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How to help students write professionally

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Due to the acceptance of a university diploma in other countries, Faculty of Pharmacy, Comenius University Bratislava graduates are demanded professionally, and their language skills and abilities are required. Students often face the requirement to write a professional article and prepare an abstract, poster, or other written scientific paper. At the Department of Languages, we assumed that the extension of subjects by Medical Writing would be the best tool in helping students to cope with the professional writing requirements. For this reason, in the form of a questionnaire, we asked 100 students for their opinion on whether the new subject would meet their needs to improve their publishing knowledge and skills. 96% agreement confirmed the correctness of this decision. Medical Writing will focus on basic concepts, text functions, or the identification and creation of various text types.

For to the need to take into account the professional orientation and communication of students abroad, and also to the study of professional literature, which is mainly available only in English, and the need to publish scientific papers in foreign professional publications, teaching Medical Writing will be conducted exclusively in English. Medical Writing seminars will form a practical guide for students who need the mentioned skills during their studies and subsequently in a professional carrier home and abroad.

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