

Hungary – University of Pécs

Institution	University of Pécs
Interviewed Person	Student from Africa undergoing validation at Medical School, University of Pécs

I – Preparation

The interviewee is 22 years old, female, she is from an African country but did not want to specify it. She's been a medical student at the University of Pécs for 6 years.

II - Awareness

She was not aware of her capacities, but in Sweden where she resided before coming to Hungary, she visited houses to help people. She was not sure about anything. She knew she had to be a doctor to integrate into the society as this is the best way to get a job, she also knew she will have to learn a lot for that aim. She was not directly guided but all the people around her advised her to become a doctor. She was not informed on opportunities for testing her capacities.

IV – Documentation and support

The university website provided a clear guidance for her which documents to collect, she already knew she will need them so she kept them, scanned and posted them to the university. She did this all on her own. In the documents she did not reflect on anything but her previous formal learning as this was the requirement. So she filled the application form and attached the required documents, did not prepare a portfolio. All this was not hard for her.

V - Assessment

She was not assessed at all before the entrance but she had to take up a preliminary course before entering medical school which improved her English and special knowledge related to her future studies.

VI – Impact

She was not assessed before she gained entrance for the Medical School but later on she had to meet the requirements of the preliminary courses. She was happy with the outcome as right now she is a last year medical student and she feels herself very close to become an independent woman who can maintain her family on her own. During her medical student

years she did not get specific further guidance about her next steps, maybe this is why she is very uncertain about her future specific field. As she was not assessed despite her compulsory examinations she did not get feedback reports either.

Right now she is participating on a medical training practice in a Croatian hospital which she chose because she wants to get acquainted with as much different circumstances as she can. She learns a lot from these Croatian doctors as well, she can focus on how to treat people. Despite she has a lot of experiences, knowledge and special skills she remained uncertain which specific field to choose as her main medical territory. She knows that wages and opportunities differ by medical fields and she wants to find the best for herself which will be the most useful in any countries she wants to live. So in one way she is very much aware of her future opportunities as a doctor but it was very hard for her to determine her personal characteristics, in what is she good at and in what she is not.