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# Didactic Principles Of Professional Motivation Development Of Future Family Doctors

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## Abstract

This article scientifically and theoretically substantiates the didactic principles of professional motivational development of future family doctors. In the study, didactic principles are interpreted as fundamental rules of the pedagogical process, and the mechanisms of their application in the context of medical education are revealed. In particular, the principles of systematization, motivation, creativity, professional development, integration of theory and practice, benefit, and medical deontology are analyzed as a factor in the formation of professional identification and stable internal motivation of future family doctors. According to the research results, the educational process, organized on the basis of these principles, serves the formation of professional values, clinical thinking, moral responsibility, and socially oriented motivation.

## KEY WORDS

Professional motivation, didactic principles, family doctor, medical education, benefit, deontology.

## INTRODUCTION

Clarifying the didactic principles in the topic of professional motivational development of future family doctors is highly important, as they represent the fundamental "laws" of the educational process and are effectively applied at all stages.

Didactic principles are a system of basic rules that determine the collaborative activities of participants in the pedagogical process and serve to systematically develop students' knowledge, skills, and competencies. By the principles of professional motivational development of future family doctors, we understand the initial positions, general rules, and requirements that determine the selection of educational content, forms, and methods in organizing and implementing the teaching process based on a didactic system.

These principles incorporate the requirements that both teacher and student must follow during the educational

process. Based on the content of the set objectives, they ensure the pedagogically correct selection of forms, methods, guidelines, and tools of activity, as well as the effective outcomes of education.

In the context of modern medical education, the issue of professional motivation has gained particular relevance. Research shows that professional activity formed on the basis of intrinsic motivation demonstrates high effectiveness and ensures professional stability (Ryan & Deci, 2000; 2017). According to Self-Determination Theory, sustainable intrinsic motivation is formed when the individual's needs for autonomy, competence, and relatedness are satisfied.

In the context of medical education, motivation is closely linked to professional identification, clinical thinking, and ethical responsibility (Kusurkar et al., 2012). Therefore, clearly

defining, systematizing, and pedagogically substantiating the didactic principles in the training process of future family doctors is a scientific and practical necessity.

The professional activity of a future family doctor forms the foundation of the primary health care system. WHO (2018) documents emphasize that the professional competence and motivation of physicians working at the primary care level are key factors in the effectiveness of the healthcare system.

In this regard, identifying the principles of professional motivational development and developing them as a didactic system contributes to improving the quality of training future family doctors.

### LITERATURE REVIEW

The problem of professional motivation and professional development has been widely studied in psychology, pedagogy, and medical education theory. Research in this field shows that the effectiveness of professional activity depends not only on knowledge and skills but also directly on the individual's internal motivational structure.

The theoretical foundations of professional motivation are primarily associated with Self-Determination Theory developed by R. Ryan and E. Deci. According to this theory, the stability and effectiveness of human activity are determined by the satisfaction of three basic psychological needs — autonomy, competence, and relatedness (Ryan & Deci, 2000; 2017). Intrinsic motivation is characterized by an individual's satisfaction with activity, self-expression in the professional process, and striving for self-development.

In the context of medical education, Kusurkar and colleagues (2012) qualitatively studied medical students' motivation and proved that intrinsic motivation is directly related to clinical success and professional stability. Furthermore, Ten Cate et al. (2011) emphasized that a competency-based approach and the gradual increase of clinical responsibility strengthen students' intrinsic motivation.

The psychological aspects of professional development have also been deeply studied by CIS scholars. E.F. Zeer (2006) analyzed the process of professional formation in connection with the individual's value system, professional identification, and motivational structure. A.K. Markova (1996) noted that professional motivation occupies a central place in the development of professionalism. E.P. Ilyin (2011) systematically substantiated the concepts of motive and

motivation and revealed the balance between internal and external factors in professional activity.

### METHODOLOGY

This study is aimed at identifying, systematizing, and theoretically substantiating the didactic principles of professional motivational development of future family doctors. The research was conducted based on a comprehensive methodological approach.

### RESULTS

As a result of the study, the following didactic principles for the professional motivational development of future family doctors were systematized. These principles are interconnected and form an integrated pedagogical model.

#### 1. Principle of Systematicity

This principle ensures that professional motivation is developed not randomly, but progressively, consistently, and sustainably. As a result, students' professional goals, values, and motives are formed as a unified system. This principle guarantees the structural and logical effectiveness of the process of orienting future family doctors toward professional motivation, ensuring that each stage fulfills its objectives and tasks. It not only guarantees the stable development of motivation but also shapes students' professional identification and readiness for continuous self-development.

#### 2. Motivational Principle

The main features of the motivational principle include:

- First, encouraging students through intrinsic motivation, meaning that learners should have the opportunity to consolidate knowledge by experiencing the results of their activities, feeling responsibility in working with patients, and gaining professional satisfaction.
- Second, enhancing students' interest in work through elements of extrinsic motivation — such as assessment, recognition of achievements, and awarding certificates.
- Third, motivation should be developed not only through theoretical knowledge but also by actively engaging students in the learning process; this is reflected in performing practical tasks, analysis, and decision-making processes.
- Fourth, the motivational principle should be harmonized with professional orientation, meaning that it must be connected with students' professional values,

empathy, and sense of responsibility.

The motivational principle occupies a central place in the

educational process and serves to harmoniously develop the professional knowledge, skills, and abilities of future family doctors.



### 3. Principle of Creativity

This principle increases interest in professional activity, strengthens students' confidence in their own abilities, and shapes the creative component of professional motivation.

The significance of the creativity principle in medical education lies in the fact that medical practice is often associated with complex, uncertain, and rapidly changing situations in which

standard algorithms do not always produce sufficient results.

Therefore, creativity plays an important role in the professional activities of future doctors, particularly in clinical reasoning, proposing diagnostic hypotheses, selecting alternative treatment methods, and applying an individualized approach.

### 4. Principle of Professional Development

The substantive foundation of professional motivation presupposes a deep understanding of the social significance of the physician's activity, the formation of attitudes toward the profession, internal conviction, awareness of professional duty, and professional behavior.

According to this principle, the process of professional education should serve to form a system of professional values in students. Such values include dedication to the profession, responsibility, honesty, humanism, adherence to professional ethics, and the conscious fulfillment of professional duty.

The principle of professional development ensures the organic unity of motivational, cognitive, and ethical components in the educational process. As students understand the essence of their profession and its role in society, their professional motivation strengthens, their need for self-development increases, and a responsible approach to professional decision-making is formed.

### 5. Principle of Integration of Theory and Practice

This principle provides for students' ability to apply acquired theoretical knowledge in real professional situations, to develop clinical thinking, and to form professional competencies. In medical education, this aspect is especially relevant, as a physician's professional readiness is ensured through the formation of knowledge, skills, and abilities within a unified system.

The principle of integrating theory and practice teaches students practical thinking, analysis of problematic situations, and independent decision-making.

### 6. Principle of Beneficence (Latin: *beneficentia* – doing good)

The essence of this principle is that a future physician must make any clinical decision, diagnosis, and treatment measure based on the priority of the patient's interests.

In the educational process, this principle ensures the development of professional responsibility, humanism, dedication, and a deep understanding of ethical duty in students, as well as the development of socially oriented forms of professional motivation.

In medical education, the principle of beneficence is implemented through:

- analysis of clinical situations from the perspective of patient interests;

- reflective discussions aimed at preventing medical errors;
- teaching the assessment of the "benefit-risk" ratio;
- training focused on developing empathetic communication with patients;
- integration with courses in professional ethics and bioethics.

This principle strengthens intrinsic professional motivation in future physicians, as students realize that the results of their activities directly affect human life and health. As a result, professional activity is formed as a conscious choice aimed at social benefit rather than personal interest.

### 7. Principle of Medical Deontology (Medical Duty)

The principle of medical duty (deontology) represents a set of norms regulating the physician's professional duty, ethical responsibility, and professional conduct. It defines the ethical foundations of relationships between doctor and patient, doctor and society, and doctor and the professional community.

This principle forms professional discipline, respect for patients, confidentiality, and ethical stability in future family doctors. This, in turn, ensures conscious and stable motivation toward professional activity.

The essence of medical deontology lies in the fact that a physician prioritizes the patient's interests, maintains professional confidentiality, and adheres to principles of respect, courtesy, and integrity in professional practice.

This principle strengthens the professional motivation of future physicians, as students understand the ethical significance of their activity before society. As a result, professional activity is not limited to personal interests but is formed as a social duty aimed at protecting human life and health.

### CONCLUSION

This study was aimed at identifying, systematizing, and scientifically substantiating the didactic principles of professional motivational development of future family doctors. Based on theoretical analyses and pedagogical generalizations, it was determined that professional motivation is a complex system closely connected with an individual's internal needs, professional values, ethical position, and professional identification.

The research results showed that professional motivation in the training process of future family doctors does not form randomly but should be developed consistently and systematically based on clearly defined didactic principles. For this purpose, the following system of principles was substantiated: systematicity, motivational orientation, creativity, professional development, integration of theory and practice, beneficence, and medical deontology.

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