

The project from New Bulgarian University

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Abstract

The author provides details for the structure of an educational programme in the area of Management of Adult Education. The project proposed by the New University of Bulgaria is comprised of three main modules and optional courses. The first module, *Contemporary Dimensions of Adult Education*, is focused on theoretical concepts and issues concerning the general problem. The second module refers to learning and teaching in the context of adult education, while the third module is concentrated on the theoretical and practical implications of the discipline of Adult Education Management.

First Module: Contemporary Dimensions of Adult Education: Concepts, Laws, Programs, Achievements, Problems, Trends

Compulsory Courses:

1. Vocational Education in Bulgaria
2. Current State of the Art, Problems, Trends in the Development of Civil Society and Education
3. Education of Ethnically Diverse Adults
4. Education of the Unemployed
5. Comparative Adult Education

2 courses of 30 hours + 2 courses of 15 hours = 8 credit points

Optional Courses:

Research Methods:

1. Psychological Measures
2. Psychological Research of Adult Learners
3. Technology of Elaboration of Mini- research Project
4. Statistical Analysis of Empirical Data

2 courses to be chosen x 30 hours = 4 credit points

Second Module: Teaching and Learning in the Context of Adult Education

Compulsory Courses:

1. Psychological Characteristics of Adult Learners
2. Psychological Dimensions of Adult Learning
3. Instruction Design
4. Planning, Organizing and Executing Courses with Adult Learners

2 courses of 15 hours + 2 courses of 30 hours = 6 credit points

Optional Courses:

Methods of and Approaches to Acquisition and Improvement of Basic Skills and Competencies, and Instruction of Target Groups

1. Team-work Skills
2. Critical Thinking Skills
3. Non- traditional Approaches and Methods of Adult Education
4. Computer- mediated Communication
5. Distance Learning
6. Ecological Education
7. Instruction of the Disabled

2 courses to be chosen x 30 hours = 4 credit points

Third Module: Management of Adult Education

Compulsory Courses:

1. Theory of the Organization
2. Management of Adult Education
3. Standards for Quality Assurance in Vocational Education of Adults

2 courses of 15 hours & 1 of 30 hours = 4 credit points

Optional Courses:

Theoretical and Training Courses for Development of Knowledge and Organizational Skills

1. Organizational Development and Counseling /first part/
2. Organizational Development and Counseling /second part/
3. Management of Human Resources
4. Labor Market and Educational Services
5. Strategies for Successful Organizational Development
6. Vocational Orientation and Counseling
7. Philosophy and Technology of Organization and Realization of "Adult Education Week"

2 courses to be chosen x 30 hours = 4 credit points or 4 courses x 15 hours = 4 credit points

Total number of credits:

45 credits /15 credits for elaboration of diploma thesis/