

Integration of Civic Democratic Competences in VET Education

Ukraine

DESCRIPTION

Civic Democratic Competences (CDC) are **integrated into the educational process of Vocational Education and Training institutions through various subjects**. The primary subject dedicated to this is "**Civic Education**". The content of this subject **aligns with** the components outlined in **the Council of Europe's Reference Framework of Competences for Democratic Culture** and is taught in the first year, for a total of 70 hours.

The purpose is to **prepare students for effective participation in democratic social relations by fostering social interaction, civic participation, and responsibility**.

The course employs a **competency-based approach** consistent with the key competencies established by the Law of Ukraine "On Education" and the standards of the New Ukrainian School. It includes both theoretical knowledge and practical skills.

Evaluation primarily focuses on its activity component, such as the **ability to debate, articulate and defend personal opinions, conduct research on socially significant phenomena, events and processes, organise advocacy campaigns**, and more.

Additionally, the formation of CDC is embedded within the content of **History of Ukraine and World History** courses, which allocate 175 hours to developing **political and legal culture, civic awareness, and understanding of national and universal values in the context of democratic society development**.

Furthermore, a compulsory component of the State Educational Standards for professional is the development of **civil and legal education, as well as communicative, personal, social, and educational key competences**. These are integrated across the general professional subjects, with between 7 to 17 hours for each subject.