

## EFFECTIVENESS OF PHD PROGRAMMES IN BIOMEDICINE AND HEALTH SCIENCES IN KAUNAS UNIVERSITY OF MEDICINE, LITHUANIA

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The Kaunas University of Medicine (KUM) offers a choice of 7 PhD programmes related to biomedicine and health sciences: medicine, odontology, pharmacy, nursing, public health, biology, biophysics. The institutional structures in support of PhD programmes cover all sectors of the university, are effective and are suited to planned developments. Procedures connected with PhD programme's performance are in place for assurance of standards and quality, including periodic reviews that focus on studies and research activities, periodic satisfactions surveys of research students, the compilation and publication of completion times and rates.

Every year total number of about 50-60 students enroll into the PhD studies in KUM in different programs. Yearly number of PhD students is about 220. According to our statistics, about 50 % of PhD students choose programme of medicine. The completion effectiveness rate of doctoral studies in KUM is more than 80% during the recent 5 years. 82, 6 % of PhDs that have completed their studies and successfully have been awarded with doctoral degree were employed in KUM and its institutions as educators and researchers.