Specification of PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE 2

Study program: Special Education and Rehabilitation for Persons with Difficulties in Mental Development

Study type and level: Basic Academic Studies, the eighth semester

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ECTS: 4

Prerequisites: Completed applied professional courses pre-exam requirements in the fourth year of undergraduate academic studies.

Objective

Acquiring knowledge and skills in the field of clinical assessment and treatment of children with specific learning disorders; Individualized Education Program development and its implementation in inclusive setting; teaching Maths and Science in schools for children with difficulties in mental development; providing transition support, supporting adults with intellectual disabilities; dimensional assessment of children with autism.

Expected outcomes

A student will be able to recognize specific learning disorders; to determine the severity of autism spectrum disorder; to write short-term objectives in the Individualized Education Program; to support children with special educational needs in the capacity of teaching assistants; to plan and teach lessons in Maths and Science, aligned with a curriculum for children with intellectual disabilities; to assess support needs in transitional period and adulthood.

Content of professional practice

Assessment of the children with verbal and (or) nonverbal learning disorder; documentation analysis and writing short-time objectives within their Individualized Education Programs; Assessment of autism severity using recommended rating scale; Preparing for class and teaching Maths and Science (two classes for each subject); Assessment of the support needs of the adolescents in the course of vocational training; Life habits assessments of adults with intellectual disabilities; Writing and presenting a diary of practice.

Number of classes, if specified 30 classes in the even semester

Methods of realization

Case study, heuristic methods, practical methods, autonomous teaching, clinical assessment methods, documentation analysis.

Knowledge score (maximal points = 100)

Teaching Maths: 10 points (5 points per class)
Teaching Science: 10 points (5 points per class)

Assessment of a child with specific learning disorder (case study): 15 points Writing short-term objectives in Individualized Education Program: 10 points Preparation and implementation of support programs in inclusive teaching: 15 points

Assessment of the severity of autism spectrum disorder: 10 points Assessment of support needs in transitional period: 15 points

Life habits assessment of an adult with intellectual disability: 15 points

Total score: 100