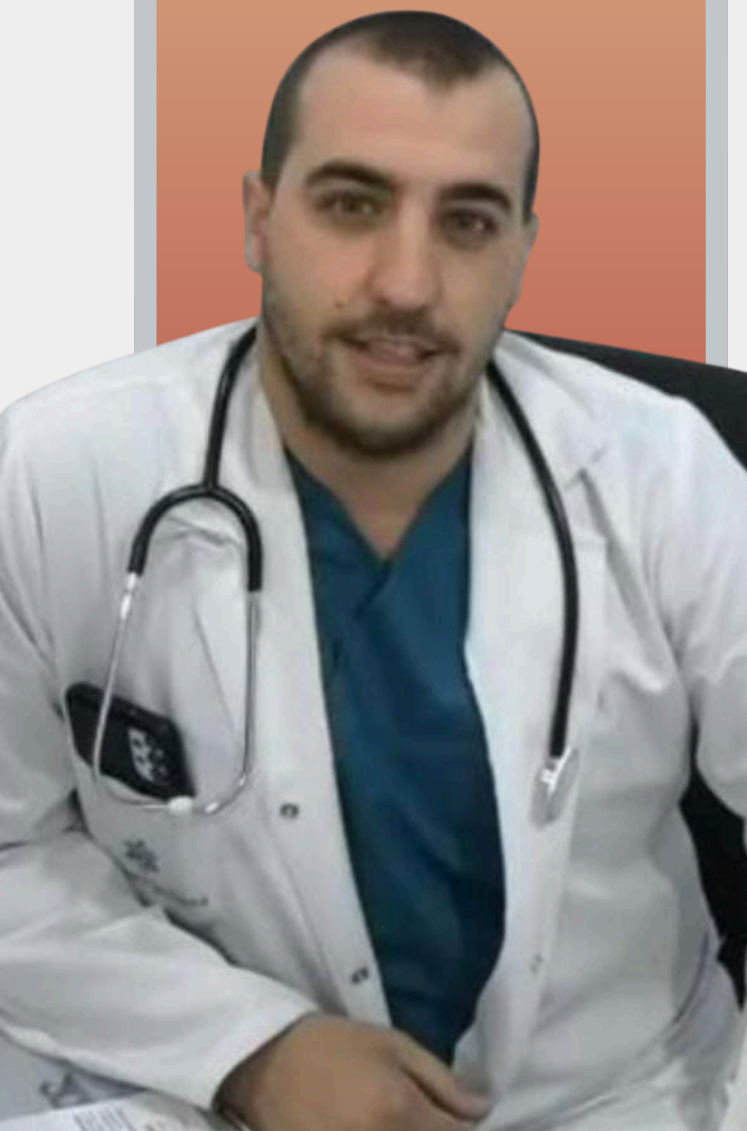




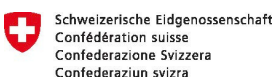
BLERIM MALOKU

The Path Toward an Inner Calling

"Since childhood, I have carried a profound dream." It wasn't just the affectionate words of family members calling him *"the little doctor"*, but a deep, instinctive sense that drove him to care for others. Every time someone felt unwell, he felt an innate responsibility—an unshakable mission that could not be ignored. This instinctive connection to human care is what led him to dream of joining the ranks of *"the white coats."*



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When the time came for career counseling, his dream collided with reality. Medicine was a long, demanding path—emotionally and physically exhausting at times. Yet, one thing remained unchanged: his passion for people, his desire to be present, to help, to contribute in a meaningful way. There was no need to abandon the dream, only to reshape it. This is how his journey in nursing began—an occupation often undervalued, yet one he saw as the heartbeat of the healthcare system, where the most genuine, human, and profoundly meaningful moments unfold. The turning point came in his first year of university. His first internship session, his first patient, the white uniform that had once been merely a childhood vision. He still remembers the emotion—the profound sense of responsibility and the harmony he felt in that moment. It was as if everything within him had finally fallen into place.

"The moment that made me say with certainty, 'Yes, this is my path,' came early—during my first year of university, in the initial stages of my internship. It was the first time I wore the white uniform I had dreamt of since childhood, and the first time I stood before a real patient. I will never forget that feeling—the rush of emotion, the weight of responsibility, and the instant, profound connection. It was as if everything inside me finally settled into place. In that moment, I understood that this was no longer just a childhood dream but a reality that truly fit me. I and that uniform, I and the patient—we were in perfect harmony. It was a deep conviction that reassured me: I was walking in the right direction."

Yet, during career counseling, Blerim kept an open mind, exploring every possibility. With a broad interest in literature and mathematics, he knew he had the potential to grow in multiple directions. However, he always felt a distinct calling toward caring for others. Nursing was not the easiest choice, nor the most celebrated by society, but it was the one that truly resonated with his spirit.

Career counseling didn't just help him choose a profession—it gave him a renewed vision for the future. Today, not only does he work in the field he has always loved, but he also teaches, shares his experiences with young people, and inspires the next generation. From a passionate student, he has become a role model for others—a living testament to how dedication and integrity are truly rewarded.

"What brings me joy today is knowing that I have grown within Medical Care Lami, a clinic providing medical and nursing services in Durrës. My former professor, Mr. Lutfi Lami, believed in me and invested in my potential. Now, we stand as colleagues—managing and leading our clinic together—while also teaching side by side at the university, sharing our expertise with the next generation."

Blerim feels fulfilled and confident in the choices he has made. For young people who still experience uncertainty, he offers a simple yet powerful message: "Believe in your dreams, for they are the reflection of your soul. Challenges will come, but perseverance is what turns dreams into reality. Learn to seek help, to listen, and to move forward without fear."