

# Medical University of Pleven



Founded in 1974, the Medical University of Pleven integrates therapy and education to train medical students for excellence in the field of medicine. It is one of Bulgaria's five highly respected medical universities. Medical University of Pleven integrates education with research, offering students opportunities to engage in scientific studies. The university features a hospital with over 1,000 beds, a pre-clinical training center, numerous research facilities, and specialized clinics. After earning an MD from Pleven or another medical school, students have the opportunity to engage in research. Throughout the six-year medical program, students learn to treat patients and are awarded an MD degree, qualifying them as physicians. Medical University – Pleven (MU-Pleven) celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2024 with a series of significant events that highlighted its achievements in medical education and research. A major highlight was the Jubilee Scientific Conference held from November 1 to 3, 2024, under the theme "50 Years of Medical Education and Science in Pleven." This international event featured research panels on biomedical, therapeutic, surgical, and pharmaceutical sciences, alongside sessions dedicated to the Faculty of Public Health's 20th anniversary and

student research. The conference also included the XXII National Scientific Session for Students and Teachers of the Medical College and the VIII National Student Session on Health Care. The Director of ICD also attended the event and expressed strong support for the development of international academic standards and student success.

### **Why Study MBBS at the Medical University of Pleven?**

1. **Internationally Accredited Degree:** The medical degree from the Medical University of Pleven is recognized worldwide, thanks to its accreditation by the WHO (World Health Organization) and NMC (National Medical Commission).
2. **Diverse Academic Programs:** The Medical University of Pleven offers a variety of specialties in health management and master's programs in medicine, allowing students to select from a broad range of medical courses.
3. **Cost-Effective Tuition:** The maximum annual tuition fee at the Medical University of Pleven is 8,500 Euros. Additionally, international students can learn Bulgarian for 4,000 Euros for the full course, making it affordable even for non-EU students.
4. **Structured Training:** The university provides two years of pre-clinical training, followed by clinical practice in the chosen medical specialty, with the final year dedicated to a medical internship that prepares students for real-world medical practice.
5. **Highly Qualified Faculty:** Professors, lecturers, and visiting lecturers at the university are experts with advanced qualifications and specialties in their respective fields.
6. **Comprehensive Facilities:** From sports amenities to modern educational infrastructure, the Medical University of Pleven ensures students have

access to all necessary resources to successfully complete their medical education and training.

7. Support for Research & Practical Work: Master's and PhD students receive professional guidance and access to resources for conducting research and fieldwork in their areas of study.
8. Schengen Visa Benefits: A Schengen Visa allows students to travel within Schengen countries in Europe for up to 180 days after visa approval. Bulgaria issues a European Visa that is recognized as a Schengen Visa.

### **Facilities at the Medical University of Pleven**

1. Laboratories: The laboratories are furnished with the latest equipment necessary for students to engage in practical and research activities.
2. Clinics: The university offers clinics for both pre-clinical and clinical training purposes.
3. Hospital: The university owns a hospital with more than 1,000 beds, serving both patients and students for treatment and training. The Medical University of Pleven includes various clinics corresponding to different medical specialties, along with radiology and other facilities such as therapeutic and diagnostic tools essential for proper medical training.
4. Modern Teaching Aids:

Classrooms & Examination Units – The Medical University of Pleven provides demonstrative hardware for interactive learning and has dedicated exam centers where students can assess their knowledge.

Department of Language & Specialized Training – A special department exists for international students to learn Bulgarian, helping them communicate effectively with patients.

Sports – The university offers sports amenities, including an indoor basketball stadium and fields for volleyball and football, for student recreation.

### **Eligibility criteria**

#### **1. Qualification:**

Applicants aged 17 to 25 can apply to Sofia Medical University after finishing their high school diploma in the science stream with a minimum of 62% marks.

#### **2. Entrance Exam:**

The university conducts an entrance test, and students must score at least 50% in both Biology and Chemistry to qualify.

#### **3. Language Proficiency:**

If you're a non-native speaker of the chosen language (Bulgarian or English), an MOI (Medium of Instruction) certificate serves as proof of proficiency. Without an MOI, you must complete language training at MUS and pass their language proficiency exam.

#### **4. Documents:**

Required documents include a medical certificate, motivation letter, recommendation letter, valid passport, national ID, and 4-5 photographs.

### **Documents Required**

1. High School Diploma Marksheet or an Equivalent Certificate
2. Academic Records (Grades for 10th, 11th, and 12th grades)
3. Application Form for University Admission
4. Valid National Identification Card
5. Copy of a Current Passport
6. One or Two Recommendation Letters

7. Personal Statement or Statement of Purpose
8. Four to Five Colored Passport-Sized Photograph
9. Motivation Letter
10. Medical certificate

**All Admission procedures will be guided by ICD**