

Activity 7. Read Text A and check your answers in Activity 6 A. What facilities are there at our university?

Text A. The Volgograd State Medical University

There are a lot of medical educational establishments in our country: medical colleges, institutes, academies and medical universities. Any citizen of Russia who has a complete secondary education may apply to a medical school. All the applicants take the Unified State Exams at school. Those who enter a medical university should take exams in Russian, chemistry and biology.

The Volgograd State Medical University is one of the leading medical universities in Russia. It was founded in 1935. There was only one faculty then. It was the faculty of General Medicine. Nowadays the Volgograd State Medical University has seven faculties: the Faculty of General Medicine, the Faculty of Pediatrics, the Faculty of Dentistry, the Faculty of Pharmacy, the Faculty of Biomedicine, the Faculty of Clinical Psychology and Social Work, and the Faculty for International Students. Besides there is the Institute of Continual Medical and Pharmaceutical Training and the Institute of Public Healthcare named after N.P. Grigorenko. There is also a medical college which trains dental technicians, pharmacists and nurses.

A university is headed by a chancellor and vice-chancellors. A dean and a deputy dean are at the head of a faculty. A head of the chair (mainly a professor) is in charge of a department. Our university has a highly qualified academic staff and employs more than 850 faculty members working at 81 departments. The staff of a department includes professors, assistant professors, lecturers, senior instructors and instructors. Post-graduate students participate in the scientific work of the department. The most common forms of teaching are lecture, seminar, laboratory work, case study and on-the-job training.

The course of studies varies from four to six years: the Bachelor's courses last for 4 years and the Specialty Programs last for 6 years. The courses are mainly full-time but there are also part-time courses (as for managers). Every term ends with credit tests and exams. At the end of the university course the students take

State Examinations and get the Diploma. Postgraduate training includes a clinical residency and a post-graduate course.

The Volgograd State Medical University occupies 4 educational buildings and 5 multi-profile hospitals for 7000 patients. It has also 4 dormitories for students, a swimming pool and gym, a student canteen and a library. The University has lecture halls, classrooms and laboratories equipped with modern training devices and simulators. The medical university framework includes a number of research centres: the Centre for clinical and experimental rheumatology, the Centre for clinical and experimental pharmacology, the Federal Centre for acupuncture, the Centre for licensing health care professionals, Cancer Research Centre and the Central research laboratory, Electronic Medical Education Centre, Scientific Centre of Innovative Medicines.

The Diploma granted by VolgSMU is recognized in over 80 countries and by the World Health Organization. VolgSMU is internationally accredited by Independent agency for accreditation and rating (IAAR) recognized by the World Federation for Medical Education (WFME). Our university has established numerous links with scientific research institutes of the Russian Academy for Medical Sciences, medical and pharmaceutical educational institutions of Russia, as well as wide international links.

Activity 8. Translate the collocations into English or find their equivalents in Text A. Check in pairs.

Медицинские образовательные учреждения, экзамен по химии, очный курс обучения, заведующий кафедрой, декан факультета, практическое обучение (обучение на рабочем месте), штат университета, кафедра фармакогнозии и ботаники, выпускник, сдавать единый государственный экзамен, возглавляться ректором, завершается зачетом и экзаменом, включать сотрудников факультета, обучать зубных техников, участвовать в научной работе кафедры, получить диплом, работать в различных областях.

Activity 9. Answer the questions on Text A. Make sure your partner knows the answers.

- 1) What medical educational establishments are there in Russia?
- 2) Who may enter a medical university?
- 3) When was the Stalingrad Medical Institute founded?
- 4) What specialists does a medical college train?
- 5) What is the structure of a higher educational establishment?
- 6) What can you say about the staff of the university?
- 7) Who participates in the scientific work of the chair?
- 8) What are the most common forms of teaching?

Activity 10. A. Guess the word in the definitions. Use Text A for help.

- 1) A person who wants to become a student and takes entrance exams is ____.
- 2) A person who studies at the faculty of Pharmacy is _____.
- 3) Professors, assistant professors, lecturers, senior instructors and instructors who work at the university are _____.
- 4) The head of the university is _____.
- 5) The event that concludes every term is _____.
- 6) The one who conducts practical classes is _____.
- 7) A graduate who enters the clinical residency course is _____.
- 8) A person who enters the post-graduate course is _____.

B. What are the subject and verb in the definitions? Following the pattern, make your own definitions for the following.

Dean, lecturer, future dentist, future pediatrician.

Activity 11. A. Complete the sentences with numbers.

- 1) The Volgograd State Medical University was founded in _____.
- 2) There was only _____ faculty then.
- 3) Nowadays the Volgograd State Medical University has _____ faculties.

4) Those who enter a medical university should take _____ Unified State Exams at school.

5) The course of studies varies from _____ to _____ years.

6) The Specialty Programs last for _____ years.

7) The Pharmacy course lasts for _____ years.

8) The Volgograd State Medical University occupies _____ educational buildings and _____ multi-profile hospitals.

9) It has also _____ dormitories for students.

10) The Diploma granted by VSMU is recognized in over _____ countries.

B. What other information with numerical data of our university do you know?

Activity 12. A. Put the words in the order of increasing complexity in their word constructions, using the example. What are the word-building patterns?

EXAMPLE:

Science → scientist → scientific

1) lecturer, to lecture, a lecture;

2) qualified, to qualify, quality, qualification;

3) a graduate, graduation, to graduate, postgraduate, grade, postgraduation;

4) applicant, applying, to apply, applicable, application.

B. Find derivatives from the words in Text A. What are the word-building patterns?

Bio, fresh, pharma, head, high, to instruct, science, special, main, to study, build, experiment, clinic, to profess, organize, nation, manage.