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THE IMPORTANCE OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

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Annotation

This article analyzes the role and importance of foreign languages in the development of the vocational education system. In today's globalization environment, a qualified specialist must have not only professional knowledge and skills, but also the competence to communicate in foreign languages. Mastering foreign languages allows students to directly study modern technologies, international standards and best practices. Also, foreign languages increase the competitiveness of graduates of vocational education institutions in the labor market, create a basis for their participation in foreign companies and international projects. The article pays special attention to the issues of integrating vocational disciplines with foreign languages, the CLIL approach and the development of language competence in practical training. The results of the study substantiate the need to develop foreign languages as an important component of vocational education.

Keywords

vocational education, foreign languages, competitiveness, labor market, vocational competence, CLIL approach, integration.

In today's era of globalization, one of the main tasks facing the vocational education system is to train specialists with modern knowledge and skills who are competitive in the labor market. The rapid development of science and technology, the expansion of international economic cooperation, and the increase in labor migration have brought knowledge of foreign languages to the level of necessity. Especially for students studying in vocational education institutions, mastering foreign languages is becoming an important factor in achieving success in future professional activities. Therefore, a scientific analysis of the importance of foreign languages in the process of developing vocational education is one of the urgent issues.

The vocational education system is mainly focused on the formation of practical skills and involves the training of qualified personnel for production, service, and technological sectors. However, modern professions are directly related to foreign experience, technical documents and innovative developments. Most of these resources are presented in foreign languages, in particular English. Therefore, knowledge of foreign languages serves as an important tool for deepening and updating professional knowledge.

Foreign languages allow effective use of information sources in the study of professional disciplines. Knowing a foreign language, a student can independently use textbooks, manuals, scientific articles and online platforms. This serves to improve the quality of professional education.[1]

In today's labor market, knowledge of a foreign language is one of the important advantages. Employers need not only professional qualifications, but also specialists who can communicate with foreign partners and understand documents. Especially in the fields of industry, information technology, logistics, tourism and service, knowledge of a foreign language is considered an important requirement.

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Effective teaching of foreign languages in vocational educational institutions expands the employment opportunities of graduates. This is of great importance in ensuring the employment of young people and increasing their social activity. At the same time, specialists who know a foreign language have the opportunity to work abroad or participate in international projects.

The concept of professional competence includes not only professional knowledge and practical skills, but also communicative, informational and cultural competencies. Foreign languages play an important role in the formation of these competencies. The ability to communicate in a foreign language allows a specialist to clearly express his thoughts, discuss professional problems and work effectively in a team.

Also, learning foreign languages broadens the thinking of students, introduces them to other cultures and increases flexibility in professional activities. This is an important quality necessary for a modern specialist.

In recent years, the CLIL (Content and Language Integrated Learning) approach has been widely used in the vocational education system. This approach involves teaching professional subjects through a foreign language. As a result, students acquire both professional knowledge and language skills at the same time.

The CLIL approach helps students learn a foreign language in a practical way. For example, technical students can enrich their professional vocabulary by explaining equipment descriptions, technological processes, and safety rules in a foreign language. This increases students' interest in learning and ensures that knowledge is consolidated.[3]

The development of digital technologies has created wide opportunities for learning foreign languages. Online courses, webinars Most of the materials, video lessons and electronic platforms are developed in foreign languages. Vocational education institutions can improve the quality of education by effectively using these resources.[4]

Students who know a foreign language will be able to get acquainted with modern software, technological innovations and innovative developments faster. This will help to develop their professional training in accordance with the requirements of the time.

The effectiveness of foreign languages in the development of vocational education largely depends on the qualifications of teachers. Teachers who know a foreign language well and can teach vocational subjects in an integrated manner increase the quality of the educational process. Therefore, it is important to organize advanced training courses in foreign languages for teachers working in the vocational education system.

The study of foreign experience by teachers and participation in international cooperation enriches the content of vocational education. This has a positive effect on the acquisition of modern knowledge by students.[5]

In conclusion, the importance of foreign languages in the development of vocational education is incomparable. Foreign languages allow you to deepen professional knowledge, increase competitiveness in the labor market, and effectively use international experience. In the vocational education system, the quality of education can be brought to a new level by integrating foreign languages with subjects, using modern pedagogical approaches, and improving the qualifications of teachers. Therefore, the development of foreign languages as an important component of vocational education is one of the urgent tasks of today.

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