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Procedure for conducting Intermediate Certification
of students at the Department of Biology
in the spring semester of 2025-2026 academic year



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2 General Provisions

1.1. This Procedure for Conducting Intermediate Certification of Students in the Department of Biology of the VolgSMU of the Ministry of Health of the Russian Federation during the Summer Examination Session of the 2025-2026 Academic Year was developed to regulate the conduct of midterm assessments for higher education programs (specialist programs) in the Department of Biology of the VolgSMU of the Ministry of Health of the Russian Federation in the 2025-2026 academic year.

1.2. This Procedure clarifies and details the requirements of the Regulations for Conducting Midterm Assessment of Students at the VolgSMU of the Ministry of Health of the Russian Federation in its current version regarding organizational issues of the midterm assessment, taking into account the specifics of the department and the specifics of the disciplines/practices offered.

1.3. The procedure will be communicated to students no later than one month prior to the start of the PA by posting the specified documents on the department's website.

1.4. This procedure replaces the previous version of the same document and is valid for the 2025-2026 academic year.

2. Organizational issues of Intermediate Certification

2.1. The date of the Intermediate Certification for specific disciplines/practices implemented at the department is determined by the schedule of the test and examination session approved by the order of the vice-rector for educational activities. The time of the Intermediate Certification is determined by the Intermediate Certification schedule approved by the head of the department. The date and time of the consultation (for the exam) is determined by the schedule of pre-examination consultations approved by the department.

2.2. Intermediate Certification procedure, Intermediate Certification cathedral schedule, pre-examination consultation schedule shall be communicated to students by placing the specified documents on the cathedral page of the site, familiarization of students with the documents shall be carried out at least 1 month before the start of Intermediate Certification.

2.3. The assessment for Intermediate Certification in points according to the 100-point system, as well as the final assessment by discipline/practice (according to the 5-point system for the exam, the test with the assessment; according to the system "credited," "not credited" for the test) are brought to the student on the fact of his oral answer or on the fact of checking the written assignment completed by him within the established time frame.

2.4. The final assessment of the discipline/practice is entered into the student's test book, test report and electronic information and educational environment of Volgograd State Medical University. At the same time, for ratings according to a 5-point system, only the verbal equivalent of the rating ("excellent," "good," "satisfactory," "unsatisfactory"), and not numerical values of points (5, 4, 3, 2), is subject to entry.

2.5. According to the results of the Intermediate Certification, the student has the right to appeal.

2.6. Students who have not passed Intermediate Certification are assigned re-certification, according to local acts of the Volgograd State Medical University and the approved re-certification schedule.

3. Intermediate Certification procedure for in-person exam

3.1. The Department of Biology conducts in-person exam in the following disciplines/practices:

Educational Program	Disciplines/Practices	Format	Semester
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31.05.01 «General Medicine»	Biology	exam	spring
31.05.02 «Pediatrics»	Biology	exam	spring
30.05.01 «Medical biochemistry»	Biology	exam	spring
30.05.01 «Medical biochemistry»	Educational practice (research work (acquiring primary skills of research work (biological)))	credit with a grade	spring

3.2. The Biology exam for students in the specialty programs 31.05.01 "General Medicine," 31.05.02 "Pediatrics," and 30.05.01 "Medical Biochemistry" is conducted in person. Students enter the exam room (3-20) on a first-come, first-served basis. Students select a question sheet containing three questions on various topics within the course and one situational problem, solve them on paper, and then respond orally to the examiner. Students are permitted to use a simple calculator and a genetic code table. The total preparation and response time is up to 30 minutes.

3.3. In-person Intermediate Certification, if restrictions are imposed due to unfavorable sanitary and epidemiological conditions, is conducted in compliance with the following sanitary and hygienic requirements:

- cleaning of premises with disinfectants according to the virus regimen, including the cleaning of all contact surfaces in common areas (door handles, switches, handrails, railings, table surfaces, etc.); if Intermediate Certification lasts more than 4 hours, re-cleaning of contact surfaces;
- provision of conditions for hand hygiene with antiseptics in the lobby at the entrance to the building where PA is conducted and in restrooms, as well as the constant availability of hand washing facilities and hand sanitizers in restrooms;
- contactless temperature screening at the entrance to the building/department where Intermediate Certification is conducted;
- individuals with elevated body temperatures (above 37°C) and signs of acute respiratory viral infection (cough, rhinorrhea, sneezing, etc.) will not be allowed to participate in Intermediate Certification. In this case, the student will be considered absent for a valid reason (a corresponding entry will be made in the Intermediate Certification attendance record), and their Intermediate Certification will be rescheduled for another time during the exam session. The student will be notified of the new Intermediate Certification date no later than three business days before the start of the session.
- students will be prevented from gathering (including in hallways and corridors before the start of Intermediate Certification), and social distancing will be monitored, including during seating arrangements in the PA classroom.
- all Intermediate Certification participants (students, teachers, and support staff) will be properly wearing personal respiratory protective equipment.
- used disposable masks will be collected centrally after Intermediate Certification, and will be packaged in plastic bags before being placed in waste collection containers.

