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ANALYTICAL PROFILE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

The dept of Occupational Therapy first of all has harmonized its quality policy with the quality policy of the University of Western Macedonia, taking actively part at the Quality Assurance Accreditation procedure by the Hellenic Authority for Higher Education (<https://www.ethaae.gr/en/>) in the period between 14-19 December 2020.

Quality Assurance for our department is a continuous effort to follow high national and international standards during the undergraduate, postgraduate studies and during research. The dept applies reliable recording and internal evaluation of research and studies procedures that drive the decision-making, after taking also into account national and international Good Practices.

Some indicative activities are:

(A) The registration to the European Network of Occupation Therapy in Higher Education (ENOTHE) from the first year of operation and participation to all of its actions.

(B) The Configuration of the undergraduate studies program in close cooperation with the Greek and the Cypriot Occupational Therapists Associations.

(Γ) The beginning of the procedure for certification by the World Federation of Occupational Therapists (WFOT).

Scope of the department

The dept of Occupational Therapy of the University of Western Macedonia has as its aim to promote and develop the OT science through Advanced Education and Research. A main scope is to supply to its students the necessary skills for them to be successful in their professional and research career.

The dept is newly established with the Greek Law 4610/2019 – ΦΕΚ 70/A/7-5-2019 and it is the second department of its kind in Greece.

The site of the dept is <https://ot.uowm.gr/> and it has a Greek and an English menu, where anyone can find the undergraduate courses in Greek and in English and a detailed study guide in Greek and in English.

The dept pays special attention to the Clinical Placement. For this purpose, it has established a close cooperation with the Greek and Cypriot OT Associations and through them, it has managed to supply to its students the possibility to attend their clinical placement on site or through e-presence to almost 35 clinical structures (special schools, hospitals, elderly residences, etc).

Our dept has adopted the ECTS credit units, as stated at the study guide. All the regulations



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(undergraduate, postgraduate studies etc) can also be found at the dept's site.

Strategic Planning

The strategic planning of the dept includes the following objectives:

- Supply of students-centric studies and reform of the studies regulation through an interantional standards' procedure, based on feedback by the students and on the advanced role of the internal evaluation team of the dept.
- High-level research through cooperation with highly respected organization both nationally and worldwide. The dept, in its 1,5 years of operation has already submitted the following proposals, where several well-known partners take part:
 - a) "School occupational therapy at the elementary schools – e-lessons", proposal submitted at the calls for proposals by the regional operational program 2014-2020 No 90-services and implementation of e-education (ΑΔΑ ΩΜΘΤ7ΛΨ-3Μ). 19/12/2019.
 - b) Horizon 2020 Framework Programme
Call: H2020-SC1-DTH-2020-1 (Digital transformation in Health and Care)
Type of action: RIA
Proposal number : 101017338 — Proposal acronym: AHACITY
AHA-CITY: SMART SOLUTIONS BASED ON CO-CREATION PROCESS FOR ACTIVE AND HEALTHY AGEING CITY.
 - c) 4th Call - H.F.R.I. Science & Society, "Interventions to address the economic and social consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic" PART B2, Research Proposal,
Proposal's Title Monitoring of Covid Patients Staying at Home, Proposal's Acronym: CoViFit.
 - d) EEA and Norway Grants Fund for Youth Employment
Unlocking Youth Potential
CALL FOR PROPOSALS - FULL PROPOSAL
Call no. 2020-1
Project Index No.: 2020-1-0358
Project title: Creating ties within communities in mountain rural areas, promoting the employment of discouraged NEETs' in silver economy– SILVER TIES
Lead partner : University Research Center (URC) Temenus
Submission date: 24/12/2020.
- Enhancement of the permanent personnel of the department. Already two lecturers are enlisted at the department and two more Assistant Professors are about to be appointed in 2021.
- Establishment of cutting-edge educational and research laboratories on Occupational Therapy and Assistive Living technologies.