Field of study Special Needs Education – Andragogy

Study Single-subject, Bachelor's degree, full-time/combined

Length of study (years) 3
Academic degree Bc.

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Description of the programme

The study is designed as a non-teaching course with a focus on training of professional staff, who will be qualified to work with adults with various disabilities or disadvantages.

The graduates have an opportunity to continue in the follow-up Master's degree in Special Needs Education – Counselling.

Graduate profile and job opportunities

The graduates of the study will be qualified to work in the areas of education, labour and social affairs, health care, justice as well as non-governmental non-profit organisations, whose demands for workers with a university degree in special needs education increases. The graduates of the study will be experts qualified in special needs education.

The graduates of the study will be qualified in the area of special needs education, training and counselling particularly in the following institutions:

- Homes for adults with health disability,
- Protected housings,
- Protected workshops or other new alternative forms of employment,
- Job centres providing retraining courses and training for adults with special educational needs,
- Regional authorities, district offices, social affair departments,
- Supported employment agencies,
- Non-governmental non-profit organizations assisting persons with disabilities or other disadvantages,
- Psychiatric hospitals,
- Special needs education and counselling centres,
- Corrective care institutions,
- Addiction treatment centres,
- Refugee asylum centres,
- Homes for seniors and hospices.

The graduates will be ready to work as educators or assistants of persons with special needs in the institutions mentioned above.

Admission requirements:

The applicant must prove his/her fitness for study in a motivation letter (in English) and a profile essay $15\,000 - 20\,000$ symbols long, focused on the area of study program.

Language competence:

- The standard English language requirement is level B2 in accordance to the Common European Framework of Reference for languages (CEFR).
- Minimum language requirements in the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL): Internet based Test (IbT): 61, Computer based Test (CbT): 173, Paper based Test (PbT): 500 or an International English Language Testing System (IELTS) overall band score of at least 6.0.

The applicants are required to send:

- application (online application form);
- <u>proof of recognition</u> of their previous education (i.e. foreign certificate as equivalent to a certificate of education issued in the Czech Republic);
- motivation letter;
- profile essay;
- CV;
- certificate of language competence

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