

General information about the Faculty of Foreign Students (FFS).

The faculty was founded in 1961. In terms of the quality of training of doctors for foreign countries, StSMU occupies a leading place among medical universities in Russia.

The university has been training doctors for Europe, Asia, and Latin America for decades. Today, about 1300 foreign students from 39 countries study at the faculty.

The main tasks and functions of the Dean's office of the Faculty of Foreign Students are: providing, together with other departments of the University, the training of highly qualified specialists from among foreign students, registration and maintenance of documentation related to the process of training foreign citizens, admission and resettlement of foreign students, organization of everyday life, monitoring compliance with the rules of internal regulations of residence and study at the university, conducting cultural- mass events related to the national culture of foreign students and familiarity with Russian traditions and customs.

Educational and methodological work at the faculty is built in accordance with federal educational standards applicable to Russian students, and on the basis of curricula, schedules of the educational process in the specialties for foreign citizens.

The implementation of the direction of training of foreign students in the specialties "Medicine", "Dentistry" and "Pediatrics" is carried out by teachers who have a basic education corresponding to the profile of the discipline taught, and an academic degree or experience in the relevant professional field and are systematically engaged in scientific and methodological activities.

In order to improve the quality of education of foreign students, the faculty has a Methodological Council for the Training of foreign Citizens, at whose meetings issues of the quality of the educational process are discussed, the analysis of the results of admission of foreign citizens to study at the university; information from departments is heard in order to exchange teaching experience with foreign students, student performance issues, educational and educational materials are recommended for publication in the printing house methodological manuals for foreign citizens prepared by departments. Members of the Methodological Council, in accordance with the work plan, attend classes at the departments of the university.

Industrial practice for foreign students is conducted in accordance with the educational programs of the Federal State Educational Standard at the clinical bases of the university, as well as in their homeland in coordination with medical institutions of foreign countries.

Foreign citizens are being trained to pass the Screening Test, which university graduates will pass in their homeland to obtain a medical license. Lectures are given by professors from India, both at the university and on-line. Teachers of other foreign universities are also involved in lecturing.

The Dean's office of the Faculty of Foreign Students pays special attention to the leisure of their students. Excursions around the city and the region are organized in order to familiarize foreigners with the history of Russia, the traditions of people of different nationalities living in the Stavropol Territory and in Stavropol: visits to museums, the Lermontov Regional library, the botanical garden, meetings with students of other educational institutions of the city. The Institute of curators of study groups is actively working at the faculty. Curatorial hours and conversations about healthy lifestyle, bad habits, prevention of AIDS, influenza and other diseases are regularly held, familiarization with the rules of staying in the territory of the Russian Federation, living in dormitories and apartments and the inadmissibility of their violations.

The main emphasis in the educational work of the Dean's office of the Faculty of Foreign Students is on an individualized approach to each student, especially during the adaptation period (preparatory department, 1-2 courses), while taking into account the ethnic characteristics of the student, his motivation in mastering medicine, characterological features. A program of socio-cultural adaptation of foreign citizens has been developed and is being implemented. Students are surveyed in order to identify difficulties in their studies and socio-cultural adaptation, as well as to study the assessment by foreign students of the quality of education, accommodation and security, measures are being taken to address these issues.

Attention is paid to student self-government. Monthly meetings of councils of leaders of fraternities and national groups are devoted to issues of countering national and religious extremism, preventing interethnic conflicts, fulfilling contractual obligations by foreign students; issues of the legal status of foreign students, etc.

Communication is maintained with the embassies and consulates of foreign countries in Russia from which students arrived to study at StSMU, associations of foreign students in Russia (AIS), associations of university graduates abroad, Russian cultural centers abroad (Rossotrudnichestvo).

The mission of the Faculty of Foreign Students is: the development of a training program for foreign citizens aimed at training highly qualified specialists for foreign countries, increasing competitiveness, internationalization of Russian education, improving the personality, its abilities not only to master professional knowledge, but also to adapt to the modern world in the sense of possessing universal values, humanitarian outlook, tolerance, the desire to reach agreement and cooperation in conditions of different views and beliefs, instilling love and respect for Russia, the Russian language, Russian culture and traditions.