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The developing the competence of social workers to operate in the community in Lithuania's universities.

In modern days universities the aim is raised to develop general practice social workers, who identify with the social work profession, apply ethical principles and is based on critical thinking; are able to operate in various levels of system (Educational policy and accreditation standards, 2008). This training is based on developing the competences. The competences are defined after measuring practical specialist's behaviour, including knowledge, values and skills. Social skills-based training is a goal oriented on the final result, it is ability to integrate and apply skills in practice with individuals, families, groups, organizations and communities. Council on Social Work Education in 2008 renewed the social workers' policy and accreditation standards (Educational policy and accreditation standards, 2008), where ten essential competences are marked which should be developed in social work studies.

In the context of social work, the scientists notice that the social work in communities is baseless forgotten. Mendes, (2008) introducing the preparation of social workers in Australia highlights, that despite the fact that the social work in community is one of the main part of social work, it often appears out of the curriculum studies. Roivainen (2008) study revealed that only a small part of Finish social workers in their work identifies the elements of the community. In Lithuania social workers operate only in the sharpest social problems' field. Meanwhile the social problems in the prevention of public, non-formal youth's education, work with community and civic initiatives still are not understood as social workers' possibilities (Švedaitė 2006). It should also be noticed that today's communities are influenced by globalization a lot. According Grigas (2003) the globalization is destroying the territorial form of social organization and reinforces its exterritorial form. Modern society is created rational egoism basis. Pivorienė (2004) notes the decline of geographical communities and the importance of communities of interest is growing. This may be required according the increasing mobility. Today we can speak about the human living at the same time in two different countries, and this is certainly a new challenge for social work and its specialists. The social work's programs prepared to act in the international community should give a special attention to human rights, personal or community security, the fight against the racism, multicultural, community development (Healy 2007).

The social work in Lithuania is a "new profession". Training new specialists it is more used what is already formed in Europe and other countries by other scientists. Not always these methods are most appropriate and adopt for the Lithuanian social work and society as well as the existing problems in the specific cultural characteristics (Švedaitė, 2006 Varžinskienė 2008). Anyway, Lithuania is preparing five universities in social work and four in social pedagogy. What are the competences required to work in the community and what methods are developed in universities'

study program? How Lithuanian social work study programs are open to the concept of international social work? Trying to answer the raised questions will be done by a university bachelor's level social work study programs content analysis. The internet access will be used for this research. The results of the study will be presented at the conference.

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