

Motivation of BSMU Students for Learning English

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Introduction

Nowadays English is the international language of communication in various spheres such as medicine, science, technology, tourism, business, etc. The current situation in the world is characterized by the processes of integration and globalization and it concerns not only education, but also professional career. Thus knowledge of a foreign language is one of basic requirements for a highly qualified specialist.

Aim

To identify the motivation of the students of BSMU to learn English is the objective of the research.

Materials and methods

To conduct the research a questionnaire including 7 points was developed. Multiple choice was offered. 50 students of Belarusian State Medical University took part in the research. 33 of them are the 2nd year students, 10 are in the 1st year, 5 students are in the 3rd year and 2 of them are in the 6th year.

Results

According to the data obtained from the questionnaire it has been found out that before entering Belarusian State Medical University 35 students studied English only at school, 10 students studied English in high schools and gymnasiums, and 5 of them spent some time in English speaking countries learning the language. The findings of the survey show that 93% of the respondents consider learning English compulsory within the University curriculum.

70% of the respondents studied English at school, but only 40% of the survey participants are satisfied with their level of knowledge of the English language.

65% of the respondents consider a career abroad to be the main argument for learning English, but only 45% thinks about working abroad.

40% of the respondents want to study English at an advanced level.

60% of respondents believe a 2-hour English lesson a week to be sufficient to have a good command of a foreign language.

Conclusion

The survey has allowed making the conclusion: the main stimulus for the students of Belarusian State Medical University to study the English language is the prospect of working abroad, but nobody thinks that future doctors can face the problem of language barrier in the Republic of Belarus when foreign citizens seek medical help.