

Thematic Symposium

“The cooperative development of the quality culture in HE to enhance student-centred learning and employability: the approach at the University of Prishtina”

The Role of the Career Development Centre in the Professional Preparation and Development of UP Students

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(Abstract)

The purpose of this contribution to the thematic symposium “The cooperative development of the quality culture in HE to enhance student-centred learning and employability: the approach at the University of Prishtina” is to describe the role of the Career Development Centre (CDC) at the University of Prishtina (UP). The CDC has been launched as a joint project of OSCE and UP in 2007, based upon the guidelines of the Bologna Process. Today it is an integrated part of the student services of the University of Prishtina. It plays a major role as mediator between students, faculties and companies, aiming to strengthen cooperations and upgrading the quality of students’ preparation for the labour market.

During the more than four years of our work, the CDC has established close cooperation between the UP and employers, which enabled us to help students to find jobs and gain work experience during their internships in different companies. We have also helped high school graduates to get a better understanding of the study programs and other opportunities offered at the UP for their professional development etc.

The CDC provides trainings for current students and high school graduates on how to prepare CVs and Cover Letters, provides tips for job interviews as well as different ways of access to the labour market and informs about skills required by the labour market and how to develop such skills. It also organizes conferences, career fairs, debates, workshops, meetings with employers etc. so as to help students in understanding the nature of work better.

In the course of this workshop we will see how important the impact of the CDC on the students' career opportunities and employment possibilities is and how helpful the CDC is to the employers for recruiting a new labour force.

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