



**ST. ELIZABETH UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL WORK, N. O. Bratislava**

**Alignment of quality standards  
for habilitation and inauguration proceedings  
St. Elizabeth's University of Health and Social Work, n. o.  
in Bratislava**

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## **ALIGNMENT OF QUALITY STANDARDS FOR HABILITATION AND INAUGURATION PROCEEDINGS**

- 1. The St. Elizabeth University of Health and Social Work in Bratislava (hereinafter referred to as the SEU) has aligned its quality standards for habilitation and inauguration proceedings in accordance with the standards of the Slovak Accreditation Agency for Higher Education.**

### **2. CRITERIA FOR THE EVALUATION OF HI 2**

#### **Definition of the field of the habilitation and inauguration procedure (Article 2 of the Standards for the Habilitation and Appointment of Professors)**

**HI 2.1.1** The University has a defined field of habilitation and inauguration by name and content.

The title and content of the habilitation and inauguration procedure is the same as the title and content of the submitted disciplines: nursing, public health and social work.

#### ***Attached evidence to HI 2.1.1.:***

- a) Decree of the Ministry of Education and Science of the Slovak Republic 244/2019 on the system of study disciplines of the Slovak Republic*  
<https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/o-nas/studijne-programy>  
<https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/studijne-oddelenie/preco-studovat-u-nas>  
<https://www.slov-lex.sk/pravne-predpisy/SK/ZZ/2019/244/20190901>
- b) Decision of the Ministry of Education and Science of the Slovak Republic on granting the right to the university to carry out habilitation proceedings and proceedings for the appointment of professors in the fields of nursing (Decision No.: 2016-16742/24402:5-15A0), public health Bratislava (No. 2015-18762/48133:9-15A0), Public Health Institute of MCHPaTZ St. John Paul II (Decision No.: MŠSR-3440/2010-07), Social Work Bratislava (Decision No.: 2015-18762/48133:9-15A0), Social Work Institute of MCHPaTZ St. John Paul II (Decision No.: MŠSR-3440/2010-07).*  
<https://www.portalvs.s/en/hai/zobrazit/1472>

<https://www.portalvs.sk/en/hai/zobrazit/1164>

<https://www.portalvs.sk/en/hai/zobrazit/913>

<https://www.portalvs.sk/en/hai/zobrazit/1165>

<https://www.portalvs.sk/en/hai/zobrazit/914>

c) Directive on Habilitation and Inauguration Proceedings of the SEU

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

d) Statute and Rules of Procedure of the Programme Board of the SEU for Study Programmes and Branches of Habilitation and Inauguration Proceedings

<https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/userfiles/INFOPORTAL/english/9StatutesandRulesofProcedureofProgrammeCouncil.pdf>

**HI 2.1.2** The University has assigned the field of habilitation and inauguration to one field of study.

At least one field of study of level 3 - nursing, public health and social work - is assigned to each field of the habilitation and inauguration procedure.

***Attached evidence to HI 2.1.2.:***

Decision of the Ministry of Education and Science of the Slovak Republic on granting the right to the university to carry out 3rd degree study programmes in the fields of nursing, public health, social work. (see Annex 2.1.2.)

<https://www.portalvs.sk/en/morho/zobrazit/106978>

<https://www.portalvs.sk/en/morho/zobrazit/183991>

<https://www.portalvs.sk/en/morho/zobrazit/100297>

<https://www.portalvs.sk/en/morho/zobrazit/106877>

<https://www.portalvs.sk/en/morho/zobrazit/106901>

<https://www.portalvs.sk/en/morho/zobrazit/106902>

<https://www.portalvs.sk/en/morho/zobrazit/106980>

<https://www.portalvs.sk/en/morho/zobrazit/106981>

<https://www.portalvs.sk/en/morho/zobrazit/183693>

<https://www.portalvs.sk/en/morho/zobrazit/3934>

<https://www.portalvs.sk/en/morho/zobrazit/106895>

<https://www.portalvs.sk/en/morho/zobrazit/183922>

<https://www.portalvs.sk/en/morho/zobrazit/183942>

**HI 2.1.3** The content of the field of the habilitation and inauguration procedure shall be defined so as to be as close as possible to the field of study to which it is assigned.

The content of the study fields of nursing, public health is also defined in the Slovak Government Regulation No. 296/2010 Coll. and Government Regulation No. 34/2018 Coll. on the professional competence for the exercise of the health profession, the method of further education of health professionals, the system of specialization fields and the system of certified work activities, as amended, as well as in the Decree of the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic No. 244/2019 Coll. on the system of study fields of the Slovak Republic.

***Attached evidence to HI 2.1.3.:***

a) Government Regulation No. 296/2010 Coll.

<https://www.slov-lex.sk/web/en>

<https://www.slov-lex.sk/pravne-predpisy/SK/ZZ/2010/296/>

b) Decree of the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic No. 244/2019 Coll. on the system of study disciplines of the Slovak Republic

<https://www.slov-lex.sk/pravne-predpisy/SK/ZZ/2019/244/>

### 3. CRITERIA FOR THE EVALUATION OF HI 3

#### Level of education in the field of habilitation and inauguration (Article 3 of the Standards for Habilitation and Appointment of Professors)

**HI 3.1.1** The University shall establish, implement and regulate third degree programmes in the field of study to which the field of habilitation and inauguration is assigned. The University has accreditation in 13 study programmes and in three fields of study of the third cycle of higher education: nursing, public health, social work (social work, missionary charity and development work),

***Attached evidence to HI 3.1.1.:***

- a) Accredited study programmes in the 3rd level of higher education (*see Annex HI 3.1.1.*)

[https://www.portalvs.sk/en/morho?unitype%5B0%5D=1&unitype%5B1%5D=2&unitype%5B2%5D=3&university=724000000&level%5B0%5D=3&order=name&order\\_dir=a](https://www.portalvs.sk/en/morho?unitype%5B0%5D=1&unitype%5B1%5D=2&unitype%5B2%5D=3&university=724000000&level%5B0%5D=3&order=name&order_dir=a)

- b) Overview of accredited 3rd *degree* study programmes

<https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/english-info>  
<https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/o-nas/studijne-programy>

**HI 3.2.1.** In the above mentioned fields of study, to which the field of habilitation and inauguration proceedings is attached, the University conducts 13 study programmes of the third degree, 32 study programmes of the second degree.

***Attached evidence to HI 3.2.1.:***

- a) Accredited study programmes in the 3rd cycle of higher education (*see Annex HI 3.2.1.*)

[https://www.portalvs.sk/en/morho?unitype%5B0%5D=1&unitype%5B1%5D=2&unitype%5B2%5D=3&university=724000000&level%5B0%5D=3&order=name&order\\_dir=a](https://www.portalvs.sk/en/morho?unitype%5B0%5D=1&unitype%5B1%5D=2&unitype%5B2%5D=3&university=724000000&level%5B0%5D=3&order=name&order_dir=a)

- b) Accredited study programmes in the 2nd and 3rd level of higher education (nursing) *see Annex HI 3.2.1.*

[https://www.portalvs.sk/en/morho?unitype%5B0%5D=1&unitype%5B1%5D=2&unitype%5B2%5D=3&university=724000000&level%5B0%5D=2&field=5602&order=name&order\\_dir=a](https://www.portalvs.sk/en/morho?unitype%5B0%5D=1&unitype%5B1%5D=2&unitype%5B2%5D=3&university=724000000&level%5B0%5D=2&field=5602&order=name&order_dir=a)

c) Accredited study programmes in the 2nd and 3rd level of higher education (public health)

(see Annex HI 3.2.1.)

[https://www.portalvs.sk/en/morho?unitype%5B0%5D=1&unitype%5B1%5D=2&unitype%5B2%5D=3&university=724000000&level%5B0%5D=2&field=5607&order=name&order\\_dir=a](https://www.portalvs.sk/en/morho?unitype%5B0%5D=1&unitype%5B1%5D=2&unitype%5B2%5D=3&university=724000000&level%5B0%5D=2&field=5607&order=name&order_dir=a)

d) Accredited study programmes in the 2nd and 3rd level of higher education (social work)

(see Annex HI 3.2.1.)

[https://www.portalvs.sk/en/morho?unitype%5B0%5D=1&unitype%5B1%5D=2&unitype%5B2%5D=3&university=724000000&level%5B0%5D=2&field=7761&order=name&order\\_dir=a](https://www.portalvs.sk/en/morho?unitype%5B0%5D=1&unitype%5B1%5D=2&unitype%5B2%5D=3&university=724000000&level%5B0%5D=2&field=7761&order=name&order_dir=a)

#### 4. CRITERIA FOR THE EVALUATION OF HI 4

##### **Staffing of habilitation and inauguration proceedings (Article 4 of the Standards for Habilitation and Appointment of Professors)**

**HI 4.1.1 The University** has a group of five individuals who have responsibility for the development and quality assurance of the Habilitation and Induction Department on a fixed weekly basis.

**In the field of public health**, all are tenured and hold the title of professor:

- prof. MUDr. Mgr. Mariana Mrázová, PhD.  
<https://www.portalvs.sk/regzam/detail/12356>
- prof. PhDr. Róbert Babel'a, PhD, MBA  
<https://www.portalvs.sk/regzam/detail/12401>
- prof. RNDr. Erich Kalavský, PhD.  
<https://www.portalvs.sk/regzam/detail/12399>
- prof. MUDr. Anna Líšková, PhD.  
<https://www.portalvs.sk/regzam/detail/10612>
- prof. MUDr. Milan Luliak, PhD.  
<https://www.portalvs.sk/regzam/detail/18659>

**In the field of nursing**, all are tenured and hold the title of professor:

- prof. PhDr. Vlastimil Kozoň, PhD.  
<https://www.portalvs.sk/regzam/detail/12307>
- prof. PhDr. Monika Jankechová, PhD.  
<https://www.portalvs.sk/regzam/detail/12406>
- prof. PaedDr. Mgr. Eva Zacharová, PhD.  
<https://www.portalvs.sk/regzam/detail/12260>
- prof. PhDr. Mária Kilíková, PhD.  
<https://www.portalvs.sk/regzam/detail/12331>
- prof. PhDr. Ľudmila Matulníková, PhD.  
<https://www.portalvs.sk/regzam/detail/8084>

**In the field of social work**, all are tenured and have the title of professor:

- prof. PhDr. Michal Oláh, PhD.  
<https://www.portalvs.sk/regzam/detail/8099>
- prof. Mgr. Eva Grey, PhD.  
<https://www.portalvs.sk/regzam/detail/12357>



- prof. PhDr. ThDr. Pavol Tománek, PhD.  
<https://www.portalvs.sk/regzam/detail/5833>
- prof. PaedDr. Ing. Miroslav Paľun, PhD.  
<https://www.portalvs.sk/regzam/detail/15840>
- prof. MUDr. Jozef Šuvada, PhD.  
<https://www.portalvs.sk/regzam/detail/12451>

**In the field of social work** at the St. John Paul II Institute of Missionary Work and Tropical Health, three are tenured and hold the title of professor and two are tenure-track and hold the title of associate professor:

- prof. Ing. PhDr. Ladislav Bučko PhD.  
<https://www.portalvs.sk/regzam/detail/8684>
- prof. Mgr. Ing. Libuša Radková, PHD.  
<https://www.portalvs.sk/regzam/detail/8720>
- prof. MUDr. Jozef Mikloško, PhD.  
<https://www.portalvs.sk/regzam/detail/8714>
- doc PhDr. Jaroslava Poloňová, PhD.  
<https://www.portalvs.sk/regzam/detail/8719>
- doc. PhDr. Alexandra Al Trad - Topoľská, PhD.  
<https://www.portalvs.sk/regzam/detail/12459>

**In the field of public health (with a focus on tropical ER)** at the St. John Paul II Institute of Missionary Work and Tropical Health, three are tenured and hold the title of professor and two are tenure-track and hold the title of associate professor

- prof. RNDr. Gertrúda Mikolášová, PhD.  
<https://www.portalvs.sk/regzam/detail/12302>
- prof. Dr. med, Dr. trop med. Claus Muss, PhD.  
<https://www.portalvs.sk/regzam/detail/12263>
- prof. MUDr. Atilla Czirfusz, CSc.  
<https://www.portalvs.sk/regzam/detail/27117>
- doc. MUDr. Silvia Dobrodenková, PhD.  
<https://www.portalvs.sk/regzam/detail/12452>
- doc. RNDr. Mgr. Milica Páleníková PhD.  
<https://www.portalvs.sk/regzam/detail/23950>

***Attached evidence to HI 4.1.1.:***

Extract from the register of university staff <https://www.portalvs.sk/regzam/>

**HI 4.1.2** The above-mentioned persons, who have the responsibility for the development and quality assurance of the Habilitation and Inauguration Department, are scientifically active in the Habilitation and Inauguration Departments.

***Attached evidence to HI 4.1.2.:***

Scientific outputs in the field of public health:

<https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/veda/vupch>

<https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/userfiles/VSK/Vedecka-produktivita-ucitelov-VSSVA.pdf>

<http://sva.dawinci.sk/?fs=864F98F920714DB38C3168AB95D608EF&fn=main>

<https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/o-nas/v-g-p>

prof. MUDr. Mgr. Mariana Mrázová, PhD.

- prof. PhDr. Róbert Babel'a, PhD, MBA
- prof. RNDr. Erich Kalavský, PhD.
- prof. MUDr. Anna Líšková, PhD.
- prof. MUDr. Milan Luliak, PhD.

Scientific outputs in the field of nursing:

<https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/veda/vupch>

<https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/userfiles/VSK/Vedecka-produktivita-ucitelov-VSSVA.pdf>

<http://sva.dawinci.sk/?fs=864F98F920714DB38C3168AB95D608EF&fn=main>

<https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/o-nas/v-g-p>

- prof. PhDr. Vlastimil Kozoň, PhD.
- prof. PhDr. Monika Jankechová, PhD.
- prof. PaedDr. Mgr. Eva Zacharová, PhD.
- prof. PhDr. Mária Kilíková, PhD.
- prof. PhDr. Ľudmila Matulníková, PhD.

Scientific outputs in the field of social work:

<https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/veda/vupch>

<https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/userfiles/VSK/Vedecka-produktivita-ucitelov-VSSVA.pdf>

<http://sva.dawinci.sk/?fs=864F98F920714DB38C3168AB95D608EF&fn=main>

<https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/o-nas/v-g-p>

- prof. PhDr. Michal Oláh, PhD.
- prof. MUDr. Mgr. Eva Grey, PhD.
- prof. PaedDr. PhDr. ThDr. Pavol Tománek, PhD.
- prof. PaedDr. Ing. Miroslav Paľun, PhD.
- prof. MUDr. Jozef Šuvada, PhD.

Research outputs in social work (St. John Paul II Institute of Missionary Work and Tropical Health):

<https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/veda/vupch>

<https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/userfiles/VSK/Vedecka-produktivita-ucitelov-VSSVA.pdf>

<http://sva.dawinci.sk/?fs=864F98F920714DB38C3168AB95D608EF&fn=main>

<https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/o-nas/v-g-p>

- prof. Ing. PhDr. Ladislav Bucko PhD.
- prof. Mgr. Ing. Libuša Radková, PhD.
- prof. MUDr. Jozef Mikloško, PhD.
- doc PhDr. Jaroslava Poloňová, PhD.
- doc. PhDr. Alexandra Al Trad -Topoľská, PhD.

Scientific outputs in the field of public health - with a focus on tropical VZ (St. John Paul II Institute of Missionary Work and Tropical Health):

<https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/veda/vupch>

<https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/userfiles/VSK/Vedecka-produktivita-ucitelov-VSSVA.pdf>

<http://sva.dawinci.sk/?fs=864F98F920714DB38C3168AB95D608EF&fn=main>

<https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/o-nas/v-g-p>

- prof. RNDr. Gertrúda Mikolášová, PhD.
- prof. Dr. med, Dr. trop med. Claus Muss, PhD.
- prof. MUDr. Anna Líšková, PhD.
- doc. MUDr. Silvia Dobrodenková, PhD.
- doc. RNDr. Mgr. Milica Páleníková PhD.

**HI 4.1.3** The persons listed above who have responsibility for the development and quality assurance of the Habilitation and Inauguration Department at St. Elizabeth's University are not responsible for the development and quality assurance of any other Habilitation and Inauguration Department and only at one university in the Slovak Republic.

***Attached evidence to HI 4.1.3.:***

Guarantors - extract from the university staff register <https://www.portalvs.sk/regzam/>

**HI 4.2.1.** The Scientific Council of the University shall have a composition in accordance with the relevant provisions of the general binding regulations. Of the 20 members of the Scientific Council, 6 are from other universities. The members of the CoR are from 5 countries (Slovakia, Czech Republic, Republic of Poland, Austria and Serbia)

*Attached evidence to HI 4.2.1.:*

Composition of the members of the Scientific Council of the SEU

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

**HI 4.2.2** The Scientific Board of the University, consisting of eminent experts, among whom at least one expert with the professional capacity to judge the habilitation and inauguration procedure in the relevant field of the habilitation and inauguration procedure or in the field(s) of study to which it is assigned, is represented.

All 14 internal members of the scientific board are professors in nursing (3), public health (4), and social work (7).

*Attached evidence to HI 4.2.2.:*

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

## 5. CRITERIA FOR EVALUATING THE HI 5 STANDARD

**The level of creative activity in the field of habilitation and inauguration and the level of the quality culture of the university (Article 5 of the Standards for Habilitation and Appointment of Professors)**

**HI 5.1.1** The University carries out a long-term and continuous creative activity in the field of habilitation and inauguration proceedings, the intensity and scope of which correspond to the nature of these proceedings and the results of which reach a top international level.

*Attached evidence to HI 5.1.1.:*

a) Scientific productivity of University teachers

<https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/userfiles/VSK/Vedecka-produktivita-ucitelov-VSSVA.pdf>

<https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/science/publications>

<http://sva.dawinci.sk/?fs=864F98F920714DB38C3168AB95D608EF&fn=main>

b) Publication activity 2016-2021 - Chart (see Annex 5.1.1.)

<https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/userfiles/VSK/publikacna-cinnost-GRAF.pdf>

<https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/veda/publikacie>

<https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/veda/vtc>

**HI 5.2.1.** The University shall establish, implement and modify third-level study programmes in at least half of the fields of study in which it provides higher education.

**The SEU** has 6 fields of study: nursing, public health, health sciences (LVM, physiotherapy), social work, midwifery, psychology, sociology (abolished).

Out of 6 disciplines, the University conducts study programmes in 4 disciplines (66%). The University is establishing doctoral programmes in four of the six disciplines except psychology and midwifery.

*Attached evidence to HI 5.2.1.:*

Accredited 3rd degree study programmes <https://www.portalvs.sk/en/morho>

**HI 5.3.1** The University undergoes periodic evaluation of its research, development, artistic and other creative activities in individual areas of research and has been granted permission to use the designation "research university" based on the results of the most recent evaluation.

The university will be able to undergo the evaluation only when the Ministry of Education and Science of the Slovak Republic provides an exemption for private universities, according to which they will be able to receive grants from VEGA, KEGA.

The University is also regularly subjected to international evaluation of research, development and other creative activities in individual areas of research.

***Attached evidence to HI 5.3.1.:***

- a) Certificate of competence to carry out research and development (*see Annex 5.3.1.*)  
<https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/userfiles/akreditacie/Osvedcenie-o-sposobilosti-vykonavat-vyskum-a-vyvoj.pdf>
- b) Comprehensive Accreditation Report  
<https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/userfiles/REKTORAT/HodnotiacaspravaKAcinnostiVS2015.pdf>
- c) International Accreditation Report 2017  
<https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/userfiles/INFOPORTAL/AccreditationReportMay2017StElizabethUniversity-4.pdf>
- d) International Accreditation Report 2012  
<https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/userfiles/VSK/INTL-ACRD/2012-Acreditation.pdf>

## 6. CRITERIA FOR THE EVALUATION OF HI 6

### **The level of the university's criteria for assessing the fulfilment of the conditions for obtaining the title of associate professor (Article 6 of the Standards for the Habilitation and Appointment of Professors)**

**HI 6.1.1** The University has adopted and publicly available criteria for the evaluation of the fulfilment of the conditions for obtaining the scientific-pedagogical title "Associate Professor", which are in accordance with generally binding regulations.

The university has published on its website the Decree of the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic No.246/2019 Coll. on the procedure for obtaining scientific-pedagogical titles or artistic-pedagogical titles of associate professor and professor, the Rules of Procedure of the Scientific Board and the guidelines for the habilitation procedure.

#### ***Attached evidence to HI 6.1.1.:***

Criteria for obtaining the scientific-pedagogical title or the artistic-pedagogical title "Associate Professor" [,https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/veda/habilitacie-a-inauguracie](https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/veda/habilitacie-a-inauguracie)  
<https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/userfiles/HKaIK/KriteriaHKod25.11.2021.pdf>

**HI 6.2.1.** The university's criteria for obtaining the title of associate professor require the applicant to have a third-level university degree - PhD or CSc.

#### ***Attached evidence to HI 6.2.1.:***

- a) Criteria for obtaining the scientific-pedagogical title or the artistic-pedagogical title "Associate Professor",  
<https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/userfiles/HKaIK/KriteriaHKod25.11.2021.pdf>
- b) Overview of the fulfilment of the HaIK criteria by applicants  
<https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/userfiles/HKaIK/Prehľad-plnenia-kriterii-uchadzacov-HaI.pdf>

**HI 6.2.2** The University's criteria for the title of Associate Professor require the applicant to have current research and teaching or artistic and teaching experience of at least 3 years in the relevant field of habilitation and inauguration at the University.

#### ***Attached evidence to HI 6.2.2.:***

Criteria for obtaining the scientific-pedagogical title or the artistic-pedagogical title

"Associate Professor"

<https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/userfiles/HKaIK/KriteriaHKod25.11.2021.pdf>

**HI 6.2.3. The university's** criteria for the title of associate professor require the candidate to have experience and a track record of performing tasks in the field of higher education in a scope, structure and quality corresponding to international practices and specificities in the relevant field of the habilitation and inauguration procedure, in particular: conducting lectures in selected chapters, seminars and tutorials, assessing students, conducting and opposing theses, developing study materials, consulting students, arranging field trips and students' professional practice, etc. at least 3 years of teaching activity.

***Attached evidence to HI 6.2.3.:***

Criteria for obtaining the scientific-pedagogical title or the artistic-pedagogical title "Associate Professor",

<https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/userfiles/HKaIK/KriteriaHKod25.11.2021.pdf>

**HI 6.2.4. The University's** criteria for the title of associate professor require the candidate to have experience and a record of achievement in creative activities, in particular: participation in the research, development, artistic or other creative activities of the department and publication of the results thereof in the form of scientific works or artistic outputs or artistic performances or other outputs of creative activities in number, structure, scope, intensity, degree of authorial input and quality corresponding to international practices and specific features in the relevant field of the habilitation and inauguration procedure.

The University's criteria require a minimum of 3 years' experience in health and social work, as well as outputs from scholarly and scientific research activities.

***Attached evidence to HI 6.2.4.:***

Criteria for obtaining the scientific-pedagogical title or the artistic-pedagogical title "Associate Professor

<https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/userfiles/HKaIK/KriteriaHKod25.11.2021.pdf>



**HI 6.2.5.** The University's criteria for the title of associate professor require the candidate to demonstrate that he or she is recognized as a scholarly figure in professional circles in the relevant field of the habilitation and inauguration process, in particular, he or she must have a record of published scientific works or artistic outputs or performances or other outputs of creative activity in number, structure and other attributes appropriate to international practice and to the specific characteristics of the field of the habilitation and promotion procedure, and self-citations are excluded.

The participation of the applicant in research activities, publication of its results are demonstrated by reviews or citations to published scientific works, while conforming to international practices and the specifics of the field. It goes without saying that self-citations are excluded.

***Attached evidence to HI 6.2.5:***

Criteria for obtaining the scientific-pedagogical title or the artistic-pedagogical title "Associate Professor",

<https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/userfiles/HKaIK/KriteriaHKod25.11.2021.pdf>

**HI 6.3.1 The University's** criteria for the title of associate professor include measurable indicators with specified minimum thresholds, which serve as one of the bases for evaluating the fulfilment of the requirements (HI 6.2.4 and HI 6.2.5). The minimum thresholds for the measurable indicators are based on international practice in the relevant field of habilitation and promotion.

The criteria were made available after approval by the Scientific Council in 2108, 2019 and 2020, which were developed in accordance with the SAAVS Standards.

***Attached evidence to HI 6.3.1.:***

Criteria for obtaining the scientific-pedagogical title or the artistic-pedagogical title "Associate Professor", <https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/veda/habilitacie-a-inauguracie>

**HI 6.3.2 The University's** criteria for the rank of associate professor include measurable indicators with specified minimum thresholds that meet the requirements of HI 6.5.1.

***Attached evidence to HI 6.3.2:***

Criteria for obtaining the scientific-pedagogical title or the artistic-pedagogical title "Associate Professor"

<https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/userfiles/HKaIK/KriteriaHKod25.11.2021.pdf>

**HI 6.4.1** The university's criteria for the title of associate professor ensure that by fulfilling them the candidate demonstrates that he/she has produced a coherent scientific work in the relevant field of the habilitation and inauguration procedure through his/her scientific work in the relevant field of the habilitation and inauguration procedure. It is required that the candidate has a monograph and has trained a doctoral student in a research school.

*Attached evidence to HI 6.4.1.:*

Criteria for obtaining the scientific-pedagogical title or the artistic-pedagogical title "Associate Professor"

<https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/userfiles/HKaIK/KriteriaHKod25.11.2021.pdf>

**HI 6.4.2** The University's criteria for the title of Associate Professor ensure that the candidate meets other qualifications if required by the nature of the relevant field of the habilitation and inauguration procedure. Further education (attestation, specialisation studies, etc.) is required.

*Attached evidence to HI 6.4.2.:*

Criteria for obtaining the scientific-pedagogical title or the artistic-pedagogical title "Associate Professor",

<https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/userfiles/HKaIK/KriteriaHKod25.11.2021.pdf>

**HI 6.5.1** The level of the University's criteria for the title of associate professor ensures that candidates for the title of associate professor are required to have at least the same level of scope, intensity, quality, and recognition of their scholarly, artistic, and other creative activity as the University required of candidates for the title of associate professor in the relevant field of habilitation and inauguration in the period preceding the effective date of these standards.

The university has tightened the number of scientific papers, reviews and citations, especially in foreign journals registered in the Web of Science or SCOPUS databases, etc.

*Attached evidence to HI 6.5.1.:*

Criteria for obtaining the scientific-pedagogical title or the artistic-pedagogical title "Associate Professor",

<https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/userfiles/HKaIK/KriteriaHKod25.11.2021.pdf>

<https://vssvalzbety.sk/userfiles/HKaIK/2019KriteriaHKaIK1.10.2019.pdf>

## 7. CRITERIA FOR THE EVALUATION OF HI 7

**The level of the university's criteria for assessing the fulfilment of the conditions for obtaining the title of professor (Article 7 of the Standards for the Habilitation and Appointment of Professors)**

**HI 7.1.1** The University has adopted and publicly available criteria for evaluating the fulfilment of the conditions for obtaining the scientific-pedagogical degree or the artistic-pedagogical degree of "professor", which are in accordance with generally binding regulations and are approved by the Scientific Council of the University.

The university has published on its website the Decree of the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic No.246/2019 Coll. on the procedure for obtaining scientific-pedagogical titles or artistic-pedagogical titles of associate professor and professor, the Rules of Procedure of the Scientific Council and the guidelines for the inauguration procedure.

*Attached evidence to HI 7.1.1.:*

- a) Criteria for obtaining the scientific-pedagogical title or the artistic-pedagogical title "professor" <https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/userfiles/HKaIK/KriteriaIKod25.11.20212.pdf>
- b) Overview of the fulfilment of the HaIK criteria by applicants  
<https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/userfiles/HKaIK/Prehľad-plnenia-kriterii-uchadzacov-HaI.pdf>
- c) Rules of Procedure of the Scientific Council  
<https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/userfiles/INFOPORTAL/english/8RULESOFPROCEDUREOFTHESCIENTIFICCOUNCIL.pdf>

**HI 7.2.1.** The university's criteria for the title of professor require the applicant to have previously obtained the scientific and pedagogical title of "associate professor" in the field of habilitation and inauguration or in a related field.

*Attached evidence to HI 7.2.1.:*

Criteria for obtaining the scientific and pedagogical title "Professor",  
<https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/userfiles/HKaIK/KriteriaIKod25.11.20212.pdf>

**HI 7.3.1** The University's criteria for the title of professor require the candidate to have current scholarly and teaching experience in the relevant field of habilitation and inauguration at the University. A minimum of 5 years' experience at our

university or another national or international university is required.

***Attached evidence to HI 7.3.1.:***

Criteria for obtaining the scientific and pedagogical title "Professor",

<https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/userfiles/HKaIK/KriteriaIKod25.11.20212.pdf>

**HI 7.3.2. The** university's criteria for the title of professor require the candidate to have at least 5 years' experience and a track record of performance in higher education tasks of a scope, intensity, structure and quality consistent with international practice and the specificities of the relevant field of habilitation and inauguration, in particular: conducting lectures, tutorials and seminars, assessing students, including examinations at state examinations, supervising and opposing theses, developing study materials and supervising doctoral students, one of whom is successfully trained and one after passing the dissertation examination.

***Attached evidence to HI 7.3.2.:***

Criteria for obtaining the scientific and pedagogical title "Professor",

<https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/userfiles/HKaIK/KriteriaIKod25.11.20212.pdf>

**HI 7.3.3. The** University's criteria for the title of professor require the applicant to have experience and a record of achievement in creative activities, in particular: Leading research teams, organising scientific events, carrying out research, development or other creative activities of the department and publishing their results in the form of scientific papers or artistic outputs or other outputs of creative activity in number, structure, scope, intensity, degree of authorial input and quality corresponding to international practices and specificities in the relevant field of habilitation and inauguration.

Even though private universities have been illegally shut out of grant funding through VEGA and KEGA for 10 years, while university professors are involved in foreign or institutional grant schemes (e.g., through SAMRS, the international cooperation grant the university has received a contribution of 3,340,000 Euros since 2015).

***Attached evidence to HI 7.3.3.:***

Criteria for obtaining the scientific and pedagogical title "Professor",

<https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/userfiles/HKaIK/KriteriaIKod25.11.20212.pdf>

<https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/projekty>

**HI 7.4.1.** The university criteria for the title of professor ensure that their fulfilment demonstrates that the candidate has influenced the development of the relevant field of habilitation and inauguration by establishing a scientific school or an original, generally recognised group that builds on the outputs of his or her creative activity, in particular by training at least one successfully completed doctoral student and supervising at least one other doctoral student after the doctoral examination in the field of study to which the field of habilitation and inauguration is assigned. The research school shall have at least one completed doctoral student and one post-dissertation doctoral student; the average number of completed doctoral students at the school in 2019 and 2020 is 2.

*Attached evidence to HI 7.4.1.:*

Criteria for obtaining the scientific and pedagogical title "Professor",

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

**HI 7.4.2.** The university's criteria for the title of professor ensure that by meeting them the candidate demonstrates that he or she is a recognised scholar in the relevant field of the habilitation and inauguration procedure and that his or her scholarly work has achieved international recognition, in particular, he/she demonstrates references to published scientific works or other outputs of creative activity in number, structure and other attributes corresponding to international practices and the specificities of the field of the habilitation and inauguration procedure, while references from abroad are also required as a standard. Self-citations are excluded.

The criteria of the university require at least 50 references, of which at least 10 are registered in foreign databases WoS, SCOPUS, MEDLINE, ERIH.

*Attached evidence to HI 7.4.2.:*

Criteria for obtaining the scientific and pedagogical title "Professor",

<https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/userfiles/HKaIK/KriteriaIKod25.11.20212.pdf>

**HI 7.4.3.** In the criteria of the university for obtaining the title of professor, in addition to the four-member committee and three opponents, we have also introduced written references on the candidate's achievements from leading foreign experts from at least three different countries outside the Slovak Republic, with the references confirming that the candidate meets the requirements for

serving as a professor in an international context.

***Attached evidence to HI 7.4.3.:***

Criteria for obtaining the scientific and pedagogical title "Professor",

<https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/userfiles/HKaIK/KriteriaIKod25.11.20212.pdf>

**HI 7.4.4 The University's** criteria for becoming a professor ensure that the candidate meets additional qualifications if required by the nature of the relevant field of the habilitation and promotion procedure. In medical disciplines, attestation, completion of specialisation study programmes, acquisition of professional competence to practise the health profession, and the method of continuing education of health professionals (CEH) are required.

***Attached evidence to HI 7.4.4.:***

Criteria for obtaining the scientific and pedagogical title "Professor",

<https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/userfiles/HKaIK/KriteriaIKod25.11.20212.pdf>

**HI 7.5.1 The University's** criteria for the title of professor include measurable indicators with specified minimum thresholds, which serve as one of the bases for evaluating compliance with the requirements (HI 7.3.2 and HI 7.4.2). The minimum thresholds for the measurable indicators are based on international practice in the relevant field of habilitation and promotion. The University has increased the number of published outputs in the WOS, Scopus databases in the 2019 criteria from 3 to 5 and in 2020 to 10 outputs.

***Attached evidence to HI 7.5.1.:***

Criteria for obtaining the scientific and pedagogical title "Professor",

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

**HI 7.5.2 The University's** criteria for becoming a professor include measurable indicators with specified minimum thresholds that meet the requirements of HI 7.6.1.

***Attached evidence to HI 7.5.2.:***

Criteria for obtaining the scientific and pedagogical title "Professor"

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

**HI 7.6.1** The level of the University's criteria for the degree of professor ensures that candidates for the degree of professor are required to have at least the same level of scope, intensity, quality and recognition of their scholarly and other creative activity as the University required of candidates for the degree of professor in the relevant field of habilitation and inauguration in the period preceding the effective date of these standards.

The averages in the tables are as follows:

1. Monographs: required 1, average 6
2. University textbooks/scripts: required 2, average 4
3. Publication activity: required 50, average 167
4. Foreign publications: required 20, average 48
5. Publications in WoS, SCOPUS, ERIH: 10 required, average 21
6. Citations, citations: required 50, average 146
7. Foreign citations: required 10, average 74
8. WoS, SCOPUS citations: required 10, average 54
9. Research projects: required 2, average 7

***Attached evidence to HI 7.6.1.:***

- a) Overview of the fulfilment of the criteria for the habilitation and inauguration procedure of candidates for appointment as professor

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

- b) List of research projects and grants

<https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/projekty>



## 8. CRITERIA FOR EVALUATING THE HI 8 STANDARD

### Rules and procedures for habilitation and inauguration procedures (Article 8 of the Standards for Habilitation and Appointment of Professors)

**HI 8.1.1** The University has established and publicly available rules and procedures for the habilitation and inauguration process that are consistent with generally binding regulations. The rules and procedures are set out in the H&I Office manual.

#### *Attached evidence to HI 8.1.1.:*

- a) Guideline No. 1/2019 of the Habilitation Department No. 1/2019 determining the content of annexes to the application for habilitation proceedings in accordance with the Decree of the Ministry of Education and Science of the Slovak Republic No. 246/2019 Coll. on the procedure for obtaining the scientific-pedagogical titles or the artistic-pedagogical titles of associate professor and professor  
[https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/userfiles/VSK/2019\\_Metodicke\\_umernenie\\_1\\_2019\\_habilitacne\\_konanie.pdf](https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/userfiles/VSK/2019_Metodicke_umernenie_1_2019_habilitacne_konanie.pdf)
- b) Instructions for the processing of the habilitation proceedings of the SEU  
<https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/userfiles/HKaIK/HI8.1.12019Navodnaspracovaniehabilitacnehospisu.pdf>
- c) Guideline No. 2/2019 of the Research and Education Department No. 2/2019 determining the content of the annexes to the application for appointment as professor in accordance with the Decree of the Ministry of Education and Science of the Slovak Republic No. 246/2019 Coll. on the procedure for obtaining the scientific-pedagogical titles or the artistic-pedagogical titles of associate professor and professor  
[https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/userfiles/VSK/2019\\_Metodicke\\_umernenie\\_2\\_2019\\_inauguracne\\_konanie.pdf](https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/userfiles/VSK/2019_Metodicke_umernenie_2_2019_inauguracne_konanie.pdf)
- d) Instructions for the processing of the documents for the procedure for the appointment of professors at the SEU  
[https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/userfiles/VSK/2019\\_Navod\\_na\\_spracovanie\\_inaug\\_spisu.pdf](https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/userfiles/VSK/2019_Navod_na_spracovanie_inaug_spisu.pdf)

e) Directive on Habilitation and Inauguration Proceedings of the SEU

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

f) Statute and Rules of Procedure of the Programme Board of the University of Applied Sciences for study programmes and disciplines of habilitation and inauguration proceedings

<https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/userfiles/INFOPORTAL/english/4StatutesoftheCouncilofUniversityfortheinternalqualityassurancesystemofhighereducation.pdf>

**HI 8.2.1.** The rules and procedures for the habilitation and promotion procedures shall guarantee transparency and openness of the procedures on equal terms for all candidates, which shall be known to them in advance.

The openness to all applicants is demonstrated by the five applicants from abroad (EU) in the last 10 years.

***Attached evidence to HI 8.2.1.:***

List of applicants for the habilitation and inauguration procedure

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

**HI 8.2.2** The rules and procedures of the habilitation and inauguration procedure **ensure that** proven plagiarism by a candidate is grounds for not awarding the title of associate professor or professor.

The originality of the habilitation thesis is assessed in the central thesis register. The Scientific Council accepts conformity for habilitation theses above 33% only if the conformity is with the author's own publications.

***Attached evidence to HI 8.2.2.:***

Directive No. 07/2011 on the requirements for thesis, rigorous and habilitation theses, their bibliographic registration, originality control, preservation and accessibility in accordance with Supplement No. 1/2011 of 20 December 2011

<https://www.vssvalzbety.sk/userfiles/INFOPORTAL/english/4GuidelinesNo072011ontherequirementsforthesisrigorousandhabilitationthesestheirbibliographicregistrationor.pdf>

**HI 8.2.3** The rules and procedures of the habilitation and inauguration procedure shall ensure impartial, objective, professionally informed, consistent and unambiguous verification of the candidate's fulfilment of the specified requirements and criteria.

***Attached evidence to HI 8.2.3.:***

Habilitation and inauguration procedures for the years 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 are published on the website of the university

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

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

**HI 8.2.4.** The rules and procedures of the habilitation and inauguration procedures shall ensure that the selection and composition of the opponents of the habilitation and inauguration procedures, the members of the habilitation committee and the members of the inauguration committee are in accordance with the generally binding regulations. The criteria for selecting these persons shall ensure that they are scientifically active in the relevant field of the habilitation and inauguration procedure or, where justified, in the field of science according to the focus of the applicant's creative activity.

The selection of opponents and members of the committee is carried out according to the Decree 6/2005 Coll., Ministry of Education and Science of the Slovak Republic on the procedure for obtaining scientific-pedagogical titles or artistic-pedagogical titles of associate professor and professor, as amended, and the Decree of the Ministry of Education and Science of the Slovak Republic No. 246/2019 Coll. on the procedure for obtaining scientific-pedagogical titles or artistic-pedagogical titles of associate professor and professor. In the case of interdisciplinary theses, an additional opponent is added.

***Attached evidence to HI 8.2.4.:***

a) List of associate professors - approval of habilitation committees and opponents

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

b) List of professors - approval of habilitation committees and opponents

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

**HI 8.3.1.** In its procedures, the University shall consistently and without exception comply with the generally binding regulations, the applicable and effective rules and procedures of the habilitation and inauguration procedure and the University's criteria for evaluating the fulfilment of the conditions for the award of the scientific-pedagogical title or the artistic-pedagogical title "Associate Professor" and the scientific-pedagogical title or the artistic-pedagogical title "Professor", which were the basis for the decision-making in the previous procedure for the award of accreditation of the respective habilitation and inauguration procedure.

The University carries out an initial check of the materials submitted in the framework of the habilitation and inauguration procedures (the so-called approbation committee).

***Attached evidence to HI 8.3.1.:***

Initial check of files submitted to the HC and IC for 2016/2017, 2017/2018, 2019/2020  
(see Annex HI 8.3.1)

## **9. TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS**

Evaluation of quality standards for habilitation and inauguration proceedings of the St. Elizabeth University of Health and Social Work, n. o. in Bratislava:

- a) discussed by the Academic Senate of the SEU n. o. Bratislava on 6 July 2022
  
- c) discussed and approved by the Council for the Internal Quality Assurance System of Higher Education of the SEU, n. o., Bratislava on 7 July 2022
  
- d) discussed and approved by the Programme Board of the Habilitation and Inauguration Programmes and Fields of Study of the SEU on 7 July 2022
  
- d) approved by the Scientific Council of the SEU, n. o., Bratislava on 7 July 2022

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