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**KHARKIV WOMEN MEDICAL INSTITUTE:**

**PROBLEMS OF FOUNDATION AND FORMATION**

The beginning of the 20th century was a specific one in the history of our country. Revolutionary events encouraged the social activity of many groups of population, and exactly, women wanted their dream of getting the high education came true. There was an initiator N.I. Neviandt, who in 1906 year organized private high medical courses in Kharkiv. At that time there were three high educational institutions in our city: University, Technological and Veterinary institutes. Unfortunately, the level of teaching was not very high and being criticized by listeners and medical professionals. Kharkiv Medical Society understood that it was necessary to control the process of organization of high women medical courses. Members of Medical Society insisted on the collective management and autonomy in the case of self-repayment, and promised just in extraordinary situations to donate money for the functioning of these courses. Courses did not have any own clinics, so there was the task to find the hospitals the staff of which agreed to accept students of these courses for realization of clinical teaching. The Statute of Women High Medical Courses had to be worked out. Moreover, the Society assigned 1,000 rubles for the foundation of female courses.

Doctors, who discussed the foundation of such kind of courses, told many positive things about the wish of young girls and ladies to get high medical education. Physicians were amazing that the progressive part of female population left their families and started to study. “Male opposition” capitulated and started to help in the organization.

July, 21, 1910 a Honoured Member of Kharkiv Medical Society Professor Vasyl’ Yakovych Danilevsky got 54 balls during the elections of the Headmaster of Women Medical Institute. In August, 4, 1910 the Statute of this institute was adopted.

The duration of educational course was 5 years. There were such kinds of subjects: normal anatomy, physiology, medical chemistry, morbid anatomy and histology, bacteriology, pharmacology, pathology and therapy of internal diseases, neurological and psychic diseases (with clinics), dermatology (with clinics), obstetrics and gynecology (with clinics), surgical pathology and therapy, ophthalmology (with clinics), hygiene with medical statistics, forensic medicine. More than that experimental physics, chemistry, botany, zoology and mineralogy with basics of geology also were taught. Listeners got the certificate. Payment of each semester (100 rubles) was realized before the beginning of classes.

The grand opening of Women Medical Institute held in October, 31, 1910.