**Development plan**

**Of the University “Geomedi” (2009-2014)**

**Introduction**

On June 19, 1999 in the oldest University City Bologna Ministers of Education and Sciences of 29 European countries had signed declaration, which constituted a ground for the process of creation of United European educational space. On May 20, 2005 in Norwegian city Bergen, Georgia was recognized as a member of Bologna process by the Ministers of higher education of 40 countries and by international organizations.

Modern life realities and directions for the development made a necessity of training of competitive specialists the main topic of the day, and this process in its turn requires cardinal reconstruction of management, education and study in higher educational institutions.

Today, under conditions of fierce competition drastic alterations of management and activity (education, study and scientific research) remain the only precondition for successful functioning of higher educational institutions.

The University “Geomedi” is one of the component parts of medical education in our country and successful medical higher educational institution, which directs its efforts to the development of education, researches and clinical activity. These particular three basic components constitute a ground for elaboration of strategic plan of the University, which is drawn up on the basis of the following documents:

1. The Georgian Law “Concerning the higher education”
2. The Georgian Law “Concerning Medical Activity”
3. The Georgian Law “On professional education”.
4. Bologna declaration (1999)
5. Prague communiqué (2001)
6. Bergen communiqué (2005)
7. Lisbon declaration (2007)
8. London communiqué (2007).

**Mission**

The main mission of the University “Geomedi” is full-scale performance of educational-scientific and research works, training of highly qualified, competitive and professional medical personnel. For this purpose our university will engage talented young people with relevant professional skills, will provide them by necessary conditions for mastering in major specialties, to improve skills for scientific researches at international standards’ level, to provide them with high quality textbooks, special and supplementary scientific literature, and modern informational technological means.

**Priorities**

Priorities of the University “Geomedi” are the followings:

1. Academic freedom for academic staff and students.
2. High level of medical education and scientific researches.
3. Observance of the principle of medical education’s continuity.

**Goals**

Main goals of the University “Geomedi” are the followings:

1. Assistance to the establishment of national and panhuman values in the medicine management and stomatological sphere.
2. Higher education and continuous professional education in accordance with the international standards.
3. Training of specialists with competence in accordance with up-to-date requirements.
4. Medical activity, in accordance with professional and ethic standards of medical service accepted in the country.

**For achievement of these goals the University:**

1. carries out Bachelor degree, Master degree, Residency and Doctoral academic educational programs;
2. will draw leading, newcomer or famous acting scientists to the academic positions, which are capable to carry out academic activity with regard to account newest achievements of the science and by introduction of modern technologies;
3. creates maximal attractive conditions for students’ study, research and self-development;
4. spends a part of the budget on the researches development;
5. creates scientific relationships both inland, and abroad;
6. Publishes original or translated textbooks and researches’ results.

**Scientific research**

Establishment of scientific research based study at all three stages of scientific education; training of researches with high competence and carrying out of scientific researches which are compliant with modern standards.

**University structure**

The quantity of faculties in the University “Geomedi” will not be limited neither by legislation nor by university statute. As many faculties will operate, as it is necessary for maintenance of education and research at modern level and for its development, and there is real professional resource for it in the University. Preceding from this fact the University provides training in following specialties:

1. Health economics and management.
2. Stomatology.
3. Sport medicine and rehabilitation.

Respective centers will operate in the University, which are capable to manage academic and non-academic courses of study.

These courses are:

1. Foreign languages training centre.
2. Computer centre.
3. Centre for professional improvement and continuing education

**Planning of Academic Activity**

Academic activity in the University is planned according to ECTS (European Credit Transfer System). Therefore for licentiate’s training 300 credits will be necessary, for Bachelor degree – 240, for Master degree – 120 credits, and for PhD degree – 180 credits.

In the University “Geomedi” the volume of one credit is determined by 25 hours, from where approximately one fourth will be intended for contact (class) hours, while other hours will be intended for independent work and face-to-face (individual) work with professors.

Big attention will be paid to the orientation to labor market. In parallel with academic programs educational programs will be oriented on the mastering of skills necessary for labor market, in order that after graduation from every stage the student (if preferred) would have possibility to enter a labor market and to become competitive.

**International relations**

1. Scientific contracts with foreign higher educational institutions and academic institutions of corresponding field.
2. Execution (signing) of a Memorandum with foreign educational and academic institutions.
3. Elaboration of common Bachelor degree, Master degree, Doctoral and Residency programs.
4. Mobility of students and academic staff.

**Introduction of modern information technologies**

1. Tapping into the European computer network.
2. Continuing education of employers in information technologies.
3. Program support of University structures.

**Updating of material and technical base according to international standards**

**Library**

1. Annual updating and complement of library catalog
2. Creation of electronic catalogs.

**Improvement of the University structure and management system.**

1. Formation of optimal administration structure.
2. Management decentralization.
3. Introduction of effective system of remuneration of labor and stimulation.
4. Recertification (scheduled qualification) of administrative and academic staff of the University.
5. Foreign training of administrative and academic staff.