

Erasmus Policy Statement for 2021-2027

The College of Rehabilitation based in Warsaw (WSR) was established in 2007 and so far educates students on first-cycle studies (Bachelor's degree) and second-cycle studies (Master's degree).

Currently WSR runs courses for over 2.500 students in three majors: physiotherapy (long-cycle master studies), dietetics(I-st and II-nd cycle) paramedics(I-st cycle) and medical psychology (I-st cycle). Our College also has a wide range of directional and specialized courses and postgraduate studies.

1. Strategy of the institution's development. Objectives and priorities in the context of Erasmus Programme.

Strategy of the development of WSR takes into account the main objectives of Erasmus Programme and in accordance with the College's Statute systematically increases the quality of education, promotes and provides for European dimension of education, develops multilateral cooperation between the educational institutions and companies, focuses on increasing students' and academic staff's mobility works in aid of mutual recognition of qualifications obtained during students' and staff's international exchange.

The objective of WSR Policy Statement connected with Erasmus Programme realization is to prepare students to live in the multinational, multicultural and technically advanced society of European Union as well as increasing qualifications of the academic staff.

To ensure effectiveness and comprehensiveness of the education, WSR focuses on both theoretical education and practical training, also on the cooperation with universities and other scientific institutions, both local and foreign.

The objectives and priorities in area of international cooperation for 2021-2027 are:

- Continuation of students and staff bilateral exchange in the frame of Erasmus Programme;
- Attracting foreign students, not only from European countries, but also from Program Countries (Ukraine, Belarus, South America);
- Extending the educational offer of foreign languages available for students, including promoting Polish language among foreign students;
- Offering the possibilities of education in foreign languages(courses taught in English and Spanish);
- Study programs in English;
- Preparing students and graduates for professional work in international institutions/companies by organizing the traineeship abroad;
- Educating academic and administrative staff by their active participation in exchange program and international projects;
- Increasing the number of outgoing and incoming staff and students to improve the quality of educational programmes and students' experience;
- Promoting the knowledge and cooperation by organizing conferences, congresses, scientific workshops gathering academic community and entrepreneurs;
- Acquisition of new foreign partners (universities and companies);
- Extending the educational offer of foreign language available for academic and administrative staff;
- Scientific publications, also in foreign languages;
- Integration and cooperation of EU members, candidates and non-EU countries for better understanding and knowledge of European policy;
- Equalization of the educational chances for all social groups and above all disabled people;
- Using modern information and multimedia technologies;

- Supporting traditional classes by modern forms of education by running online courses and other forms of distance learning;
- Extension the number of initiatives aimed to improve and digitalize the service of students' exchange programme;
- Building modern scientific data bases, available for students and academic staff;

In the light of ensuring the execution of the assumptions concerning non-discrimination, i.e. gender equality, integration of the disabled students, as well as academic and administrative staff, we declare continuing matriculating both foreign and disabled students. Furthermore, by implementing Erasmus Programme Policy, WSR declares:

- Supporting the disabled (special scholarship system; Disable Student Allowance, the college building is fully disability-adjusted);
- Supporting students being in difficult financial situation (WSR from the beginning of its activity awards scholarships and allowances if necessary);
- Organizing meetings and lectures concerning other cultures and traditions of other nationalities.

WSR authorities declare to make every effort to support of non-discrimination, anti-racism and anti-xenophobic activities.

2. Quality of academic mobility

With the international experience, WSR is prepared to ensure high quality mobility organizing for students, graduates and staff. Concerning international exchange issues, Erasmus+ Institutional Coordinator, whose main tasks include i.a. substantive supervision of outgoing and incoming staff (academic and administrative) and students, arranging integration meetings, supporting in solving current issues. The Erasmus+ Institutional Coordinator is available also via telephone or e-mail. Any person concerned will gain all of the necessary information from the Coordinator, who have knowledge and materials regarding partner institutions and keeps in touch with them.

In the recent years new bilateral agreements has been signed; WSR cooperates with 37 foreign universities. All the necessary information concerning i.a. applying for students' exchange are provided during information meetings, as well as by website and social media. It is guaranteed to each student, that a period of study completed in foreign university (according to Learning Agreement) is recognised by WSR after returning, upon the Dean's decision.

From the beginning of WSR's activity, the ECTS Credits system had been implemented. For academic exchange purposes WSR operates documents, i. a. Learning Agreement, Transcript of Record. Incoming students receive Polish Students' Card, Transcript of Record and Traineeship Certificate, as well as the information packet concerning practical information about studying in WSR, living in Warsaw, in Poland. They also have the possibility to complete the free Polish language course, which also awards ECTS credits. Moreover, integration and cultural meetings are organized. Thanks to the openness and availability of academic staff, foreign students can complete some courses individually. Outgoing students receive grants, to which they are entitled, moreover, they are exempted from the tuition fee in WSR.

WSR also provides with the linguistic preparation. The College offers course catalogue in English, which allows to obtain required 30 ECTS credit in each semester. In the future, WSR plans to establish whole cycle of study in English.

3. Quality of students' traineeship

WSR has the experience in students' and graduates' traineeship organizing. The traineeship which is adjusted to individual educational pathway is included in educational program of each field of study as a compulsory part. Host institutions are selected in accordance with student's educational profile and specialisation. In the frame of SMP mobility, students can

complete their traineeship in medical units, cooperating with partner universities (university hospitals, clinics, medical placement and other units), students can also establish contact with institutions individually.

The traineeships are organized based on Learning Agreement for Traineeship between the student, WSR and host institution, which clearly defines the rights and obligations of each party. The host institution is obliged to provide traineeship position, meeting the requirements of study field and the equipment necessary to efficiently performing tasks entrusted to the trainee. The agreement guarantees that the achievements and credits gained during the mobility will be automatically recognised after return.

The qualified participants are having linguistic and cultural preparation, during which they are introduced to the information of host countries, acquiring the knowledge concerning living and working in multicultural environment, what promotes the integration of the students with the environment.

Each traineeship is preceded by arranging the traineeship plan, approved by Dean, and clearly identifying trainee's tasks. The supervisor of the traineeship in host institution exercises a direct, material control over completed tasks, while the supervisor in WSR is responsible for the teaching and educational oversight. After the end of the traineeship period, the host institution provides the opinion about the trainee and the information about the commitment in various aspects of institution's life. Student receives the traineeship and the qualitative assessment of the traineeship.

College of Rehabilitation commits to achieving the targets related to participation in Erasmus Programme and intends to:

- ensure a possibly highest rate of students, academic and administrative staff participation within the whole lifecycle of the project,
- actively support the mobility and cooperation projects, as well as the participation in the Erasmus Actions within the financing perspective 2021-2027,
- implement the European Student Card by 2021,
- implement the use of the Erasmus App by 2023,
- fully adopt and implement the Erasmus Without Paper initiative by 2023.