

College of Nursing Jesenice

College of Nursing Jesenice (recently upgraded to Faculty of Health Care Jesenice, FHCJ), is an independent higher education institution established by the Municipality of Jesenice. It offers two accredited study programmes: 1st cycle study programme Nursing and 2nd cycle study programme Nursing (master's degree). The school obtained a concession for implementing the 1st cycle study programme. In the academic year 2013/2014, a total of 345 students were enrolled in the 1st cycle degree programme, and 13 in the 2nd cycle programme. In addition to implementing both study programmes, CNJ is also known for its research, development, international cooperation and educational activities through the Center for Life-Long Learning, Career Counseling, Tutoring and Mentoring. CNJ has its own research group (2672) and participates in scientific research work in Slovenia and the EU (see: <http://www.vszn-je.si/index.php?page=raziskovanje-in-razvoj>). Known for its innovativeness, CNJ has been very successful in obtaining funding for development projects from the European Social Fund and has close ties with the local communities of Gorenjska region and Central Slovenia region. Further, the school was awarded the Erasmus Charter (no. 253002-LA-1-2014-1-SI-E4AKA1-ECHE) and has signed 15 Erasmus agreements and other bilateral agreements in the EU and the USA where it successfully participates in international development and research projects. Since 2009, CNJ has been privileged to collaborate with Oslo and Akershus University College of Applied Science (HiOA) from Norway in student and lecturer exchange programmes, implementation of both study programmes and in joint development projects. In the period 2007-2014, CNJ will have participated in 16 research projects and 8 development projects. For 2013, the results show 3 FTE employees working on obtained research and development tenders, compared to 2.77 in 2012. The research group is composed of 23 members—in 2013, it obtained 4986,60 points and the number of standardized citations in the Sciris database was 410.

CNJ employs 24 lectures; of these 9 are employed full time and 15 on a complementary employment basis, totaling 9.851 FTE. In addition, 54 (5.34 FTE) are implementing the programme on a contractual basis. In addition to lecturers, CNJ employs 7 non-pedagogical staff members (6.917 FTE) working at the Student Affairs Office, General Affairs Office, Dean's Office and the library.

CNJ is located at Spodnji Plavž 3, Jesenice. Size of the building owned by the Jesenice Municipality is 1.300 m². It has a contract for managing the building free of rent. The building and its equipment are suitable for the implementation of pedagogic work and scientific research—the lecture halls, laboratories, cabinets and library meet the requirements for the implementation of first and second cycle study programmes nursing, and the additional master's degree programme for full-time and part-time students. From 2009, CNJ has had a Study Centre in Ljubljana for implementation of the second cycle nursing programme.

In 2012, CNJ obtained the standards ISO 9001 and Quality in Education. CNJ successfully obtained a new accreditation for the college and the 1st cycle programme. It has recently been upgraded to Faculty of Health Care Jesenice.