

Table 1 Rankings in the second and third Delphi rounds about degree programmes to add to the course offerings at Shiraz University of Medical Sciences

| Rank | Degree | Subject | Round 2 | Round 3 |
|------|----------------------------|---|-----------|-----------|
| | | | (n = 102) | (n = 62) |
| | | | Mean (SD) | Mean (SD) |
| 1 | MSc | Genetics | 9.0 (1.6) | 9.8 (0.5) |
| 2 | MSc | Rehabilitation | 9.1 (1.0) | 9.5 (0.7) |
| 3 | MSc | Health information management | 8.7 (0.9) | 9.5 (0.5) |
| 4 | BSc | Medical information technology | 9.0 (0.7) | 9.5 (0.7) |
| 5 | PhD | Oncology | 8.5 (1.7) | 9.4 (1.2) |
| 6 | MSc | Medical education | 8.9 (0.9) | 9.3 (0.7) |
| 7 | Subspecialty | Dermatology | 8.8 (1.2) | 9.3 (0.8) |
| 8 | PhD | Midwifery & fertility health | 8.5 (0.8) | 9.2 (0.6) |
| 9 | MSc | Drug development | 8.4 (1.9) | 9.0 (1.4) |
| 10 | MSc | Biotechnology | 8.0 (1.5) | 8.9 (0.9) |
| 11 | PhD | Traditional & complementary medicine | 7.5 (0.7) | 8.9 (0.6) |
| 12 | MSc | Molecular biotechnology | 6.9 (1.3) | 8.9 (1.0) |
| 13 | Fellowship | Rhinology ^a | 7.4 (1.9) | 8.8 (1.4) |
| 14 | Subspecialty | Angiography | 7.5 (0.3) | 8.8 (0.4) |
| 15 | PhD | Medical education | 7.5 (0.5) | 8.8 (0.6) |
| 16 | Fellowship | Head & neck surgery | 6.1 (1.7) | 8.7 (0.3) |
| 17 | PhD | Laboratory sciences | 6.4 (1.1) | 8.6 (0.6) |
| 18 | Fellowship | Neuro-otology | 7.5 (1.4) | 8.5 (0.3) |
| 19 | Short courses ^b | e.g. Philosophy of medicine, Echocardiography, Exercise testing, Endoscopy, Dialysis, Endosonography, Liver transplantation | 7.8 (1.0) | 8.4 (0.6) |
| 20 | PhD | Genetics | 8.2 (1.7) | 8.4 (1.4) |
| 21 | PhD | Rehabilitation | 6.3 (1.0) | 8.3 (0.5) |
| 22 | PhD | Medical ethics ^c | 6.4 (0.8) | 8.1 (0.7) |
| 23 | PhD | Stem cell research | 6.4 (2.4) | 7.7 (1.8) |
| 24 | PhD | Health information management | 5.9 (1.0) | 7.7 (0.8) |
| 25 | MD | Radiotherapy | 6.6 (0.7) | 7.6 (0.5) |
| 26 | PhD | Neuroscience | 6.1 (1.0) | 7.6 (0.6) |
| 27 | PhD | Health economics | 6.1 (1.3) | 7.5 (0.8) |
| 28 | PhD | Health sciences | 7.3 (1.0) | 7.5 (0.2) |
| 29 | MSc | Virology | 7.0 (0.9) | 7.4 (1.0) |
| 30 | Specialty | Emergency medicine | 6.5 (0.7) | 7.2 |
| 31 | MSc | Neuroscience | 5.8 (1.1) | 7.2 (0.6) |
| 32 | PhD | Biotechnology | 6.0 (2.4) | 7.0 (1.9) |
| 33 | Fellowship | Paediatric uro-oncology | 6.4 (1.9) | 7.0 (1.4) |
| 34 | MSc | Medical information science | 5.9 (0.8) | 6.9 (0.8) |
| 35 | PhD | Drug development | 7.0 (2.3) | 6.9 (1.1) |
| 36 | PhD | Nanotechnology in medicine | 6.0 (1.0) | 6.9 (0.9) |
| 37 | Subspecialty | Heart rehabilitation | 5.3 (1.0) | 6.7 (0.5) |
| 38 | MSc | Medical information technology | 6.0 (0.9) | 6.7 (0.6) |
| 39 | MSc | Stem cell research | 5.2 (1.5) | 6.4 (0.9) |
| 40 | Fellowship | Paediatric endourology | 5.3 (0.9) | 6.3 (0.7) |
| 41 | Subspecialty | Dermatological immunology | 5.9 (1.0) | 6.1 (0.1) |
| 42 | PhD | Virology | 5.1 (2.1) | 6.0 (1.4) |

Table 1 Rankings in the second and third Delphi rounds about degree programmes to add to the course offerings at Shiraz University of Medical Sciences (concluded)

| Rank | Degree | Subject | Round 2 | Round 3 |
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| | | | (n = 102) | (n = 62) |
| | | | Mean (SD) | Mean (SD) |
| 43 | PhD | Critical Management | 5.6 (1.9) | 5.8 (1.3) |
| 44 | PhD | Medical Information Science | 5.1 (1.1) | 5.7 (1.0) |
| 45 | PhD | Molecular Biotechnology | 5.2 (1.3) | 5.5 (1.1) |
| 46 | MSc | Medical Physics | 5.1 (1.0) | 5.2 (0.9) |
| 47 | PhD | Sports Medicine | – (–) | 5.2 (0.7) |
| 48 | Subspecialty | Infant Liver Transplantation | 5.1 (1.2) | 5.2 (0.9) |
| 49 | PhD | Geriatric Nursing | 5.2 (1.9) | 5.2 (1.0) |
| 50 | PhD | Family Medicine | 5.1 (0.6) | 5.1 (0.6) |

Means and standard deviation (SD) show participants' level of agreement on a 10-point scale ranging from completely disagree to completely agree.

^aPost-residency training; ^bShort complementary courses for specialists; ^cPrerequisite MD, DMD or PharmMD degree.