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Vysoká škola zdravotnická, o. p. s., v Praze 5, Duškova 7 provides undergraduate education in medical nursing and obstetric profession: „General Nursing“ and „Midwifery“. The study programmes are prepared in compliance with WHO and EU standards and with common EU professional requirements. The first academic year 2005/2006 started in September 2005. The study duration of both study programmes has been set for three years. Full time form of study is being practised. The school year starts in September and it is divided into two terms. More than 50% of lessons is devoted to practical training. After defending a bachelor's thesis and passing a final state exam, the graduates are awarded a Diploma of Higher Education and a Bachelor's degree.

Study programmes have been designed in a modular way in order to facilitate permeability inside the VŠZ and in co-operation with other higher schools. Study programmes have been designed in accordance with the transfer and accumulation function of the European Credit System (ECTS) so that interested students and academic staff are able to get through a part of an educational programme abroad. The VŠZ also prepares an extended foreign language syllabus, professionally oriented courses and specialised workshops taught in foreign languages.

Reinforcement of international character of activities and further development of our international co-operation is among our strategic goals. The school will keep using potential of EU subsidised programmes – Lifelong Education Programmes (LLP), EU Social Fund Programmes, Human Resources Development Programmes. In the LLP framework the school is going to support student and academic staff mobility. With the aim of extending its study offers it is going to realise multilateral projects with participation of three partner schools as a minimum.

It is our plan to extend existing co-operation with higher schools in Great Britain, in Austria and in the Slovak Republic in Erasmus Programme toward more EU countries. Our co-ordinators and staff acquired a lot of experience in international co-operation and in EU project framework oriented on multicultural aspects of nursing and particular groups of population nursing. The school is willing to use these projects as a part of efforts aimed at respecting principles of tolerance, equality and struggle against all forms of discrimination. Students, academic staff and other personnel have been informed about international activities of our school on a regular basis through the web, with use of notice boards, during conferences and get-togethers devoted to international co-operation, during face-to-face meetings of co-ordinators and foreign partners and students.

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In the frame of preparation and realisation of student and staff mobility programmes and with the aim of improving students' access to information an information material „ A Study Guidebook“ will be published annually. It will contain all the necessary information about the school, syllabuses, study organisation, international co-operation etc. More information materials will be processed for School Open to the Public days when visits of interested persons and the public are welcome. All the information will be available on the school web, including scholarship and work offers. At the same time, school information materials and web pages will be translated into English so that foreign students and colleagues have access to information about the school and its study programmes.

The school will keep realising programmes of mobility on the basis of bilateral agreements among schools. The ECTS system will be used in order to evaluate and certify study results. Academic staff mobility will be supported as an important part of their professional career. The residential students and teachers will be offered universal assistance when acquiring information, materials, and in organisational matters. In the case of needs, language and culture habits training courses will be organised. The school will provide to the residential students with housing, buddies will be assigned to every student so to assist in solving all practical matters and integration into a student group. The same help and support will be offered to the residential teachers. The residential students are not asked to pay any school fees, their performance and results will be reviewed according to the same criteria (ECTS). At the end of a residential course the students will obtain all necessary documents about the progress and results of their studies.

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Thanks to the previous co-ordinators', teachers' and tutors' experience acquired during Leonardo da Vinci scholarship programmes, the school will guarantee a high quality student residency. A residency will be prepared well ahead of schedule and such workplaces are selected that high quality training can be assured as well as conformity with the study syllabus. In this way, practical training becomes an integral part of studies and it can be acknowledged in a full extent. The detailed working programme will be agreed by all partners and an agreement on scholarship between a sending and an accepting organisation and a student will be signed. During the programme and after its completion, an evaluation with participation of a student, his supervisor and his tutors will be carried out. During this period, a contact with a student is arranged: a personal contact with an authorised person, via e-mail or telephonically. Monitoring visits are performed by teachers – specialists, who review quality, content of scholarship, take part in a scholarship evaluation, and discuss the possibilities of future co-operation.

The residential students will be assisted with getting affordable housing near to their workplace, with hiring work clothing, etc. Students will work together with local students, who will help them with language, with team integration, will acquaint them with the specifics of the health care system in the Czech Republic and will be able to spend time with them during free time activities. Students are allowed to visit different workplaces and institutions offering medical and nursing care so that they can acquire broader overview about the health system in the Czech Republic. Students are invited to take part in theoretical classes at school, in conferences organised by the school or by other professional organisations. When completing the scholarship, students will be awarded with a completion and evaluation Certificate based on ECTS criteria.