Professional Awards

Department of Nursing Care

2026 – My Nurse

On November 13, 2026, in Bratislava, the Association for the Protection of Patients' Rights (AOPP) presented an award in the "My Nurse" category to PhDr. Beáta Grešš Halász, PhD., MPH, from the Department of Nursing Care at the Faculty of Medicine of Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice. She received the award for her professional and compassionate approach to patients during difficult periods of illness, for educating the public, and for implementing innovations that contribute to improving the quality of health care.





Professional Awards

Department of Nursing Care

2026 – FETNA

During the 11th ETNA International Conference, organized by the Cyprus University of Technology from May 3–6, 2026, the European Association for Transcultural Nursing (ETNA) awarded the Fellowship of ETNA (FETNA) to PhDr. Martin Červený, Ph.D., an assistant professor at the Department of Nursing Care, Faculty of Medicine, UPJŠ in Košice, for his exceptional contributions to transcultural health and social care.



Professional Awards

Department of Nursing Care

2026 – White Heart – Manager

On May 22, 2026, a ceremony to present the prestigious White Heart Awards was held in conjunction with a regional professional seminar to mark International Nurses and Midwives Day. This exceptional event, held at the House of Arts in Košice, was attended by Slovak Minister of Health Kamil Šaško, representatives of healthcare and academic institutions, practicing professionals, and other distinguished guests. The White Heart Award, which ranks among the most prestigious awards in the field of nursing in Slovakia and is presented to healthcare workers for their exceptional contributions, professionalism, a compassionate approach, and many years of dedicated work for the benefit of patients and the advancement of healthcare, was awarded to staff members of the Department of Nursing Care at the UPJŠ Faculty of Medicine: PhDr. Silvia Danková, PhD., MBA, MPH, DiS., and Mgr. Tatiana Maďarová, MPH, DiS.



Professional Awards

Department of Nursing Care

2026 - Early Career Research Award

PhDr. Martin Červený, Ph.D., assistant professor at the Department of Nursing Care, Faculty of Medicine, UPJŠ in Košice, received the prestigious Early Career Research Award in January 2026, presented by Sigma Global Nursing Excellence in the European Region, which is intended for early-career researchers who make a significant contribution to the development of nursing science and the transfer of scientific knowledge into clinical and educational practice.

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Professional Awards

Department of Nursing Care

2025- White Heart – Teacher

On June 8, 2025, Slovak President Peter Pellegrini welcomed award-winning nurses and midwives on the occasion of their prestigious SKSaPA White Heart award. Our colleague PhDr. Silvia Danková, PhD., MBA, MPH, dipl. s., also attended the ceremonial audience.





Professional Awards

Department of Nursing Care

2025 – Golden Brooch for Merit in the Development of University Nursing

In May 2025, the 31st Congress of the Slovak Gynecological and Obstetric Society SLS was held, which included a section dedicated to midwives, nurses, and physiotherapists. On this occasion, prof. PhDr. Lucia Dimunová, PhD. was awarded the "Gold Brooch for Merit in the Development of University Nursing" based on the approval of the permanent council of the scientific community for the awarding of honors. The award is given to individuals who have made a significant contribution to the development of university nursing.





Professional Awards

Department of Nursing Care

2025 - White Heart - teacher

On 16.5.2025 a gala evening was held on the occasion of the International Day of Nurses and Midwives under the auspices of the President of the Slovak Republic, Peter Pellegrini. "Our nurses. Our future. Caring for nurses strengthens the economy." On this occasion, the prestigious White Heart Award was presented at the republic level, which honours nurses for their work and goes beyond the call of duty. The Slovak Chamber of Nurses and Midwives awarded it for outstanding professional contribution, empathy, humanity and equality in human care to a total of 29 awardees in three categories: nurse practitioner, nurse manager and nurse educator.

In the nurse educator category, our colleague PhDr. Silvia Danková, PhD, MPH, who is a support to students, helping to shape the next generation of nurses and midwives with her expertise and dedication, was also awarded. Minister of Health Kamil Šaško, representatives of universities, professional organizations and health insurance companies also attended the gala dinner. We cordially congratulate





Professional Awards

Department of Nursing Care

2025 - Teachers' Day

On the occasion of Teachers' Day, UPJŠ organised a competition for its students, in which they had the opportunity to choose their favourite teacher. From among the participating students, the student of nursing Dávid Brezovický was drawn, who named his favourite teacher as prof. PhDr. Lucia Dimunová, PhD.
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Professional Awards

Department of Nursing Care

2024 - 100th anniversary of UNLP

On Friday 21.6.2024 in the House of Arts culminated the 100th anniversary of the opening of the University Hospital L. Pasteur University Hospital in Košice with a gala benefit. On this occasion, which was also attended by President Ing. Peter Pellegrini and representatives of the government awarded the director MUDr. Ľuboslav Beňa, PhD.,CETC. commemorative medals. Among the awardees were also UPJŠ, Faculty of Medicine and our Department of of Nursing Care.





Professional Awards

Department of Nursing Care

2024 - White Heart - nurse in practice

Exceptional Healthcare Professional

On 17.5.2024 on the occasion of the International Nurses' Day, the Council of SKSaPA, Košice II awarded the White Heart Award to PhDr. Zuzana Toplanská, in the category of nurse in practice.

UNLP Košice employees voted online in the Exceptional Nurse poll (6.5 - 13.5.2024), the list of nominees in 15 categories was compiled on the basis of suggestions from the senior staff of the Department of Nursing Care, the winner for surgical disciplines was PhDr. Zuzana Toplanská.



Professional Awards

Department of Nursing Care

2021 - White Heart - teacher

The President of the Slovak Republic Zuzana Čaputová welcomed nurses and midwives who received the prestigious White Heart Award at the Presidential Palace on 8 October 2021. In the presence of the Minister of Health of the Slovak Republic, Vladimír Lengvarský, the awardees were presented with their awards during a gala ceremony on 24 September 2021. Among the awardees was also the Head of the Department of Nursing, Faculty of Medicine, the University P. J. Šafárik in Košice, doc. PhDr. Lucia Dimunová, PhD., who received the White Heart award in the category of nurse and midwife - teacher.





Professional Awards

Department of Nursing Care

2021 - Golden Plaque of prof. MUDr. Jan Janský

The plaque of Professor Jan Janský is an award given to non-contributing blood donors. At the end of August 2021 the Slovak Red Cross awarded the Golden Plaque to prof. MUDr. Janský to non-contributing blood donors. One of the awardees was PhDr. Valéria Parová, PhD, who works as an assistant professor at the Department of Nursing Care at UPJŠ LF in Košice. Congratulations on receiving the gold plaque for multiple blood donations.



2018 - White Heart

In May 2018, on the occasion of International Nurses' Day, the Slovak Chamber of Nurses and Midwives awarded the White Heart Award for care and humanity in nursing. The award ceremony took place on 21 May 2018 at the Presidential Palace with the President of the Slovak Republic Andrej Kiska. One of the awardees was PhDr. Zuzana Toplanská, who works as a nurse at the Surgical Clinic of the UPJŠ LF and UNLP and also works as a lecturer at the Department of Nursing at the Faculty of Medicine of the UPJŠ in Košice.



Professional Awards

Department of Nursing Care

2012 - White Heart - teacher

On the occasion of International Nurses' Day, the Regional Chamber of Nurses and Midwives presented nurses and midwives with the prestigious White Heart Award at the regional level, which is a symbol of care and humanity in nursing. One of the awardees was doc. PhDr. Lucia Dimunová, PhD., who works at the Department of Nursing Care at UPJŠ LF as a representative for teaching activities and received the White Heart award in the category of nurse and midwife – teacher.



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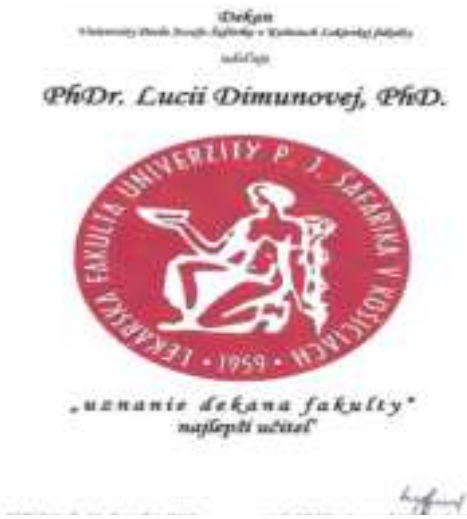


Professional Awards

Department of Nursing Care

2010, 2009 - Awards

In the pedagogical activities the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine of the UPJŠ in Košice awarded a commendation for excellent pedagogical results on the basis of evaluation by students in the study programme Nursing (2009) and "the best teacher" (2010) PhDr. Lucii Dimunovej, PhD.



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V Košiciach, 25. marca 2009

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