

Understand and master the specificity of communication with demented persons.

#### UNIT 9 (NINTH WEEK):

#### SPECIFICITIES OF COMMUNICATION UNDER THE CONDITIONS OF THE COVID 19 **PANDEMIC**

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| Lectures 2 classes  | Practices 1 class  |  |  |  |
| Specifics of communication in the conditions of the COVID 19 pandemic. Psychological reaction to infectious disease and restrictive measures. Communication with people suffering from COVID infection. Communication related to the prevention of infectious diseases.  What a student should know:  • Learn the specifics of communication with people suffering from infectious diseases  • Master the majority of communication with those suffering from COVID  • Understand the specifics of communication related to the psychological reaction to illness  • Learn how to communicate about the prevention of infectious diseases  • Learn how to communicate in pandemic conditions. | Communication skills as part of the prevention of infectious diseases in normal and pandemic conditions.  What a student should know:  • They will learn how to communicate with individuals, groups and audiences in emergency conditions (pandemic).  • They will learn how to communicate with individuals, groups and audiences in order to adequately prevent infectious diseases |  |  |  |
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#### UNIT 10 (TENTH WEEK):

#### Communication skills in the implementation of diagnostic and therapeutic procedures

| Lectures 2 classes                              | Practices 1 class                           |
|---|---|
| Preparation for carrying out diagnostic and     | Communication skills as part of preparation |
| therapeutic procedures. Informed consent of the | for diagnostic and therapeutic procedures   |
| patient. The importance of communication in     |   |
| maintaining and improving compliance.           | What a student should know:                 |

#### What a student should know:

- Learn the importance of adequate communication in preparing patients for diagnostic and therapeutic procedures
- Become familiar with the importance of adequately informing the patient and signing the informed consent
- Master the ways of adequate communication in order to maintain and improve compliance

#### What a student should know:

• They will acquire knowledge about the necessity of providing adequate information to the patient as part of the preparation for diagnostic and therapeutic procedures for the outcome of the procedure.

#### COMMUNICATION SKILLS WITH PEOPLE WITH MENTAL DISORDERS

| Lectures 2 classes  | Practices 1 class  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|
| Interview with patients with mental disorders.  Communication with patients suffering from affective disorders.   | Stigmatization and prejudice in communication in psychiatry  |  |  |
| Communication with psychotic patients. Communication with aggressive persons.  What a student should know:  • Learn adequate communication with people with different mental disorders  • Learn how to communicate with aggressive people | What a student should know:  • Understand the contribution of inadequate communication to the stigmatization of people with mental disorders |  |  |

#### UNIT 12 (TWELFTH WEEK):

# SPECIFICITIES OF COMMUNICATION WITH DISEASE PATIENTS WITH AN ADVERSE PROGNOSIS

| Lectures 2 classes   | Practices 1 class  |  |
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| The patient's attitude towards the disease and                       | Communication with the patient and his   |  |
| communication skills.  | family regarding diseases with an unfavorable  |  |
| Communication with patients with oncological                         | prognosis  |  |
| and other diseases with an unfavorable outcome.                      |  |  |
| Communication with the dying patient and his                         | What a student should know:  |  |
| family.  | They will become familiar with an adequate communication approach to oncological and |  |
| What a student should know:  | other patients with an unfavorable prognosis,  |  |
| <ul> <li>To learn different attitudes of patients towards</li> </ul> | depending on personal and social   |  |
| the disease  | characteristics.   |  |
| <ul> <li>Master the majority of communication in</li> </ul>          |  |  |
| relation to the different attitudes of patients                      |  |  |
| towards the disease  |  |  |
| <ul> <li>Learn how to communicate with patients with</li> </ul>      |  |  |
| oncological and other diseases with an                               |  |  |
| unfavorable outcome  |  |  |
| • Understand the specifics of communication with                     |  |  |
| a dying patient and his family                                       |  |  |
| • Learn how to tell the family that the                              |  |  |
| patient has died   |  |  |

#### UNIT 13 (WEEK THIRTEEN):

# COMMUNICATION SKILLS WITH PATIENTS REGARDING PARTICIPATION IN CLINICAL RESEARCH (STUDY)

| CLINICAL RESEARCH (STUDY)                            |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|
| Lectures 2 classes                                   | Practices 1 class                      |  |  |
| Interview with a patient participating in a clinical | The concept and importance of informed |  |  |

study.

Informed consent of the patient. Communication with an associate in treatment.

#### What a student should know:

- Acquire basic knowledge about the rules of good clinical practice in connection with the conduct of clinical research
- Learn how to conduct an interview with a patient participating in a clinical study
- Familiarize yourself with the importance of informed consent and how to inform the patient before signing
  - Master the ways of adequate communication with a treatment associate

consent in specific populations

#### What a student should know:

• They will become familiar with the way of explaining and signing informed consent for specific populations (children, people with mental disorders, oncology patients...)

#### UNIT 14 (FOURTEENTH WEEK):

# COMMUNICATION SKILLS IN HEALTHCARE IN ACCORDANCE WITH LEADING LEGAL ACTS

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| Lectures 2 classes  | Practices 1 class  |  |  |
| Mastering communication skills in the light of existing legal norms.  What a student should know:  • Acquire knowledge about the necessity of knowing the basic legal norms related to communication  • Master the ways of communication in accordance with legal norms | What a student should know:  • They will refresh the knowledge acquired during previous lectures and seminars, with a special focus on compliance with legal norms |  |  |

participants in the healthcare process

| COMMUNICATION SKILL - REPETITORIUM            |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|
| Practices 1 class                             |  |  |  |
| Repetitorium                                  |  |  |  |
| _   |  |  |  |
| What a student should know:                   |  |  |  |
| Will renew the acquired knowledge during      |  |  |  |
| previous lectures and seminars with a special |  |  |  |
| focus on the specifics of communication with  |  |  |  |
| patients, other healthcare workers and the    |  |  |  |
| non-healthcare sector.                        |  |  |  |
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# WEEKLY COURSE SCHEDULE

| COURSE                           | MONDAY   |
|----------------------------------|--|
| COMMUNICATION<br>SKILLS<br>(2+1) | LECTURES 15:00 - 16:30 (H3)  SEMINAR 16:35-19:35 H3, H44 |

## LESSON SCHEDULE FOR THE COURSE OF COMMUNICATION SKILLS

| MODULE | WEEK       | ТҮРЕ | method unit name  | teacher  |
|--------|------------|------|---|--|
| 1      | 1          | L    | Introduction to communication skills  | Prof. Dr. Vladimir Janjic<br>Asst. Prof. Dr. Branimir Radmanovic   |
| 1      | 1          | E    | Introduction to communication skills  | Asst. Prof. Dr. Branimir Radmanovic<br>Asst. dr. Milan Djordjic    |
| 1      | 2          | L    | Verbal and written communication skills   | Prof. Dr. Mirjana Jovanovic  |
| 1      | 2 <b>E</b> | E    | Verbal and written communication skills   | Prof. Dr. Vladimir Janjic<br>Asst. dr. Milan Djordjic              |
| 1      | 3          | L    | Non verbal communication skills   | Prof. Dr. Vladimir Janjic<br>Asst. Prof. Dr. Branimir Radmanovic   |
| 1      | 3          | E    | Non verbal communication skills   | Asst. Prof. Dr. Valentina Opančina<br>Asst. dr. Milan Djordjic     |
| 1      | 4          | L    | The influence of personality characteristics and social specificities on communication. | Prof. Dr. Vladimir Janjic<br>Asst. Prof. Dr. Branimir Radmanovic   |
| 1      | 4          | E    | The influence of personality characteristics and social specificities on communication  | Asst. Prof. Dr. Branimir Radmanovic<br>Asst. dr. Milan Djordjic    |
| 1      | 5          | L    | Communication skills with the audience and in the non-health sector                     | Prof. Dr. Mirjana Jovanovic<br>Asst. Prof. Dr. Branimir Radmanovic |
| 1      | 5 <b>E</b> | E    | Communication skills with the audience and in the non-health sector                     | Asst. Prof. Dr. Valentina Opančina<br>Asst. dr. Milan Djordjic     |
| 1      |            | L    | Communication skills - professional aspects   | Asst. Prof. Dr. Branimir Radmanovic<br>Prof. Dr. Vladimir Janjic   |
|        | 1 6        | E    | Communication skills - professional aspects   | Asst. Prof. Dr. Branimir Radmanovic<br>Asst. dr. Milan Djordjic    |
| 2      | 7          | L    | Communication skills with children and adolescents                                      | Prof. Dr. Dragana Ignjatovic Ristic<br>Prof. Dr. Vladimir Janjic   |
| 2      | 2 7        | E    | Communication skills with children and adolescents                                      | Prof. Dr. Vladimir Janjic<br>Asst. dr. Milan Djordjic              |

## LESSON SCHEDULE FOR THE COURSE OF COMMUNICATION SKILLS

| MODULE | WEEK | ТҮРЕ | method unit name  | teacher   |
|--------|------|------|---|---|
|        |      |      |   |   |
| 2      | 8    | L    | Communication in geriatrics   | Asst. Prof. Dr. Branimir Radmanovic<br>Prof. Dr. Vladimir Janjic<br>Prof. Dr. Dragana Ignjatovic Ristic |
|        | G    | E    | Communication in geriatrics   | Asst. Prof. Dr. Branimir Radmanovic<br>Asst. dr. Milan Djordjic   |
| 2      | 2 9  | L    | Specifics of communication regarding sexually transmitted and infectious diseases   | Ass. Prof. Dr Ana Ravić<br>Ass. Prof Dr Vesna Miličić<br>Prof. Dr. Vladimir Janjic                      |
| _      |      | E    | Specifics of communication related to infectious diseases                           | Asst. Prof. Dr. Valentina Opančina<br>Asst. dr. Milan Djordjic  |
| 2      | 10   | L    | Communication skills in the implementation of diagnostic and therapeutic procedures | Prof. Dr. Suncica Sreckovic   |
| 2      | 10   | E    | Communication skills in the implementation of diagnostic and therapeutic procedures | Asst. Prof. Dr. Valentina Opančina<br>Asst. dr. Milan Djordjic  |
| 2      | 2 11 | L    | Communication skills with people with mental disorders.                             | Prof. Dr. Dragana Ignjatovic Ristic<br>Asst. Prof. Dr. Branimir Radmanovic                              |
| 2      |      | E    | Communication skills in reproductive medicine                                       | Prof. Dr. Vladimir Janjic<br>Asst. dr. Milan Djordjic   |
| 2      | 12   | L    | Specifics of communication with patients with an unfavorable prognosis              | Prof. dr Marina Petrovic  |
| 2      | 12   | E    | Specifics of communication with patients with an unfavorable prognosis              | Asst. Prof. Dr. Branimir Radmanovic<br>Asst. dr. Milan Djordjic   |
| 2      |      | L    | Patient communication skills related to participation in clinical research (study)  | Asst. Prof. Dr. Branimir Radmanovic<br>Prof. Dr. Vladimir Janjic  |
|        | 13   | E    | Patient communication skills related to participation in clinical research (study)  | Asst. dr. Milan Djordjic<br>Asst. Prof. Dr. Branimir Radmanovic   |

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| MODULE | WEEK | ТҮРЕ | method unit name   | teacher  |
|--------|------|------|--|--|
| 2      | 14   | L    | Communication skills in healthcare in accordance with the leading legal acts | Prof. Dr. Vladimir Janjic<br>Asst. Prof. Dr. Valentina Opančina  |
|        |      | E    | Communication skills in healthcare in accordance with the leading legal acts | Asst. dr. Milan Djordjic<br>Asst. Prof. Dr. Valentina Opančina   |
| 2      | 15   | L    | Communication skill - repetitorium   | Prof. Dr. Vladimir Janjic<br>Asst. Prof. Dr. Branimir Radmanovic |
|        |      | E    | Communication skill - repetitorium   | Asst. dr. Milan Djordjic<br>Prof. Dr. Vladimir Janjic            |
|        |      | FT   | FINAL TEST   |  |
|        |      | E    | EXAM (JUNE DEADLINE)   |  |