



## **Description of the habilitation and inauguration procedure**

### **1. Definition of the field of the Habilitation and Inauguration Procedure (hereinafter referred to as "HIP")**

The name of the University:	St. Elizabeth University of Health and Social Work in Bratislava, n. o.  (hereinafter referred to as „SEU“)
Faculty Name:	St. John Paul II Institute of Missionary Work and Tropical Health.
The seat of the University:	Palackého 1, 811 02 Bratislava
University identification number:	31821979
Name of the HIP Department:	Public Health
Degree awarded:	Assoc.prof.; Prof.
Assignment to a field of study:	Public Health
Study programme of the 3rd degree in the field to which the HIP is assigned:	public health
HIP rights granted:	03. 03. 2010
Decision number:	MŠSR-3440/2010-07

### **Content definition:**

Public health is a multidisciplinary field dealing with the health of populations. The main pillars are the protection and promotion of health to prevent disease, prolong life, enhance quality of life and strengthen health through organized, society-wide efforts. Public health encompasses areas of interest related to the determinants of health, primary, secondary and tertiary prevention of disease, health promotion and protection, health system organisation and health care delivery.

Habilitation and inauguration procedures for the study field of public health are seen as a tool for strengthening education and scientific research activities in the study field. In the framework of habilitation and inauguration procedures we aim to apply the main EU strategies: to improve the health status and well-being of the population, to reduce health inequalities, to strengthen public health, to ensure that health systems are universal, sustainable, equitable and of high quality. We are focusing on the following priority areas in the field of public health of the population: 1. investing in health throughout the life cycle and creating opportunities for strengthening people's ownership of their health, 2. addressing the biggest health challenges in the area of non-communicable and communicable diseases, 3. strengthening health systems, strengthening public health capacity and preparedness, surveillance and emergency response, 4. creating healthy communities and supportive environments for people's health. In the spirit of coherence and consistency, the four focus areas are based on the categories by WHO priorities and programmes are determined. The four priority areas are interrelated, interdependent and mutually



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supportive. Addressing these priorities requires a combination of management approaches that promote health, equity and prosperity. The Programme's main priorities are based on the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (2030 Agenda). The key principles of the 2030 Agenda, as set out in the document endorsed by the UN General Assembly in September 2015, are transformation, integration and universality. The 2030 Agenda builds on

The UN Millennium Declaration of 2000 - the Millennium Development Goals (MDG). The 2030 Agenda contains 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) aimed at linking all three dimensions of sustainable development: economic, social and environmental.

During their studies, candidates will acquire the knowledge and skills that will enable them to address public health challenges across a wide range of low-, middle- and high-income country levels. Throughout their studies, candidates will be exposed to local, regional, national and international public health challenges. The study provides them with the opportunity to explore public health issues in depth, to understand the social, economic and political contexts with the opportunity to consult their research vision with public health professionals, research, academia, and practitioners.

Candidates will be able to demonstrate the ability to apply knowledge of key global public health disciplines, including community health and tropical public health, in practice. They will be able to critically assess key public health challenges, demonstrate knowledge and skills in a range of public health topics, formulate, implement and evaluate public health policy decisions at local, national, international and global levels, demonstrate the ability to critically evaluate and publish research findings and use them to inform new policy making. Graduates of this programme will gain employment in health, health and government policy and public health organisations in service and academic public health roles at home and abroad.

In the habilitation and inauguration procedure, emphasis is placed on the fulfilment of criteria relating to the candidate's teaching, publication, scientific and research activities, as well as personal characteristics. Not only theoretical knowledge is required, but also the demonstration of skills - full-time and distance teaching, demonstrable outputs in the field of science and research - publications, participation in projects, linking science and practice. Emphasis is also placed on adherence to the principles and guiding philosophy of St. Elizabeth's University of Health and Social Work.



## 2. Staffing of the HIP department

2.1. The SEU has a group of five persons working on a fixed weekly basis who have responsibility for the development and quality assurance of the Habilitation and Inauguration Department, three of whom are tenured professors and hold the title of professor and two of whom are tenured associate professors and hold the title of associate professor:

- prof. RNDr. Gertrúda Mikolášová, PhD.

<https://www.portalvs.sk/regzam/detail/12302>

Making the outputs of creative activities available: <https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/veda/vtc>

Scientific/artistic and pedagogical characteristics: <https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/veda/vupch>

- prof. MUDr. Mgr. Mariana Mrázová, PhD.

<https://www.portalvs.sk/regzam/detail/12356>

Access to outputs of creative activities: <https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/veda/vtc>

Scientific/artistic and pedagogical characteristics: <https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/veda/vupch>

- prof. MUDr. Atilla Czirfusz, CSc.

<https://www.portalvs.sk/regzam/detail/27117>

Making the outputs of creative activities available: <https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/veda/vtc>

Scientific/artistic and pedagogical characteristics: <https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/veda/vupch>

- doc. MUDr. Silvia Dobrodenková, PhD.

<https://www.portalvs.sk/regzam/detail/12452>

Making the outputs of creative activities available: <https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/veda/vtc>

Scientific/artistic and pedagogical characteristics: <https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/veda/vupch>

- doc. RNDr. Mgr. Milica Páleníková PhD.

<https://www.portalvs.sk/regzam/detail/23950>

Making the outputs of creative activities available: <https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/veda/vtc>

Scientific/artistic and pedagogical characteristics: <https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/veda/vupch>

2.2 The Scientific Board of the SEU is composed of domestic and foreign experts from all 3 disciplines of the habilitation and inauguration procedure in accordance with the standards. The composition of the members of the Scientific Council of the SEU is published on the website of the University.

- Reference to the composition of the Scientific Council:

<https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/o-nas/struktury-vs/vedecka-rada>



### 3. Level of criteria for the evaluation of the fulfilment of the conditions for obtaining the title of associate professor

3.1 Criteria and documents necessary to meet the criteria for obtaining the scientific-pedagogical title of associate professor at the SEU in the field of HIP Public Health (§ 12 (h) of Act No. 131/2002 Coll.) - approved by the Scientific Council of the SEU on 30 March 2022 in accordance with § 77 (1) of the amendment to Act No. 131/These criteria are identical to the criteria of the HIP for inclusion in the post of associate professor.

- Reference to the criteria:

<https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/veda/habilitacie-a-inauguracie>

<https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/userfiles/HKaIK/CriteriaanddocumentsnecessarytomeetthecriteriaforobtainingthescientificandpedagogicaldegreeofASSOCIATEPROFESSOR30.03.2022novelaen.pdf>

	<b>Criteria for the Habilitation Procedure in HIP Public Health Approved by the Scientific Council of the SEU on 30. 03. 2022</b>
Pedagogical activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Carrying out teaching activities for at least 3 years between obtaining a third-level university degree and being appointed to the post of associate professor; <b>1)</b></li> <li>Academic degree "doctor" ("philosophiae doctor", abbreviated "PhD.") or candidate of sciences (CSc.),</li> <li>the exercise of professional activities for a period of at least 3 years</li> <li>At least 3 years teaching experience</li> </ul>
Scientific research and publication activity, acclaim, etc.	Minimum requirements for the scope of publication activity: Author of at least 30 scientific and professional papers in extenso in peer-reviewed professional or scientific journals, proceedings.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>at least 5 scientific papers in journals indexed in Web of Science, Scopus, ERIH plus</li> <li>in at least 10 publications as first author <b>1)</b></li> </ul>
	Author or co-author of at least 1 monograph or chapter in a monograph. In the case of co-authorship, indicate the percentage of the applicant's share
	Author or co-author of a teaching text (scripts or university textbook). In case of co-authorship, indicate the applicant's percentage share
	A minimum of 30 citations, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>at least 5 are registered in the Web of Science or SCOPUS, ERIH, or abroad</li> </ul>
	At least 1 scientific research project (domestic and foreign grants, also institutional projects) - investigator or co-investigator
Lecture activity	For external applicants, compliance with point 1.9. DIRECTIONS of the Rector on the amount of tuition fees and fees associated with studying at the SEU in the academic year
	Active participation (lecture, poster) in at least 30 scientific events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>min. 5 scientific events abroad</li> <li>min. 10 local invitees</li> </ul>

*1) in connection with § 77 (1) of the amendment to Act No.13/2002 Coll., effective from 24.03.2022, this obligation is waived*



3.2 Previous criteria and documents necessary to meet the criteria for obtaining the scientific-pedagogical title of associate professor at the SEU, n. o. in the field of HIP Public Health (§ 12 (h) of Act No. 131/2002 Coll.) - approved by the Scientific Council of the SEU. on 26 November 2021, following the adoption of the new Standards of Habilitation and Inauguration Proceedings of the Slovak Accreditation Agency for Higher Education. These criteria are identical to the HIP criteria for appointment to the post of Associate Professor.

- a reference to previous versions with an indication of validity:

<https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/userfiles/HKaIK/CriteriaanddocumentsnecessarytomeetthecriteriaforobtainingthescientificandpedagogicaldegreeofASSOCIATEPROFESSOR26.11.2021en.pdf>

	<b>Criteria for the Habilitation Procedure in HIP Public Health Approved by the Scientific Council of the SEU on 26. 11. 2021</b>
Pedagogical activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Performing teaching activities for at least 3 years between obtaining a third-level university degree and being appointed to the post of associate professor</li> <li>• Scientific rank Candidate of Sciences (CSc.), or philosophiae doctor (PhD.)</li> <li>• the exercise of professional activities for a period of at least 3 years</li> <li>• At least 3 years teaching experience</li> <li>• Participates in the education of 1 doctoral student as a supervisor or as a specialist supervisor</li> </ul>
Scientific research and publication activity, acclaim, etc.	Author of at least 30 scientific and professional papers in extenso in peer-reviewed professional or scientific journals, proceedings. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• at least 5 scientific papers in journals indexed in Web of Science, Scopus, ERIH plus</li> <li>• in at least 10 publications as first author</li> </ul>
	Author or co-author of at least 1 monograph or chapter in a monograph. In the case of co-authorship, indicate the percentage of the applicant's share
	Author or co-author of a teaching text (scripts or university textbook). In the case of co-authorship, indicate the applicant's percentage share
	A minimum of 30 citations, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• at least 5 are registered in the Web of Science or SCOPUS, ERIH, or abroad</li> </ul>
	At least 1 scientific research project (domestic and foreign grants, also institutional projects) - investigator or co-investigator
	For external applicants, compliance with point 1.9. DIRECTIONS of the Rector on the amount of tuition fees and fees associated with studying at the SEU in the academic year
Lecture activity	Active participation (lecture, poster) in at least 30 scientific events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• min. 5 scientific events abroad</li> <li>• min. 10 local invitees</li> </ul>



#### 4. Level of criteria for the evaluation of the fulfilment of the conditions for obtaining the title of professor

4.1 Criteria and documents necessary to meet the criteria for obtaining the scientific-pedagogical title of professor at the SEU. in the field of HIP Public Health (§ 12 (h) of Act No. 131/2002 Coll.) - approved by the Scientific Council of the SEU on 30 March 2022 in connection with § 77 (1) of the amendment to Act No. 131/These criteria are identical to the criteria of the HIP for inclusion in the post of professor.

- Reference to the criteria:

<https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/userfiles/HKaIK/CriteriaanddocumentsnecessarytomeetthecriteriaforobtainingthescientificandpedagogicaltitlePROFESSOR30.03.2022wen.pdf>

	<b>Criteria in the inauguration procedure in the field of HIP Public Health approved by the Scientific Council of the SEU on 30. 03. 2022</b>
Pedagogical activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The exercise of teaching activities for a period of at least 3 years from the award of the degree of associate professor ; 1)</li> <li>• Carrying out teaching activities for at least 5 years</li> <li>• At least 5 years of professional experience, attestation, PSF</li> <li>• Academic degree "doctor" ("philosophiae doctor", abbreviated "PhD") or candidate of sciences (CSc.) or doctor of sciences (DrSc.)</li> <li>• Acquisition of the scientific-pedagogical title of associate professor in the field of study of public health or in a related field 1)</li> </ul>
Scientific research and publication activity, acclaim, etc.	Minimum requirements for the scope of publication activity: Author or co-author of at least 50 scientific and professional publications, including: - first author in at least 10 publications. - 10 outputs in journals indexed in Web of Science, Scopus, ERIH plus; at least 2 of them must be the first author; 1) At least 5 in the last 5 years - author or co-author of at least 20 international publications
	Author of at least 1 monograph or co-author. In case of co-authorship, indicate the percentage of the applicant.
	Author or co-author of 1 university textbook or textbooks - teaching texts In case of co-authorship, indicate the percentage share of the applicant
	At least 50 responses (citations) to published works, • at least 10 are registered in foreign databases Web of Science or SCOPUS, Medline, ERIH plus
	At least 2 scientific research projects (domestic and foreign grants, also institutional projects) - investigator, co-investigator
	At least 3 written references on the applicant's achievements from foreign experts, from three different countries outside the Slovak Republic. Indicate that he/she fulfils the requirements for tenure as a professor in an international context.
	For external applicants, compliance with point 1.9. Rector's DIRECTIVE No. 1/2020 on the amount of tuition fees and fees associated with studying at the SEU in the academic year 2020/2021
Scientific School	A research school in a given or related field. 1) Development of the field and doctoral studies, e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• member of the committee or opponent for the defence of doctoral dissertations (PhD.), resp.</li> <li>• member or opponent of habilitation and inauguration commissions.</li> </ul>
Lecture activity	Active participation in at least 50 scientific events (posters, lectures), <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• at least 20 invited events</li> </ul> minimum participation in 10 international events and several of them invited lectures abroad

1) in connection with § 77 (1) of the amendment to Act No.13/2002 Coll. of 2022, this obligation is waived



4.2 Previous criteria and documents necessary to meet the criteria for obtaining the scientific-pedagogical title of professor at the SEU in the field of HIP public , health (§ 12 par. 131/2002 Coll.) - approved by the Scientific Council of the Higher Education Institution of Higher Education on 26 November 2021 (§12 (1) (e) of the Act on Higher Education) approved in connection with the adoption of the new Standards of Habilitation and Inauguration Proceedings of the Slovak Accreditation Agency for Higher Education. These criteria are identical to the HIP criteria for promotion to the post of Professor.

- Reference to previous versions with validity:  
<https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/userfiles/HKaIK/Criteriaanddocumentsnecessarytomeetthecriteriaforobtainin gthescientificandpedagogicaltitlePROFESSOR26.11.2021en.pdf>

	<b>Criteria in the inaugural procedure in HIP Public Health Approved by the Scientific Council of the SEU on 26 . 11. 2021</b>
Pedagogical activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carrying out teaching activities for a period of at least 3 years after obtaining the degree of associate professor</li> <li>• Carrying out teaching activities for at least 5 years</li> <li>• At least 5 years of professional experience, attestation, PSF</li> <li>• Acquisition of the scientific-pedagogical title of associate professor in the field of study of public health or in a related field</li> <li>• Obtaining the degree of "philosophiae doctor", (PhD.), candidate of sciences (CSc.), or doctor of sciences (DrSc.)</li> </ul>
Scientific research and publication activity, acclaim, etc.	Minimum requirements for the scope of publication activity: Author or co-author of at least 50 scientific and professional publications, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• first author in at least 10 publications.</li> <li>• 10 outputs in journals indexed in Web of Science, Scopus, ERIH plus; at least 2 of them must be the first author; At least 5 in the last 5 years</li> <li>• author or co-author of at least 20 international publications</li> </ul>
	Author of at least 1 monograph or co-author. In case of co-authorship, indicate the percentage of the applicant.
	Author or co-author of 1 university textbooks or textbooks - teaching texts. In the case of co-authorship, indicate the applicant's percentage share
	At least 50 responses (citations) to published works, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• at least 10 are registered in foreign databases Web of Science or SCOPUS, Medline, ERIH plus</li> </ul>
	At least 2 scientific research projects (domestic and foreign grants, also institutional projects) - investigator, co-investigator
	At least 3 written references on the applicant's achievements from foreign experts, from three different countries outside the Slovak Republic. Indicate that he/she fulfils the requirements for tenure as a professor in an international context.
	For external applicants, compliance with point 1.9. Rector's DIRECTIVE No. 1/2020 on the amount of tuition fees and fees associated with studies at the SEU in the academic year 2020/2021
Scientific School	Education of scientific and pedagogical staff in a given or related field. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• at least 1 successfully trained PhD student</li> <li>• at least 1 PhD student after passing the dissertation examination</li> </ul> Development of the field and doctoral studies, e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• member of the committee or opponent for the defence of doctoral dissertations (PhD.), resp.</li> <li>• member or opponent of habilitation and inauguration commissions.</li> </ul>
Lecture activity	Active participation in at least 50 scientific events (posters, lectures), <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• at least 20 invited events</li> <li>• minimum participation in 10 international events and several of them invited lectures abroad</li> </ul>



## 5. Rules and procedures of the habilitation and inauguration procedure

Habilitation and inauguration procedures at the SEU are carried out in accordance with the relevant legislation, namely the Higher Education Act and the Decree of the The Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic No. 246/2019 Coll. on the procedure for obtaining scientific-pedagogical titles and artistic-pedagogical titles of associate professor and professor.

Information about the procedure is published on the university's website. The Scientific Council of the SEU evaluates their fulfillment and approves / disapproves the award of the degree.

The rules and regulations are defined by the requirement to meet the minimum criteria to start the habilitation and inauguration procedure. They ensure transparency and openness of the procedures on equal terms for all applicants.

- Reference to the internal regulation or part thereof

<https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/userfiles/INFOPORTAL/english/2Habilitationandinaugurationproceedings.pdf>

- Reference to previous versions with indication of validity

<https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/userfiles/HKaIK/2019Instructionsforthe preparation of documents for the habilitation procedure at the SEU.pdf>

<https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/userfiles/HKaIK/2019Instructionsforthe preparation of documents for the procedure for the appointment of professors at the SEU.pdf>

## 6. Reference to completed procedures and their results

Habilitation procedures: <https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/veda/habilitacie-a-inauguracie/habilitacie>

- Páleníková Milica (successfully completed of the procedure at the Scientific Council of the SEU on 31. 01. 2022)

<https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/veda/habilitacie/palenikova>

Inauguration procedures: <https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/veda/habilitacie-a-inauguracie/inauguracie>  
**no proceedings**

## 7. Link to pending proceedings

Habilitation procedures: <https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/veda/habilitacie-a-inauguracie/habilitacie>  
**no pending proceedings**

Inauguration procedures: <https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/veda/habilitacie-a-inauguracie/inauguracie>  
**no pending proceedings**