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Zadar, home of the oldest Croatian university founded in 1396 was given the opportunity to establish within its university the Department of Health Studies along with the nursing study programme. Founded on the tradition of social sciences and humanities, the Department reinvented study programmes related to health sciences that once existed in Zadar.

The rich tradition of medical sciences in Zadar dates back to:

The first medical school, founded in 1806

The first midwifery school founded in 1821 and

The first organisation of the Red Cross in Croatia, founded in 1878.

The Department of Health Studies is the first department in the field of biomedicine and health founded at the university of Zadar. On 4 December 2007 the Department was accredited for the Professional Undergraduate Study Programme of Nursing and on 2 November 2012 for the Undergraduate University Study Programme of Nursing. From the

academic year 2014/2015 the University Study Programme of Nursing has been alligned at 82,3% with all the higher education institutions in the Republic of Croatia.

Since its foundation, the Department has elected more than 60 professors to a titular position, 14 of which were elected into a cummulative work relationship with the Department, namely:

Full Prof. Boris Dželalija, PhD., Full Prof. Neven Skitarelić PhD., Assoc. Prof. Suzana Konjevoda, PhD., Assoc. Prof. Tatjana Šimurina, PhD., Assist. Prof. Ivan Bačić, PhD., Assis. Prof. Vjera Bilušić Vundač, PhD., Assis. prof. Robert Karlo, PhD., Assis. Prof. Ivo Klarin, PhD., Assis. Prof. Aleksandar Knežević, PhD., Assis. Prof. Alan Medić, PhD., Assis. Prof. Anamarija Mrđen, PhD., Assis. Prof. Dario Nakić, PhD., Assis. Prof. Nataša Skitarelić, PhD., Assis. Prof. Dražen Zekanović, PhD, and Ivana Gusar, Senior lecturer.

The Department has taken three professors into a full-time continuing employment: Assistant professor Nataša Skitarelić PhD., Head of Department, Associate professor Marijana Matel-Sarić PhD., Deputy Head of Department, and Ivana Gusar Senior Lecturer also Mirta Baričević, administrative secretary.

The city of Zadar and its administration recognized the exceptional importance of our Study Programmes for the city as well as the region. Therefore, in the academic year of 2008/2009 they assigned the Department facilities in the location of the former Đuro Đaković military barracks, on the address Splitska 1. During 2012, the facilities were adapted and converted to classrooms and well-equipped laboratories.

Both Study programmes of Nursing are implemented by the University of Zadar, Department for Health Studies and Zadar General Hospital. Due to initiative and constant inquiries for a graduate level of studies of Nursing by the Undergraduate students, from 2016./2017. the Graduate level of study is launched.

STUDY PROGRAMMES

Undergraduate University Nursing Studies **(Single-major)**

Duration of the study: 6 semesters

Admission requirements: completed four-year secondary school and state graduation exam.

Competencies acquired upon finishing the study programme: During the three-year Undergraduate Course the student recieves knowledge on various health care theories, methods and disciplines. The programme is focused on scientific and professional training in the scientific area of biomedicine and health care, in the field of nursing. Students are trained at the University of Zadar, Zadar General Hospital and other health care institutions. The acquired theoretical and practical competencies enable students to continue their studies in the Graduate course in nursing or other related study programmes.

On qualifying the Undergraduate course, students can seek employment in any health institution.

Undergraduate course qualifies students to work as higly responsible professionals in organising health care, promoting health, preserving health and improving the society in general.

Professional title acquired upon finishing the study programme: Bachelor (baccalaureus) of nursing.

Course list by semesters:

Course unit code	Course	Status	Hours per week			ECTS
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	I SEMESTER					
SSE101	Basic Health Care	O	40	25	150	10
SSE110	Information and Computer Technology in Health Care	O	15	0	30	2
SSE104	Basic of Physics, Radiology and Radiation Protection	O	30	0	0	2
SSE147	Basic of Medical Chemistry and Biochemistry	O	15	5	5	1
SSE103	Anatomy	O	30	0	20	3
SSE146	Physiology	O	30	0	20	3
SSE105	Dietetics	O	30	30	15	3
SSE107	Social and Health Legislation	O	30	0	0	2
SSE114	Philosophy and Ethics in Nursing	O	30	15	0	2
JEZ101	Foreign Language	O	15	0	15	2
	II SEMESTER					
SSE102	Health Care Process	O	50	30	180	11
SSE106	Microbiology and Parasitology	O	30	15	30	3
SSE108	Communication Skills	O	15	0	15	2
SSE109	Pharmacology	O	30	15	15	3
SSE123	Clinical Practice of Health Care I	O	0	0	120	5
JEZ102	Foreign Language	O	15	0	15	2
SSE124	Biological Determinants of Behaviour	E	20	0	15	2
SSE125	Group Work in Nursing	E	20	0	15	2
SSE128	Tourism Medicine	E	20	0	15	2
SSE127	Psychology of Pain	E	20	0	15	2
SSE148	The use of Herbs in Modern Pharmacology	E	20	0	15	2
	III SEMESTER					
SSE117	Health Care of Mother	O	25	5	60	6
SSE116	Health Care of Children	O	40	10	90	7
SSE118	Adult Health Care I	O	45	20	90	8
SSE149	Sociology of Health	O	30	15	0	2
SSE150	Hygiene and Epidemiology	O	30	15	15	3
SSE151	Pathophysiology	O	30	0	0	2
JEZ102	Foreign Language	O	15	0	15	2
	IV SEMESTER					
SSE141	Public Health	O	30	15	15	3
SSE154	Internal Medicine	O	30	0	0	2

SSE155	Neurology	O	15	0	0	1
SSE157	Infectology	O	15	0	0	1
SSE156	Dermatology	O	15	0	0	1
SSEE153	Gynaecology and Obstetrics	O	30	0	0	2
SSE115	Health Psychology	O	30	0	15	2
SSE152	Paediatrics	O	30	0	0	2
SSE120	Clinical Propedeutics	O	30	15	30	4
SSE114	Pathology	O	30	0	0	2
SSE132	Organization, management and administration in health care	O	30	15	30	4
JEZ203	Foreign Language	O	15	0	15	2
SSE111	Clinical Practice of Health Care II	O	0	0	100	4
	V SEMESTER					
SSE156	Surgery, Traumatology and Orthopedics	O	30	0	0	2
SSE159	Otorhinolaryngology	O	15	0	0	1
SSE160	Ophthalmology	O	15	0	0	1
SSE138	Health Care of Psychiatric Patients	O	25	5	60	6
SSE161	Health Care of Elderly Patients	O	30	15	30	4
SSE139	Health Care of Disabled Persons	O	15	10	15	2
SSE144	Anaesthesiology, Reanimatology and Intensive Treatment	O	15	0	35	3
SSE136	Adult Health Care II	O	40	10	90	7
SSE143	Psychiatry and Mental Health	O	30	0	0	2
SSE113	Health education teaching and learning methods	O	30	15	0	3
	VI SEMESTER					
SSE135	Health Care in the Community	O	25	5	60	4
SSE135	Home Health Care	O	20	5	30	3
SSE162	Palliative Health Care	O	10	5	10	2
SSE134	Introduction to Research Work at Nursing	O	30	15	30	4
SSE140	Clinical Practice of Health Care III	O	0	0	120	5
SSE163	Graduate Paper	O	0	0	120	5
SSE145	Basic Surgical Techniques and Instruments	E	30	0	20	3
SSE130	Medical Demography	E	30	0	20	3
SSE164	Melanoma	E	30	0	20	3
SSE165	First aid	E	30	0	20	3
SSE166	The diagnostic methods in ophthalmology	E	30	0	20	3