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Career Counseling in the Post-Modern Era

In the 21st century of great social and economic change, of challenge and subjectivity, of the abolition of traditional values around the concept of employment, career counselors play a very special role. On the one hand the role of career counselor is to assist in adjusting to employment, vocational training, job placement, career information, to plan for retirement, provide academic advice, training for a position. And on the other hand as they help different clients in multiple environments, play a role in promoting multicultural social justice.

The career counseling promotes professional development and adaptation of people to work at every stage of their life. The person is actively involved in the planning of his life and career, at the aim of integrating psychosocial skills and interests. Career counseling is characterized by developmental and person-environmental adjustment models that help a person to do appropriate and viable options. Career counselors, with a range of training and credentials, are employed in settings as varied as schools, colleges, companies, community agencies, and government offices.

Students of the PESYP ASPAITE starting from different scientific and professional origins: are teachers who have made a turn in their careers or professional psychologists who seek for specializing in the field of their work, travel a common path of education, and aim at obtaining a common identity, that of guidance counselors.

In order to meet the challenges of the next decade this symposium discusses the possibilities / opportunities and the difficulties of transition from the role of the teacher to the role of the student and from the role of the counselor to the clinical role of the psycho- educator. It also examines the similarities and differences between the parallel paths of the teacher to counselor- client: they are both on the threshold of professional Search / options and they are called to adopt a flexible work attitude that aims at discovering new professional roles in order to cope with the modern working reality.