



*NICOLAE TESTEMITANU* STATE UNIVERSITY OF MEDICINE  
AND PHARMACY OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA





## DEAR PROSPECTIVE STUDENT,

I'm glad to welcome you to *Nicolae Testemitanu* State University of Medicine and Pharmacy of the Republic of Moldova (SUMPh) - the single institution of higher education in our country that trains specialists in medicine, dentistry and pharmacy.

Accredited at the national level and assessed by international bodies, SUMPh offers optimal conditions of undergraduate and postgraduate training. Renowned doctors and experts are ready to present you the great mysteries of medicine and help you become a good specialist. The training process involves advanced methods of teaching-learning-evaluation by using modern technologies. Here you'll have the possibility to be involved in research activity, master foreign languages, participate in traineeships abroad, obtain driver's license, participate in different sport activities, cultural events etc.

SUMPh is recognized far beyond our country for the values it produced in the field of higher education, medical sciences and medical care. But that's not enough. We tend to become one of the best universities in Eastern Europe, an objective that can be achieved together with our staff and students.

Over the years, we've managed to conserve and develop beautiful traditions, that you are invited to meet here. SUMPh was founded in 1945. Since 1990, the University bears the name of Nicolae Testemitanu (1927–1986) - famous scientist, talented teacher and educator, statesman, experienced organizer in public health field, who contributed substantially to the organization and development of health care in our country.

Yearly, more than 6000 students from Moldova and from about 30 countries of the world study at *Nicolae Testemitanu* SUMPh.

***You are invited to become part of our big family!***



*Rector, Ion Ababii  
Professor, MD, PhD*

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# 1 Why choose our University?

- An institution of higher education of international fame that trains medical and pharmaceutical staff in conformity with modern concepts and international requirements.
- Well-prepared teaching-staff, both in practice and research activities.
- Optimal conditions of undergraduate and postgraduate training of medical and pharmaceutical specialists.
- A good quality of medical education, focused on practical training.
- Modern library that offers access to publications and electronic resources.
- Well-equipped laboratories and classrooms, which ensure the quality of the study and research processes.
- Practical courses are carried out at the University Chairs (departments) located in 72 modern clinics and at the University Center for Simulation in Medical Training.
- The opportunity to study in 4 languages: Romanian, English, Russian, French.
- The possibility to have internships abroad, especially in clinics and universities in Europe.
- During 70 years of activity, the University trained over 40 thousand of doctors and pharmacists, many of







them are working in countries all around the world.

- Various extracurricular activities are carried out: sports, contests, festivals. Once in two years

it is organized the International Congress of Students and Young Doctors "Med-Espera", where participate young specialists and students from over 15 countries of

the world. Also, scientific conferences, teleconferences and other scientific activities are organized regularly.

- Low costs for studying and living.







International students of *Nicolae Testemitanu* SUMPh may choose studying Medicine (including Public Health), Dentistry and Pharmacy. After graduating they may

attend postgraduate education (residency and fellowship training). Also, the University offers the possibility to obtain a Master's or PhD Degree in Medicine, Dentistry and

Pharmacy. A Master's Degree in Public Health can be obtained at the School of Management of Public Health, a subdivision of *Nicolae Testemitanu* SUMPh.

Study Programs	Teaching language	Length	Study type	Faculty	Credits (ECTS)	Degree
Medicine	Romanian, English, Russian, French*	6 years	Full-time	Medicine (no. 1, no. 2)	360	Diploma of higher education in Medicine
Dentistry	Romanian, English, Russian, French*	5 years	Full-time	Dentistry	300	Diploma of higher education in Dentistry
Pharmacy	Romanian, English, Russian, French*	5 years	Full-time	Pharmacy	300	Diploma of higher education in Pharmacy
Residency	Romanian**	2-5 years (depending on speciality)	Full-time	Residency and Fellowship Training	According to the speciality	License in the chosen speciality
Continuous Education	Romanian**			Continuous Education in Medicine and Pharmacy	According to the speciality	

\* Only for home students  
 \*\* Needed for communication with patients



The academic year lasts 34 weeks, being divided into two semesters, 17 weeks each and two examination sessions.

AUTUMN SEMESTER (1 <sup>st</sup> SEMESTER)				SPRING SEMESTER (2 <sup>nd</sup> SEMESTER)				
Courses	New Year holidays and Christmas	Examination session	Vacation	Courses	Easter holidays	Examination session	Summer practical training	Summer vacation
September-December	One week	January (2 weeks)	January-February (1 week)	February – June	One week	June –July (2 weeks)	July – August (4 weeks)	August (about 3 weeks)

## Preparatory Course

International students can attend preparatory courses (9-10 months), where they will learn the Romanian language and some general courses (adapted to the medical program) in biology, chemistry and physics in order to study medicine at our University further. Students are taught in small groups by using up-to-date equipment, intensive and interactive teaching. Those who successfully pass the final examinations of the preparatory courses are directly enrolled (without taking an admission test) on the chosen faculty of Nicolae Testemitanu SUMPh.

### The study process includes:

- > Theoretical courses
- > Practical activities (seminars, laboratory classes, clinical training at university facilities)
- > Practical training.

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# Faculty of Medicine

Students start their studies with pre-clinical courses, where general subjects are taught. In the III<sup>rd</sup> year clinical disciplines are included. These lessons are carried out at the University Chairs (Departments) where students develop their practical skills.

The curriculum of the Faculty of Medicine meets the standards of the curricula of similar faculties in France, Germany, Russia, Ukraine, USA and Israel, according to the recommendations of the World Health Organization and Association of Medical Schools in Europe concerning the medical education. The Faculty of Medicine uses problem-based learning approach and tends to implement methods of evidence-based medicine in future.

International students have optimal conditions for studying medicine in English, Romanian or Russian. After graduation students usually have to pass a screening test when going back to their countries. Teaching materials from the countries of their origin are used in training in order to help them. Read more on:

<http://usmf.md/en/despre-universitate/facultati/>





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# Faculty of Dentistry

The Faculty of Dentistry has a clinical setting and two university dental clinics equipped with modern device, including medical mannequins that allow a proper training of local and international students of the Faculty of Dentistry.

Clinical training starts from the first year of studies. From the third year, students develop their practical skills by working with patients in the university dental clinics.



The Faculty is continuously improving the study process by developing international collaboration with dental faculties in Romania, Ukraine, Russia, USA, France, Czech Republic and other countries.

Read more:

<http://stomatologie.usmf.md/en/>



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# Faculty of Pharmacy



The departments of the Faculty are furnished with up-to-date equipment that meets all the requirements for training professionals in the domain of pharmacy. Future pharmacists study at six specialised departments, at the Pharmaceutical Center, University Pharmacy and at the Scientific Center for Medicinal Herbs Cultivation.

The Faculty is well equipped and allows to train the pharmacists according to the contemporary pharmaceutical requirements.

Read more:

<http://farmacie.usmf.md/en/>





# 5 Postgraduate studies

**N**icolae Testemitanu State University of Medicine and Pharmacy offers possibilities to continue your studies after graduation at the Faculty of Residency and Fellowship Training (1-5 years, according to the speciality), Faculty of

Continuous Education in Medicine and Pharmacy (for doctors), School of Management of Public Health (for a Master's degree or short training courses). Also, here you may take a Master's and Doctor's degrees and

continue them with postdoctoral studies.

For more information:

<http://usmf.md/en/studii/postuniversitare/>



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# Scientific Medical Library

Our University has a modern and well-stocked Scientific Medical Library that offers support for the educational and scientific processes, and provides a range of information services for beneficiaries.

The Library offers access to more than 830 000 publications (in Romanian, English, Russian and other lan-

guages) in the lecture halls and for home loans (textbooks and scientific publications). The library provides on-line access to various medical databases, like MedLine, Hinari, OARE, ARDI, Scopus, STAT!Ref, Springer, Cochrane Library etc. and off-line access to a representative collection of CDs and DVDs.

Open 7 days a week, the University Library has 3 lecture halls and 3 information centers equipped with computers and Internet connection, located in different regions of the city (near the campus and hospitals).

The Library has an electronic catalogue and a virtual library that can be accessed on [www.library.usmf.md](http://www.library.usmf.md).





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# University Center for Simulation in Medical Training

The University Center for Simulation in Medical Training (UCSMT) of *Nicolae Testemitanu* SUMPh is one of the most advanced centers in Eastern Europe, according to the proposed range of services in the field of medical training and sophisticated scientific and training equipment. Its mission is to improve the safety of medical process and that of the patient by application of modern teaching methods and medical practices based on simulation.

Here are provided courses for students and medical specialists at all levels of continuing training, where you can get: skills of communication with patients, the basic practical medical and surgical skills, advanced individual dexterity, ability to communicate and work in team, leadership abilities, knowledge of resource and crisis management.

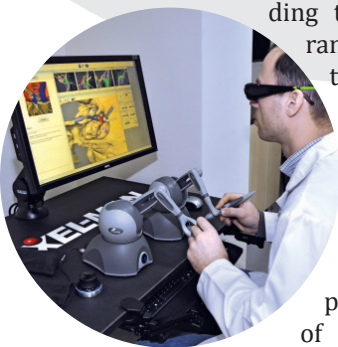
In the UCSMT training is provided on the basis of curricula programs and extra-curricular courses organized in several modules:

- Programs for Medical Maneuvers and basic surgical techniques
- Programs for Internal Medicine
- Programs for Standard Patients and Communication

- Programs for Surgery
- Programs for Anesthesiology and Intensive Care
- Programs for Emergency Medicine
- Programs for Mother and Child
- Programs for Endoscopy
- Programs for Medical Imaging.

The Society in Europe for Simulation Applied to Medicine presents UCSMT as a model of a simulation center in its network.

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## What do you need to know?

### How to apply

Students are enrolled once a year, in the period: July-August

In order to be admitted to the entrance contest, the applicants must hand in the following documents:

- Application form;
- A copy of the foreigner's national passport valid not less than one year;
- Application form, submitted by the applicant;

- A copy of the school leaving certificates: Baccalaureate Diploma or its equivalent, a legalized translation of it into Romanian, Russian or English language and with an apostille from Ministry of Justice (Education) from the applicant's country;

- A notarized copy of the birth certificate;

- Police certificate;

- 3 matte passport photos.

After the above mentioned documents are examined, the applicants will receive an acceptance letter from the University. Citizens of some countries may require visa to enter the Republic of Moldova.

### Entry requirements

- B2 level for the teaching language
- completed secondary education (school/lyceum or college)
- at least 18 years old

### Tuition fee

The tuition fee has to be paid in advance for the entire academic year.

The tuition fee will remain unchanged throughout the period of studies.

The tuition fee covers: attendance of the courses (practical and theoretical), library entrance and use of the resources, lessons at the University Center of Simulation in Medical Training (in accordance with the curriculum), use of the laboratories and the equipment during the academic year.

The tuition fee does not include the costs of accommodation, admission fee, registration and legalization of temporary residence in the Republic of Moldova.

More information on fees can be found here: <http://admitere.usmf.md/en/>

### Tuition cuts

The best students have a cut of 15% from the tuition fee.

For more information about admission and tuition fees, please contact the department responsible for international students admission either by calling +373 22 241 777 or +373 22 242 333, or by writing an e-mail to [foreign@usmf.md](mailto:foreign@usmf.md)





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## Students about us



*"What I especially like about Nicolae Testemitanu SUMPh is the kindness and knowledge of teachers and their willing to help, the ability to do good practice in important subjects, like Anatomy, and also the small groups of study at seminars".*

*Gluzman D., Israel, General medicine*



*"I have chosen to study in Moldova because my cousins recommended Nicolae Testemitanu SUMPh to me. They told me the country is safe, people are nice; the university teaches in English and is very hands-on. After searching for myself, I found everything they said to be true and I'm happy I came to study here".*

*Alexandra M., USA, General medicine*

### *Students in 3 words about Nicolae Testemitanu SUMPh*

*Opportunity for succeeding*

*Hard but fun*

*Very good university*

*Knowledge, relationship, professional*

*Place for us*

*Working hard together*

# 10 Living here



Although it is a small country, Moldova as a destination has a lot to offer - beautiful places and landscapes, a rich history and traditions.

Chisinau is the capital of Moldova. It is the largest city of the country and its political, administrative, economical and cultural centre. The capital of Moldova is considered to be one of the greenest cities in Europe. There are many parks in the city and trees grow on almost every street.

The city offers possibilities of active cultural life. In all there are 15 theatres and concert halls, 7 cinemas, 13 museums, 9 parks, 10 stadiums and sport complexes in the town. Additionally, there are 12 libraries and reading halls always at the disposal of citizens of Chisinau and foreign visitors. Also, Chisinau holds annually national and international festivals.

Chisinau is a city of youth due to more than 100 000 students who study at different educational institutions. For entertainment Chisinau offers various options with its many cafés and restaurants that present cuisines on everyone's taste.

Chisinau is a totally new experience and you are invited to try it!



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# Accommodation

Chisinau is one of the cheapest city in Europe, according to a survey conducted by the ECA International. You'll need an amount of about € 400,00 per month in order to pay your apartment, food, transport, leisure and other. You have the possibility to save some money by choosing to stay in the University Hostels, located nearby the hospitals where the university departments (chairs) are placed. The infrastructure includes security, social and community assistance. Also, the meals at the university cafeteria are cheaper than in the city restaurants and cafes.



On your arrival at the University, you'll be permanently assisted in all formalities connected with your stay in our country, in order to get used to the new conditions of life and study.

Moving to another city is not an easy decision to make. You have to get informed about the possibilities it offers, the living costs and leisure. Chisinau seems to be the perfect destination for those who want to get quality studies, meet pleasant people, have fun and, at the same time, spend less money. Chisinau has to become your destination!





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# Invest in knowledge!

**T**he interest of international students in studying at *Nicolae Testemitanu* SUMPh is growing each year. You are welcome to join our community and to become a renowned doctor or pharmacist. All you need is willingness and dedication. By coming to SUMPh you invest in future, you invest in knowledge!





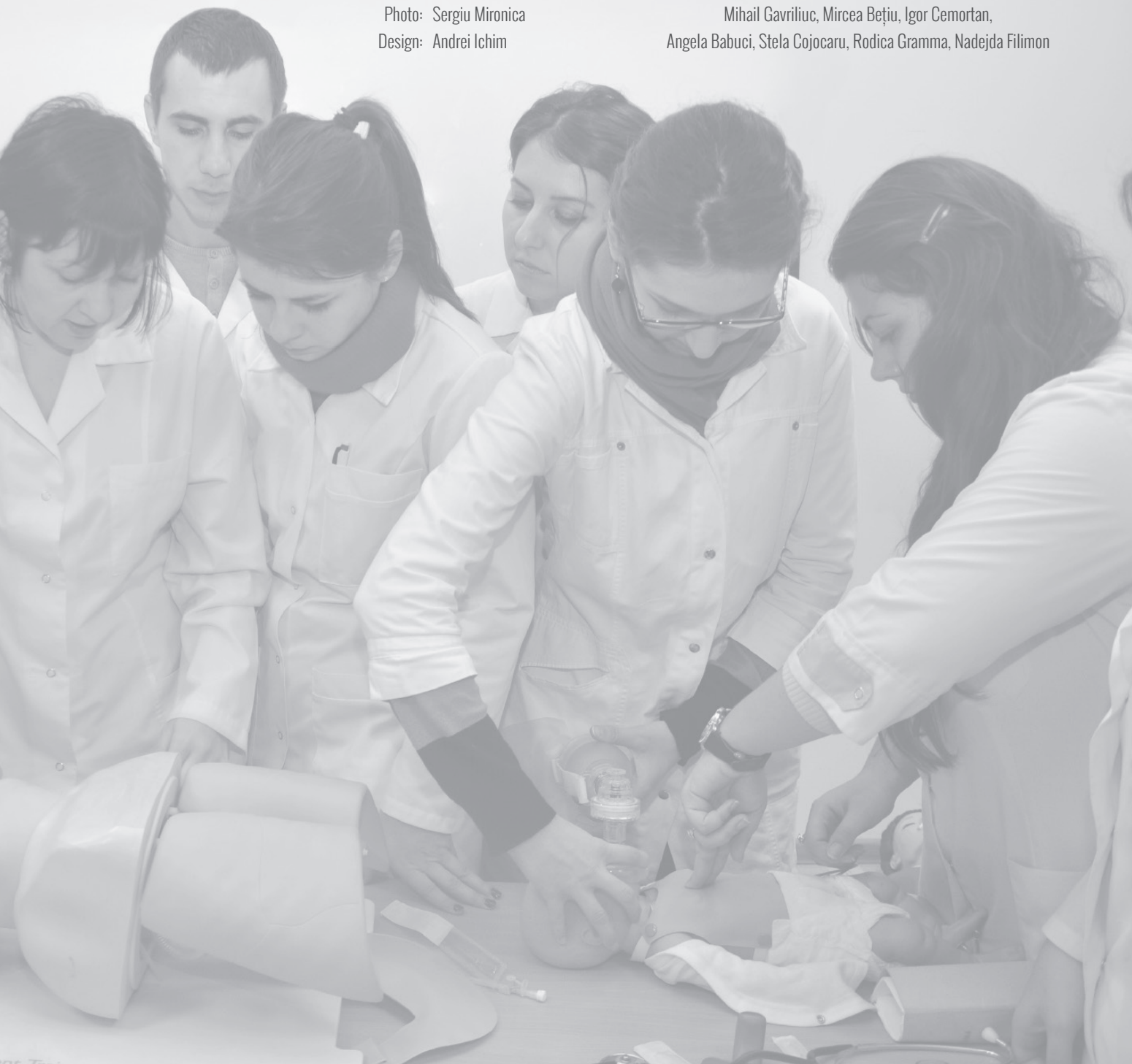
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