



ARISTOTLE UNIVERSITY OF THESSALONIKI

FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE



**Master of Science in
Advanced Cardiopulmonary Practice –
Cardiovascular Perfusion Science**

Quality Assurance Policy

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QUALITY POLICY

The Quality Assurance Policy of the School of Medicine is fully aligned with the quality policy of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, as approved by the Senate of the Institution and reflects its core values.

The School of Medicine ensures the assurance and promotion of the quality of its teaching, research and administrative work, through the continuous improvement of all its functions and with the participation and contribution of all its members.

The School organizes and implements Postgraduate Studies Programs of high standards in the most important sectors and fields of its science, oriented towards modern trends and requirements, thus strengthening its academic profile. Additionally, the Department is committed to the development of a creative research and work environment for all its teaching, research and administrative staff, as well as to the development of a creative academic environment for its students.

Quality is recognized as a fundamental element for the realization of the vision and achievement of the Department's mission, therefore the creation of a quality culture is considered important.

Quality Policy Implementation – Quality Assurance

The School of Medicine and the Postgraduate Program “Advanced Cardiopulmonary Practice – Cardiovascular Perfusion Science” are specifically committed to the implementation of the quality policy, which strengthens the academic profile and orientation of the postgraduate programs, promotes their purpose and subject matter, implements their strategic goals (as set annually) and determines the means, actions and methods of achieving them, ensures the participation of interested parties and implements the appropriate internal and external quality procedures with the ultimate goal of their continuous improvement. In addition to the above, the Department is committed to cultivating a climate of communication and cooperation among all members (staff, students and interested parties) of the Department.

The School of Medicine and the Postgraduate Program “Advanced Cardiopulmonary Practice – Cardiovascular Perfusion Science” implement the institutionalized quality assurance procedures of the Quality Manual of the Internal Quality Assurance System (ESDP) of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, with the necessary specialization at the level of the Postgraduate Studies Program. The implementation of the ESDP procedures is carried out in collaboration with the Quality Assurance Unit (MODIP) of the University. The quality assurance procedures constitute a valuable tool for the Department and the individual Postgraduate Studies Programs, in order to implement their teaching and research activities, ensure the achievement of the goals they have set and generally upgrade the academic work.

The School of Medicine and the Postgraduate Program “Advanced Cardiopulmonary Practice – Cardiovascular Perfusion Science”, for the implementation of the policy, are committed to implementing quality procedures that will demonstrate:

- the suitability of the structure and organization of the Postgraduate Studies Programs

- that the intended learning outcomes and qualifications are in accordance with the European and National Qualifications Framework for Higher Education
- the promotion of the quality and effectiveness of the teaching/research work of the Postgraduate Studies Programs
- the suitability of the qualifications of the teaching staff for the Postgraduate Studies Programs
- the drafting, implementation and review of specific annual quality objectives for the improvement of the Postgraduate Studies Programs
- the level of demand for the acquired qualifications of graduates in the labor market
- the quality of support services
- the efficient use of the resources of the Postgraduate Studies Programs, which may come from tuition fees
- the annual internal evaluation and review of the quality assurance system for the Department's Postgraduate Studies Programs, in collaboration with the Internal Evaluation Unit and the MODIP of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

The procedures implemented for the monitoring and continuous improvement of the quality of the Postgraduate Studies Programs are analyzed as follows:

- Implementation of a policy for the quality assurance of the Postgraduate Studies Programs, its periodic review and revision (when required).
- Design of Postgraduate Study Programs, in accordance with the current Legislation and the Regulations of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, taking into account - within the framework of feasibility - the opinions of students, graduates of the Department and the Postgraduate Studies and collaborating bodies.
- Harmonization with the current legislative framework and regulatory provisions.
- Implementation of Regulations of the Postgraduate Studies Programs and other Regulations and Regulatory Decisions of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.
- Submission of the Individual Inventory Form and the Course Description Form to the MODIP information system by the teachers.
- Conducting evaluation of courses and teachers by the students.
- Various ways of evaluating students.
- Efforts to monitor the development and professional rehabilitation of graduates of the Postgraduate Studies Programs.
- Teaching staff (selection, regulations, performance, support).
- Allocation and management of the resources of the Postgraduate Studies Programs (infrastructure, equipment, etc.).
- Collection and processing/analysis of quality data (complete, correct and updated data) to ensure the quality of the Department's Postgraduate Programs with the aim of improving it.
- Monitoring, analysis and comparison with national and international indicators.

- Publication of information on the Postgraduate Programs.
- Qualitative and systematic updating of the Postgraduate Programs website (Greek, English and possibly another language), for the publication of relevant Program information.
- Mechanisms for feedback on strategy and goal setting, etc., review, taking actions and corrective actions (when required).
- Conducting an annual internal evaluation (monitoring, control and review of the Postgraduate Programs), in accordance with all of the above, based on the instructions of Hellenic Authority for Higher Education and MODIP.
- Support for external evaluation and certification processes, in collaboration with MODIP.

Quality Objectives

The quality objectives on which the School of Medicine will focus its efforts for the Postgraduate Program “Advanced Cardiopulmonary Practice – Cardiovascular Perfusion Science” may include the following:

1. The high level and quality of studies with international criteria.
2. The provision of knowledge with an emphasis on both basic sciences and clinical work, through modern educational practices, such as problem-based learning (PBL) and integrated teaching (integration in medical education), along with the cultivation of critical, creative and research thinking.
3. The right combination of depth and breadth of knowledge.
4. Familiarity with cutting-edge areas and the conduct of laboratory and clinical work, combined with international-level research.
5. Continuous improvement of quality in education and research
6. Promotion of the work carried out at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and the Postgraduate Studies Program to society, the state, and the international scientific community
7. Strengthening Student Counselling

The achievement of the above objectives is a key concern of the School and is made possible thanks to the high quality of the Department's members and the active participation of students in its activities.

Disclosure

The Quality Policy is communicated and disseminated to academic and administrative staff, students, and other stakeholders. The Quality Policy is posted on the website of the Department of Medicine and on the websites of the Postgraduate Studies Programs.