

1.1 Quality Assurance Policy of the academic unit

The quality assurance policy of the academic unit is aligned with the institution's quality policy and is formulated in the form of a statement, which is publicized and implemented with the participation of all stakeholders.

The School of Medicine guarantees and promotes the quality of its teaching, research, and administrative services through ongoing enhancements, involving the active participation and contribution of all its members.

Its objective is to pursue specific goals related to ensuring the quality of the study programs offered by the academic unit.

The implementation of high-quality undergraduate programs across key areas and subjects is a priority, aligning with contemporary trends and demands to strengthen the academic reputation and focus of the institution. Furthermore, the institution is dedicated to developing a creative atmosphere conducive to research and innovation for all faculty and staff, as well as cultivating an environment that nurtures academic creativity among students.

Emphasizing quality as a cornerstone of its vision and mission, the institution places significant importance on cultivating a culture of excellence.

The School of Medicine is dedicated to implementing a quality policy that encompasses several key objectives:

- Enhancing the academic profile and focus of the undergraduate study program
- Advocating for the purpose and subject matter of the program
- Executing annual strategic objectives.
- Determining the necessary resources, actions, and methods to accomplish these goals.
- Ensuring the involvement of stakeholders.
- Employing appropriate internal and external quality procedures to continually improve.

Furthermore, the School is committed to cultivating an environment of communication and collaboration among all members, including staff, students, and interested parties.

To ensure the quality assurance of the programs, the School adheres to the procedures outlined by the Hellenic Authority for Higher Education (EAHE) and in collaboration with the University's Quality Assurance Unit (QAU/MO.DI.P.). These quality assurance procedures serve as essential tools for the School and Undergraduate Program to fulfill their teaching and research objectives, achieve their goals, and enhance the overall effectiveness of their academic services.

In implementing this policy, the School and its Undergraduate Program are committed to demonstrating:

- The appropriateness of the structure and organization of the Undergraduate Program.
- Alignment of intended learning outcomes and qualifications with the European and National Qualifications
- Enhancement of the quality and effectiveness of teaching/research activities within the Undergraduate Program.
- Qualifications adequacy of the teaching staff.

- Setting, implementation, and review of specific annual quality improvement goals for the Undergraduate Program.
- Assessment of labor market demand for graduates' qualifications.
- Quality of support services.
- Conducting an annual internal evaluation and review of the quality assurance system for Postgraduate Programs, with collaboration from the School's Internal Evaluation Group (IEG/OM.E.A.) and MO.DI.P.

➤ **Target- setting and action plan**

The School of Medicine has outlined a series of quality goals for its Undergraduate Program, which serve as focal points for its efforts. These goals include:

- Reinforcing Modern Educational Practices such as Problem-Based Learning and Integrated Teaching, while fostering Critical, Creative, and Research Thinking
- Enhancing Study Flexibility and Implementing Student-Centered Learning Approaches
- Encouraging Participation in Course and Teaching Staff Evaluations
- Improving the Grade Point Average in Course Evaluations
- Upgrade the examination system
- Strengthening Study Counseling Services
- Enhancing the Annual Diploma Grade Average
- Cultivating a Strong Quality Culture within Undergraduate Program
- Increasing the Number of Peer-Reviewed Scientific Publications per Faculty Member
- Raising the Number of Citations per Faculty Member wGrowing the Annual Percentage of Projects with a Coordinating Faculty Member
- Enhancing Student Mobility Opportunities
- Maintaining an Optimal Student-Teacher Ratio within Undergraduate Program
- Inviting Visiting Professors to the Programs from Foreign Institutions
- Pursuing Accreditations and Certifications from International Organizations
- Elevating the Visibility of School of Medicine in Society, the Government, and the International Scientific Community

➤ **How is the Quality Policy communicated?**

The Quality Policy is effectively **communicated** and distributed to both academic and administrative staff, students, and other relevant stakeholders. It is made accessible by publication on the website of the School of Medicine (<https://www.med.upatras.gr/index.php?r=pages/index&id=qos&lang=en>) as well as on the websites of its Postgraduate Programs.