Professional Studies

According to Article 97 of the Law on Higher Education the accredited higher education institutions may organize Professional Study Programmes („Strucni studii“) in duration of three years (180 ECTS credits). In exceptional cases, if the study programme is in compliance with the internationally accepted standards, these study programs may last four years, resulting with 240 ECTS credits. The universities may organize also Short Professional Study Programmes („Kratki strucni studii“) in duration of one or two years (60 and 120 ECTS credits respectively). Upon the completion of these professional studies, the candidates are awarded with a professional title.

Courses for Pedagogical Qualification

Pedagogical faculties at selected public universities may organize Courses for Pedagogical Qualification („Kursevi za pedagoshka dokvalifikacija“). The main purpose for implementing these courses is provision of additional training for professionals from other fields/occupations who aim to continue their career in education. These other occupations may include ICT specialists, machine engineers, electrical engineers, telecommunications engineers, economists, mathematicians, jurists, etc. The courses of pedagogical training include pedagogy, psychology and instructional methodology. The latter is also known as didactical preparation. The candidates are also exposed to in-service-training in a real classroom in one of the public schools in the country.

Integrated Study Programmes from First and Second Cycle

Accredited universities in the country may also organize integrated study programmes from the first and second cycle. This type of study programmes are mainly related to the regulated professions/occupations, that are structured and defined for architecture, medicine, pharmacy, dental medicine, veterinary medicine. The Article 106 of the Law on Higher Education [1] precisely defines the list of regulated professions/occupations. The integrated study programmes last five or six years, yielding 300 or 360 ECTS credits respectively.
Specialization Study Programmes within Third Cycle

The legislation allows for the universities to organize third cycle study programmes in duration less than three years (Article 96, paragraph 3 of the Law on Higher Education). The regular third cycle study programmes are in duration of three years. The short study programmes of the third cycle lead to a title of **Specialist** in the relevant field and may last one or two years. These study programmes can also be organized by the Scientific Institutes (with the recent reforms in the higher education sector, the Scientific Institutes were integrated into the universities).

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[1] http://www.mon.gov.mk/images/%D0%97%D0%B0%D0%BA%D0%BE%D0%BD_%D0%B7%D0%B0_%D0%B2%D0%B8%D1%81%D0%BE%D0%BA%D0%BE%D1%82%D0%BE_%D0%BE%D0%B1%D1%80%D0%B0%D0%B7%D0%BE%D0%B2%D0%B0%BD%D0%B8%D0%B5.pdf