

STATEMENT
Application Procedure for the academic title
„Associate professor“

In the field of higher education:	1. Pedagogical Science
Professional direction:	1.3. Pedagogy of training in...(Methodology of orientation in the surrounding world)
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The statement has been made by:

Dr. Ekaterina Georgieva Cherneva, Associate Professor at the „Paisii Hilendarski“ University – Faculty of Pedagogy, Department of PED, as a member of the scientific jury for the application procedure, in accordance with Order No. RD - 22-83/17.01.2025 from the Rector of „Paisii Hilendarski“ University - Plovdiv, Prof. Dr. Rumén Mladenov.

Only one candidate has submitted documents to participate in the announced procedure:

Senior Assistant Professor Bilyana Mladenova Kaloferova,
„Paisii Hilendarski“ University, Department of Preschool Pedagogy

I. General overview of the submitted papers

1. Scientific Data

To participate in the application procedure, Senior Assistant Professor Dr. Bilyana Mladenova Kaloferova as a candidate has attached 11 publications in scientific publications, referenced and indexed in world-renowned databases of scientific information: 5 articles in Web of Science; 4 articles published in non-refereed journals with scientific review; 1 habilitation thesis - monograph; 1 published book based on a defended dissertation for the award of the educational and scientific degree „doctor“.

The scientific papers accepted for consideration have not been used for the acquisition of the educational and scientific degree „doctor“ or for holding the academic position „chief assistant“ and are within the scope of the procedure.

An application for admission to participate in the procedure, a professional CV according to the European model, diplomas for completed higher education, a diploma for the acquired educational and scientific degree „doctor“, a general list of publications and copies of the works, a reference for the original scientific contributions in the Bulgarian and English procedure participation works, summaries of the publications for procedure participation in Bulgarian and English, a list of citations for participation in the procedure, references for scientific research activity, teaching activity, scientific-organizational activity and expert activity; a reference for the candidate's compliance with the minimum national requirements and with the additional requirements under Chapter Seven of the Regulations for the Development of the Academic Staff of Plovdiv University „Paisii Hilendarski“. The provided documents meet all requirements and give maximum information about the contributions and publications of the candidate.

2. Professional data

The candidate has many years of professional experience in the preschool system, which continues in the field of higher education as a part-time lecturer, doctoral student in the doctoral program Theory of Education and Didactics in the Department of Preschool Pedagogy at the Faculty of Pedagogy of Plovdiv University „Paisii Hilendarski“; 2018 - 2020 - Assistant in the Department of Preschool Pedagogy at the Faculty of Pedagogy of Plovdiv University „Paisii Hilendarski“; from 2022 until now - Chief Assistant in the Department of Preschool Pedagogy at the Faculty of Pedagogy of Plovdiv University „Paisii Hilendarski“ after winning procedures.

3. General overview of the scientific papers and achievements of the applicant

The candidate has submitted publications in the following areas of the procedure:

- Project-oriented model for health education, based on integrative connections and key competencies.
- Educational model for orientation in a healthy and social environment, based on key competencies.
- The reflective manifestations of the 6-7-year-old child in the conditions of project interaction.
- The project at preschool age - a strategy for integrating art and competence areas from health education.
- Additional forms of pedagogical interaction and competence areas in health education at preschool age.
- Discovery science in the conditions of the preschool studio.
- The digital competence of the educator - a prerequisite for active civic participation, social inclusion, cooperation, and creativity in the conditions of distance learning.

No plagiarism was found in the scientific works submitted for the procedure.

4. Evaluation of the candidate's teaching activity, project participation and other activities

The candidate has 5 participations in scientific and educational projects.

In the educational and pedagogical activity activities related to the topic of the announced procedure prevail: lectures in bachelor's specialties: PNUP, PUP, PUPCHE; lectures in master's programs; numerous elective and facultative disciplines.

She actively participates in the scientific life and organizational activities of the „Paisii Hilendarski" University.

5. Efficiency survey of the scientific and scientifically applied contributions of the candidate, related to the submitted papers.

The content analysis of the candidate's publications, Senior Assistant Professor Dr. Bilyana Mladenova Kaloferova, can be summarized in three main areas: a project-oriented model for health education based on integrative relationships and key competencies; the reflective manifestations of the 6-7-year-old child in the conditions of project interaction; The project at preschool age - a strategy for integrating art and areas of competence in health education.

The scientific works are in reputable publications and are on the topic of the procedure. The main contributions are related to the enrichment of existing theoretical statements via their application in practice.

The research of a scientific-applied and methodological nature is the personal work of the candidate, and the cited works contribute to the candidate's sufficient scientific recognition.

6. Critical notes and recommendations

I have no critical remarks regarding the reviewed works and activities of the candidate, as well as regarding the future use of the candidate's scientific and applied scientific contributions.

7. Personal impressions of the candidate

I have known chief assistant Vulcheva for more than 6 years and consider the candidate as a tolerant, hardworking, loyal, and scientifically competent person. The candidate possesses all personal and professional qualities required for the position of Associate Professor.

8. Conclusion

After reviewing the materials and scientific papers submitted in the procedure and based on the analysis of their significance and the contributions contained therein, I **confirm** that the scientific achievements are in accordance with the minimum national requirements and with the additional requirements of the Regulations for the Development of the Academic Staff of „Paisii Hilendarski" University Plovdiv for the conditions and procedure for acquiring scientific degrees and for holding academic positions.

9. General conclusion

The materials and scientific works presented in the application procedure are sufficient for my **positive assessment** and my recommendation for the Scientific Jury to propose the election of Senior Assistant Professor Dr. Bilyana Mladenova Kaloferova to the Scientific Council of „Paisii Hilendarski“ University for the occupation of the academic position „Associate Professor“ in the field of higher education 1. Pedagogical Sciences; professional field: 1.3. Pedagogy of Education in... (Methodology of Orientation in the Surrounding World).

Date: 05.03.2025

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