**COLLEGE OF HEALTHCARE AND NURSING IN BRNO**

**Erasmus Policy Statement**

The College of Healthcare and Nursing in Brno (CHN) views international experience of its students and employees as one of its priorities.

In this respect, we have adopted a strategy that places emphasis on the following priority areas:

* Student mobility primarily to EU as well as non-EU member states, where English and/or German can be used as languages of communication.

* Transnational mobility of teaching staff between higher education institutions primarily in the European Union with the intention to support professional development of participating teachers, which will have a positive impact on non-participant teachers and students.

* Growing and continuing support of student and staff internships and work placements in foreign hospitals, healthcare and school institutions.

* Forming strategic partnerships to set up long-lasting cooperation in order to improve the quality of education, to bring innovative ideas based on the latest findings in science and technology into lectures and seminars and focus on modern methods of teaching.

* Growing support for creating knowledge alliances between CHN, other regional or foreign healthcare institutions and universities with the aim of broadening the students‘ horizons and raising their employability in the European labour market.

Selection of partners for student and staff internships, work placements and other exchange programmes:

* CHN chooses partners offering study programmes similar to those taught at our school in terms of specialisation, focus, and extent of learning outcomes corresponding with the first cycle of the Bologna Qualification Framework.

* CHN mostly chooses and contacts European hospitals and healthcare institutions that provide sufficient support for foreign student nurses and paramedics to do their traineeships and work placements.

* Foreign students are invited to do their internships or work placements in/ through our institution as long as they are able to understand and make themselves understood in English, German, Czech or Slovak. The ability to use Czech or Slovak during contacts with the majority of patients in Czech healthcare institutions, where students do their placements, is a key advantage. Nevertheless, internship students can rely on receiving sufficient language support from the supervisors and mentors in charge, other trainees and hospital staff.

* Teaching staff from foreign healthcare school institutions are welcome to contribute to our study courses as long as they select English, German, Czech or Slovak as the lingua franca in class.

In terms of student and teaching staff mobility, the College of Healthcare and Nursing in Brno prioritizes the following geographical areas:

* All countries within the European Union as well as non-EU programme countries.