Course specification

Study program: Special education and rehabilitation for persons with difficulties in mental development

Type and level of studies: Master Academic Studies

Title of the subject: Self-direction and self-advocacy for people with intellectual disability

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Course status: Elective course

ECTS: 5

Prerequisites: There are no prerequisites

Aim:

The aim of the course is the education related to acquiring knowledge about the importance, models, strategies and principles of development of the self- direction and self-advocacy in the persons with intellectual disabilities.

Outcomes:

The students will acquire theoretical knowledge and practical skills needed to create, apply and evaluate programmes aimed at development of following skills in persons with intellectual disability: self-directed behaviour, independent decision-making, self-advocacy and independence; development of competencies in the area of providing counselling for parents and professionals working directly with persons with intellectual disability, with the goal to improve social support necessary for better quality of life and higher level of individual and social independence of such persons.

Content

Lectures:

The notion, definition and importance of the self-advocacy and self-direction skills as the components of social participation and quality of life of persons with intellectual disability; Methodical approaches, programmes and strategies for the development of the self-directed behaviour and self-advocacy skills of persons with intellectual disability; Self-advocacy as a social movement; The role and importance of different elements that offer formal and informal support for development of these skills (community support services, parents, adequate social groups); The relation of self-respect, self-directed behaviour and self-advocacy; Evaluation techniques for applied programs and assessment of the development level of these skills in persons with intellectual disability.

Practical work:

Practical work includes the training in the area of adoption of skills of practical application of the optimal models and methodical approaches needed for development of self-direction and self-advocacy skills in persons with intellectual disability.

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Number of active classes per week: 3	Lecture: 2	Practical work: 1
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Teaching methods:

Lectures, practical exercise, demonstrations, consultations, interactive teaching

Evaluation of knowledge (maximum score 100)				
Pre obligations	Score	Final exam	Score	
activites during the lectures	5	written exam		
practical teaching	20	oral exam	35	
midterm(s)	25			
seminars	15			