Study program: Special Education and Rehabilitation, module of Visual Impairments

Type and level of studies: Basic Academic Studies

Title of the subject: PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE II

Course status: Obligatory

ECTS: 6

Prerequisites: To fulfill pre-examination requirements from professional-applicative subjects on the fourth year of basic academic studies.

Aim:

Practically apply knowledge and skills from the field of optometry, ortoptics, orientation and mobility and rehabilitation of blind and low vision people.

Outcomes:

Upon completing professional practice, a student will be able to:

- do a functional evaluation of visual abilities;
- rehabilitate monocular and binocular vision;
- apply methods and techniques for orientation and mobility of blind;
- evaluate the needs and adapt a visually impaired person's work place.

Content:

The student will apply the acquired knowledge and skills in accordance with the institution which he/she would be in and workplace at which he/she would be assigned to.

In clinical institution, this includes:

- 1. Gathering ophtalmic, personal and family anamnestic data.
- 2. Determining distance and near visual acuity.
- 3. Application of focometry and refractometry.
- 4. Determining binocular status of a patient (simultaneous perception, fusion and stereoscopy) and rehabilitation of binocular sight (exercises of convergence insufficiency, antisupressional training and fusion)

In the institution for the blind, professional practice includes:

- 1. Creating an individual training program for orientation and mobility.
- 2. Training blind people to apply methods and techniques for movement in closed and open spaces and in familiar and unfamiliar places.
- 3. Training blind people to apply self-protection techniques during walking and movement.
- 4. Adapting work place in related to professional needs of blind people.

Teaching methods:

Mentor supervised work.

Evaluation of knowledge (maximum score 100)			
Pre obligations	Score	Final exam	Score
Professional practice report	50	Oral presentation of	50
		professional practice report	