

GLOBALISM IN PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

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The content of professional education includes both general and proficient preparation. This content of education is designed by the standards of compulsory education and is targeted to the forming of at least minimum level of knowledge and skills.

Nowadays situation shows us that all the knowledge our students have been accumulating in the subject-oriented system of education is not at all needed in the era of marketing relations and economy.

What we need now is to change the slogan “education FOR the whole life” into “education THROUGH the whole life”.

The sphere of education service is now getting wider and wider which requires teachers to be extremely mobile and ready to non-stop education and development.

Modern technology enables everybody (both teachers and students) to upgrade their knowledge with the help of different sites.

Contemporary students (the ones who are really interested in developing themselves for their own future but not those who kill their time playing computer games or chatting in social networks) to become “virtual ones” only need the knowledge of English, Internet access and at least an hour a day to study. Teachers need the same.

Why has on-line education become so avant-garde? Ukraine being not a rich country has a great potential in the form of new generation. Good education costs a lot; the other point is that nowadays there is already no “local” science. The specialist in your majoring subject might live in Washington, Paris, London or Buenos Aires. How to pick them up all together? Globalization is the answer. And Internet, of course!

A person (both a teacher and a student) with an enquiring and inquisitive mind can easily get access to the lectures of the most profound professors worldwide. These lectures give the opportunity not only to “be present” at the virtual laboratory or class and improve your knowledge but also to get a certificate if needed.

The best courses are presented at the following sites:

- www.coursera.org – one of the largest compilations on-line lectures. The leading universities of Europe and the USA are accommodating and adding hundreds of courses (art, history, mathematics, literature, computing, etc.)
- www.edx.org – project of Harvard University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology together with 10 other educational establishments offers not only lectures but a complex of lessons with tests and possibility to communicate with the teachers as well.
- www.udacity.com – designed by Stanford University professors and is mainly dedicated to computer science and Math.
- www.khanacademy.org – one of a few sites visited by 6 mln monthly. Lectures presented on this site have been translated by volunteers into 24 languages.

Those who have already completed several courses claim that first it was the way of broadening the outlook which later finished with the possibility to be promoted professionally.

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