

## **BHP-Professional Organisation of Remedial/Special Pedagogues**

### Brief informations about remedial/special pedagogues

#### **Remedial/special pedagogues(RSP)**

....have been trained to foster children, adolescents and adults with disabilities and handicaps. They offer help by way of education, therapy, guidance and assist their integration in society.

They are the experts in the social professions who take responsibility in attending to the welfare of persons suffering from physical and/or mental disabilities. They mediate specialized individual counseling.

Remedial/special pedagogues help to secure the necessary support for the handicapped in fostering homes, day groups, clinics and therapeutical practices.

#### **Qualification**

RSP have specific academic qualifications which differ them from teachers, social-workers and social pedagogues. Special forms and concepts of activities and their appropriate methods are brought into the practice.

The work as a RSP always requires the capability to communicate and to build up a relationship with the client.

#### **Concepts of Activities**

Remedial/special pedagogical treatment depends upon available client resources. Its purpose is promoting equal participation in social life.

Concepts of RSP pedagogical treatment integrate diagnostics, indications, transformations and evaluations of measures and methods of in-service training, upbringing, education, counseling, guidance and the assistance of persons with handicaps in their respective psycho-social environment.

RSP are competent in their expertise especially in reference to the following services:

- Guidance of development / building-up relationships
- Diagnostic clarification of the developmental state
- Specific methodical promotion
- Help for integration

#### **Diagnostic**

Pedagogical diagnostics lead to necessary aids and accompany the process of integration and promotion.

Furthermore, pedagogical diagnostics always include the social system and the environment in their analysis.

### **Methodical Elements**

Remedial/special pedagogical activities include the promotion of perception abilities, play-therapy, pedagogical treatment through continual exercise programs, psychomotoric, rhythmic, promotion of verbal and communicational abilities, etc. It can be applied in work with single individuals as well as in groups.

Remedial/special pedagogical activities include counseling in social environments. RSP activities also include the development and security of quality as well as the documentation of research results, data and diagnosis.

### **Training education**

After obtaining a qualification as a pre-school teacher, the remedial/special pedagogues earn their degrees at universities, colleges, academies and special professional schools.

The studies take at least 4 years (8 semesters).

The contents of the curriculum enable the graduates to offer adequate help to those individuals in our society, who need help to build up their abilities.

### **Spheres of professional functions**

RSP's work in childrens' homes, in pre-schools, schools, clinics, educational institutions (professional schools / colleges), guidance and counseling offices, preparatory schools, rehabilitational institutions, geriatric institutions, outpatient's services, etc.

Increasingly more RSP are now working in independent practices. The BHP awards certification to those who qualify by showing a high professional standard of work.

Detailed brochures in german language could be ordered here:

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