

**SPECIALISATION FOR FOREIGN MEDICAL DOCTORS IN POLAND**

The Jagiellonian University Centre for Postgraduate Medical Training is not in the position to offer obligatory postgraduate practical training and specialisation in a chosen field for foreign medical doctors and dentists.

The Polish Ministry of Health is responsible for granting permission to start a specialisation and determines financial conditions of the specialisation and postgraduate practical training.

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**Basic information about requirements  
and conditions of specialisation of foreign medical doctors in Poland:**

**Specialisation takes 5 or 6 years, depending on the field chosen.**

Doctors, who completed 13-months postgraduate practical training and passed Doctor's State Exam can start one of following specialist training programmes that can vary from 5 to 6 years:

***General specialisations***

- Anesthesiology and intensive care
- Audiology and phoniatry
- Cardiosurgery
- Chest surgery
- Clinical genetics
- Clinical oncology
- Dermatology and venereology
- Emergency medicine
- Family medicine
- Forensic medicine
- Infectious diseases
- Internal medicine
- Maxillofacial surgery
- Medical laboratory diagnostics
- Medical microbiology
- Medical rehabilitation
- Neonatology
- Neurology
- Neurosurgery
- Nuclear medicine
- Obstetrics and gynecology
- Occupational medicine
- Oncological radiotherapy
- Ophthalmology
- Orthopedics and trauma surgery
- Otorhinolaryngology
- Pediatric surgery
- Pediatrics
- Pathomorphology
- Psychiatry
- Public health
- Radiology and imaging diagnosis
- Transport medicine
- Urology

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Specialists who obtained certificate of in one of the listed above fields can apply for more specialised training. The length of a specialisation varies, depending on the doctors' prior qualifications and on the programme of the training.

***Advanced specializations***

- Alergology
- Angiology
- Balneology
- Cardiology
- Clinical immunology
- Clinical pharmacology
- Clinical toxicology
- Clinical transfusiology
- Clinical transplantology
- Diabetology
- Endocrinology
- Epidemiology
- Gastroenterology
- Geriatrics
- Hematology
- Hypertensiology
- Nephrology
- Neuropathology
- Oncological gynecology
- Oncological surgery
- Palliative medicine
- Pediatric cardiology
- Pediatric neurology
- Pediatric oncology and hematology
- Pediatric otolaryngology
- Pediatric urology
- Plastic surgery
- Pulmonology
- Rheumatology
- Sexuology
- Sport medicine
- Vascular surgery

***Specialisations for doctors of dental medicine***

- Conservative dentistry and endodontics
- Dental prosthetics
- Dental surgery
- Maxillofacial surgery
- Orthodontics
- Pediatric dentistry
- Periodontology
- Public health

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**In order to apply for postgraduate practical training (and then specialisation) conditions listed below must be fulfilled:**

***1. An applicant must hold a MD or DMD degree.***

The MD or DMD diploma must be nostrified at one of the Medical Universities in Poland, or recognized by the Bureau for Academic Recognition and International Exchange. Detailed information on nostrification and recognition can be found at the Bureau for Academic Recognition and International Exchange website:

<http://www.buwiwm.edu.pl/>

If an applicant is an EU citizen, his/her diploma is already recognized in the territory of Poland (in accordance with Council Directive [93/16/EEC](#) of 5 April 1993 to facilitate the free movement of doctors and the mutual recognition of their diplomas, certificates and other evidence of formal qualifications [Official Journal L 165 of 07.07.1993])

## ***2. Examination in Polish language***

Since Polish is the language of instruction the applicant would need to prove his/her knowledge of that language during the special examination organized by the Polish Chamber of Physicians in Warsaw

### **The examination consists of 4 parts:**

- written part: dictation (where readability, completeness of text and orthography/spelling are assessed)
- written part: listening comprehension assessing ability to understand medical terminology
- oral part: a case study of particular disease
- oral part: history taking, counseling and giving information on health condition to the patient; use of vocabulary, formulating of questions and opinions is checked

Cost of examination: about 400 PLN

A copy of applicant's MD diploma (translated into Polish) is required

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e-mail: [sekretariat@hipokrates.org](mailto:sekretariat@hipokrates.org)

## ***3. License to practice the profession***

After passing the examination in Polish language it is necessary to obtain license to practice the profession in the territory of Poland which is issued by the appropriate Regional Chambers of Physicians - for the time of postgraduate study

### ***Address to the Chamber in Krakow:***

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## ***4. The applicant is also obliged to:***

- have the full legal capacity,
- have health condition good enough to practice the profession of a doctor,
- have an irreproachable ethic reputation

#### ***4. Postgraduate practical training***

All medical graduates have to work under supervision in approved posts for one year before they are entitled to full registration as doctors.

Before starting a specialisation it is necessary to complete 13 months postgraduate practical training and to pass the Doctor's State Exam after completion of the training. (equivalent to British "pre-registration year").

#### **5. Find a clinical unit which would agree to conduct the applicant's specialization**

A doctor must find a clinical unit that belongs to the University Hospital.

The payment (in 2006) for each year of specialization amounts to 7000 euro per year, but it is revised yearly. If an applicant can prove his/her Polish origins this sum can be reduced by 30%.

Deadline to apply to the Ministry of Health:

- 30 November
- 30 April

#### **6. Depending on candidate country of origin, the applicant may need to obtain visa and/or right to temporary stay in the territory of Poland.**

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#### **Please note:**

Specialist training programme can begin if a candidate fulfills all conditions listed above and the Ministry of Health accepts candidate's application for starting a specialisation.

Medical training in Poland is designed to meet the requirements of the National Health Fund, and the competences acquired during postgraduate studies are recognized in all member states of the European Union.