

Lifelong Learning and Training Requirements in Counseling Professions

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Abstract

Changes in the technical world give birth to countless new professions, creating a *raison d'être*, while unlimited information also provides uncertainty in the selection of up-to-date, professional expertise. At the same time, the need for choice creates proof of registration, certification, national or international acceptance, and a transparent view of compliance with approved standards. Among these, the credit system, which tries to fit in with the professional traditions, is gaining ground, which does not require the maintenance of the qualification by the development of a competent organization accepted by the professional system, not only for the degree but also after its acquisition.

I made my conclusions by content and documentum analysis, examination of regulations and Hungarian legislation, the comparison of the studied literature and the regulatory environment and the related netnographic elements. The selection of the examined professions is partly a priori, partly emergent, based on objective but arbitrary aspects, while the conclusions from the selected data were made inductively.

In Hungary, the continuing need for competence development has been partially justified, while in the case of the Bar, it is only apparent. Similar training or knowledge development, registration and record-keeping needs arise in parallel counselling occupations, with significant financial sacrifices in some cases. There are also quite different measures of the time spent practicing an activity in terms of obtaining them and ensuring their progress.

Despite the differences revealed, the representative bodies of the individual professions strive to ensure professionalism and up-to-date knowledge of the field in addition to building and managing their supervisory authority and legitimacy, which is also included in the legal traditions.

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