

SYSTEM OF RESEARCH STAFF TRAINING IN MOSCOW STATE UNIVERSITY OF MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY

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The University practices a two-level system of research staff training comprising postgraduate and doctorate training. Postgraduate training includes studying in one of nine branches of knowledge, i.e. medicine, biology, chemistry, pharmacy, psychology, pedagogy, economics, linguistic theory, and history of science and technology. The doctorate programme provides for training in medicine only. Postgraduate training can be full-time (3 years) or part-time (4 years), doctorate training can be full-time only (3 years). Postgraduate training implies preparation for the defense of a thesis for the degree of Candidate of Sciences, and doctorate training – for the degree of Doctor of Sciences. The postgraduates' curriculum includes courses on history of philosophy and science, a foreign language, computer science, pedagogy, and in-depth study of the chosen profession. Upon completion of courses in history of philosophy and science, a foreign language and health profession, students take their qualifying examination for the Candidate Degree that proves the student's academic qualification. At the same time students are engaged in their principal research and teaching activities. The process of writing of a research thesis ends in its public defense, meanwhile the research results have to be published in national and peer-reviewed press.