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Medical education in the Czech Republic

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When evaluating the Czech Republic as a country for medical education, you should pay attention to a number of advantages. Here are some of them:

1. Russian and Czech are in the same language group, so it is usually easier for native Russian speakers to learn Czech from scratch.
2. The cost of training in medical programs in the Czech Republic is often lower than the cost of the same programs in other European countries, and education is valued approximately equally.



Universities for medical studies

In the Czech Republic, unlike Russia, there are no specialized medical schools. Departments of 5 large universities are engaged in training personnel for this industry:

1. Masaryk University in Brno
2. Charles University in Prague
3. Palackého University in Olomouc
4. University of Ostrava
5. University of defense with a specialization in military medicine



The Czech Republic participates in the Bologna process and has a three-level system of higher education: bachelor's, master's and doctoral studies.



Undergraduate programs

The standard duration of bachelor's degree programs in Czech universities is 3 years. The learning process is based on the credit system. Each item has a credit equivalent. In total, the bachelor's program provides 180 credits. As a rule, you need to get 60 credits per year, and 30 credits per semester. A bachelor's degree gives you the right to start a professional career. At this stage, you can finish your studies and get a job or continue your master's program.



Master's degree programs

You can enter the master's program in your bachelor's degree or "retrain" – choose another University, faculty, or specialty. The duration of the master's degree is 2 years. During the training period, you need to collect 120 credits. At the final stage of training, students must pass the state exam and defend their thesis



Doctoral programs

If you have a master's degree, you can enroll in a doctoral program. A doctorate is not a continuation of a master's degree, but a research project. A doctoral student is a full member of the Department and can participate in grant projects of the faculty and the University. The standard duration of doctoral studies in the Czech Republic is 3-4 years.



First-year medical students study everything from Latin to surgery. There is no system for selecting subjects of interest, as in many European universities' bachelor's degree programs. All foreign students are required to study Czech in their first year. You can choose an additional language already in the 2nd year: English, French or Spanish. In addition, in the 2nd year of study, in addition to the main program, you can additionally study several subjects. These may include courses on rare infectious diseases, medical history, and other subjects.



Foreign students can study free of charge in the Czech language



Requirements for admission

Foreign and local applicants pass the same entrance tests. They include exams in biology, chemistry, and physics. However, foreigners will have to certify their previous education document, translated into Czech, and provide a certificate of proficiency in the Czech language at least B2.

Currently, there are more than 200 hospitals in the Czech Republic, 11 of them are University clinics. The Czech government pays special attention to this area, attracting specialists and salary levels. So, in 2019, according to the Institute of medical information and statistics, it increased by 8%. Now doctors receive an average of 77.5 thousand kronor, and nurses 38 thousand kronor.



Thank you for attention