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# Medical Faculties of Charles University

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## Why Does Charles University Have 5 (or Even 6) Medical Faculties?

When going to study in the Czech Republic, future doctors are usually surprised by the large number of medical faculties at Charles University. How come there are so many? We decided to tell you why it is like this and explain how the faculties differ from each other.

### A little bit of history of Czech Medical Faculties

Studying and teaching of medicine at Charles University began from the day it was founded by Charles VI in 1348. The Faculty of Medicine was one of the first four faculties of the university. This was until 1945, when branches of the Faculty of Medicine were established in Pilsen and Hradec Králové, which became independent faculties in 1958 and 1959, respectively.

Meanwhile, the Faculty of Medicine, located in Prague, in 1953 was divided into the Faculty of General Medicine, the Faculty of Hygiene and the Faculty of Pediatrics.

Later, in 1969, the Faculty of Pharmacy was established in Hradec Králové.

But that's not all of it! Three faculties in Prague changed their specialized names to ordinal numbers in 1990 and became the First, the Second and Third Faculty of Medicine.



## Current state of Medical Faculties

If you are confused, here is a list of all six modern medical faculties at Charles University:

- [First Faculty of Medicine \(1. lékařská fakulta\)](#)
- [Second Faculty of Medicine \(2. lékařská fakulta\)](#)
- [Third Faculty of Medicine \(3. lékařská fakulta\)](#)
- [Faculty of Medicine in Pilsen \(Lékařská fakulta v Plzni\)](#)
- [Faculty of Medicine in Hradec Králové \(Lékařská fakulta v Hradci Králové\)](#)
- [Faculty of Pharmacy in Hradec Králové \(Farmaceutická fakulta v Hradci Králové\)](#)

## First Faculty of Medicine (1. lékařská fakulta)



The oldest medical faculty with a long tradition, with the widest clinical base. It is located right in the beating heart of Prague's city centre. With its five clinical facilities, it is the biggest medical faculty in terms of the size of its student collective. Besides General Medicine and Dentistry, it also offers Addictology as a separate follow-up master's programme.

- **Located in** Prague
- **Official website:** [www.lf1.cuni.cz](http://www.lf1.cuni.cz)
- **What is taught at the faculty:**
  - General Medicine (Studium všeobecného lékařství)
  - Dentistry (Studium zubního lékařství)
  - Degrees in the field of health care without medical qualifications (Studium zdravotnických nelékařských studijních programů):
    - Addictology (Adiktologie)
    - Ergotherapy (Ergoterapie)
    - Nutritional therapy (Nutriční terapie)
    - Obstetrics (Porodní asistence)
    - Physiotherapy (Fyzioterapie)

Read more about programs at the [First Faculty of Medicine](#)

## Second Faculty of Medicine (2. lékařská fakulta)



**SECOND FACULTY  
OF MEDICINE  
CHARLES  
UNIVERSITY**

The Second Faculty of Medicine takes pride in its favourable teacher-student ratio. Such individual approach only enhances the quality of the teaching methods. The additional focus on paediatrics allows

students access to the biggest clinical facility in the country and one of the biggest in all Europe, the University Hospital in Motol.

- **Located in** Prague
- **Official website:** [www.lf2.cuni.cz](http://www.lf2.cuni.cz)
- **What is taught at the faculty:**
  - General Medicine (Studium všeobecného lékařství)
  - Physiotherapy (Fyzioterapie), including: occupational therapy, social rehabilitation, balneotherapy, exercise therapy, etc.)
  - Nursing (Všeobecné ošetrovatelství)
  - Nursing in Pediatrics (Pediatrické ošetrovatelství)

Read more about programs at the [Second Faculty of Medicine](#)

## Third Faculty of Medicine (3. lékařská fakulta)



The Third Medical Faculty stands out for its unique way of teaching. So-called "modules" link related subjects together into a problem-based curriculum. Modules are taught simultaneously, allowing students to have more comprehensive understanding the subject while stimulating the individual approach to study. The acquisition of practical skills is emphasised as students meet patients already from the first year onwards.

- **Located in** Prague
- **Official website:** [www.lf3.cuni.cz](http://www.lf3.cuni.cz)
- **What is taught at the faculty:**
  - General Medicine (Studium všeobecného lékařství)
  - Intensive care (Master's degree)
  - Physiotherapy, dental hygiene, medical nutrition, nursing

Read more about programs at the [Third Faculty of Medicine](#)

## Faculty of Medicine in Pilsen (Lékařská fakulta v Plzni)



The Faculty of Medicine in Pilsen is located in a modern campus in close proximity to the clinical facility. The campus includes a state-of-the-art Biomedical Centre dedicated to research on the replacement, support, and regeneration of vital organs. In the Simulation Centre, students practice emergency and intensive care using latest technologies.

- **Located in** Pilsen
- **Official website:** [www.lfp.cuni.cz](http://www.lfp.cuni.cz)
- **What is taught at the faculty:**
  - General Medicine (Studium všeobecného lékařství)

- Dentistry (Studium zubního lékařství)

Read more about programs at the [Faculty of Medicine in Pilsen](#)

## Faculty of Medicine in Hradec Králové (Lékařská fakulta v Hradci Králové)



Science and research, together with educational activities, are the main priority of the faculty. Research activities include all major areas of biomedicine. In addition to basic research, the faculty develops applied research, including integration of knowledge and technology into the commercial sphere.

- **Located in** Hradec Králové
- **Official website:** [www.lfhk.cuni.cz](http://www.lfhk.cuni.cz)
- **What is taught at the faculty:**
  - General Medicine (Studium všeobecného lékařství)
  - Dentistry (Studium zubního lékařství)
  - Nursing (Ošetrovatelství)

Read more about programs at the [Faculty of Medicine in Hradec Králové](#)

## Faculty of Pharmacy in Hradec Králové



The Faculty of Medicine in Hradec Králové is one of our smaller faculties with family atmosphere and vibrant student life. Together with several other institutions of higher education, it lends this beautiful college town a youthful touch. The faculty also developed a wide range of academic supports while stimulating the modernization of its facilities.

- **Located in** Hradec Králové
- **Official website:** [www.faf.cuni.cz](http://www.faf.cuni.cz)
- **What is taught at the faculty:**
  - Pharmacy
  - Laboratory diagnostics in healthcare
  - Bioanalytic laboratory diagnostics in healthcare

Read more about programs at the [Faculty of Pharmacy in Hradec Králové](#)

## Choose your medical foundation programme

You can get a European degree in Czech, where education is free, or in English, at affordable prices. Charles University offers preparatory courses in both options:

- [English Preparatory Programs](#)
- [Czech Preparatory Programs](#)

These courses not only provide language training but also include preparation in specialized subjects, visa support, assistance with nostrification, academic guidance, and various cultural and educational events.

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