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Introduction

The Faculty of Education owes itself to an over fifty-year-old tradition of education in one of the longest standing institutions at the Constantine the Philosopher University in Nitra. Ever since its foundation, its major scope of interest has evolved around professional teacher training. Gradually, it transformed from the former Pedagogical Institute into its contemporary form of a modern higher education institution willing to respond to the constant challenges of pedagogical practice by means of both fundamental and applied research.

Drawing on its traditional scope of interest concerning teacher training, philosophy of education, and educational policy; even today, the Faculty of Education aims its educational and research efforts at professional preparation of teacher graduates of academic, artistic-educational, educational, and job-related subjects as well as the subjects concerned with practical training, primary education, and primary and elementary education. Furthermore, the faculty prepares future experts in non-teaching study programmes with a perspective to pursue careers in the field of intercultural communication at offices of state and public administration, regional development, tourism, sports and recreation, music, and education at schools, leisure centres, companies and other educational institutions.

Moreover, the Faculty of Education creates favourable conditions for various programmes of continuous and qualification studies and other types of lifelong learning. The faculty educational system is dynamically optimized so as to enable graduates of particular Bachelor’s, Master’s, and Doctoral Study programmes to successfully and in a creative way tackle problems relevant for their future profession.

The education system realized at the faculty draws on the European Credit Transfer System which not only ensures compatibility with prominent educational institutions but it also enables student mobility both inside and outside the European Union. Consequently, students co-create their individual study programmes as they have an opportunity to select subjects enlisted in the subject list of their respective departments and faculties but also at other faculties of CPU or at universities inside and outside the EU through Erasmus+. Apart from Erasmus+ mobility, the faculty also offers education in a foreign language through complex, accredited study programmes. Department of Language Pedagogy and Intercultural Studies, Faculty of Education, CPU in Nitra realizes education both in the Slovak and the English language, within Bachelor’s, Master’s, and Doctoral study programmes. In January 2002, CPU became a member of the Association of European Universities (EUA) whose aim is to create a European area of higher education and research.

The residence of the faculty is situated in an attractive university campus in the area of Zobor, with a nearby University Library, in walking distance of architecture and natural sights and Nitra cultural institutions. The departments of the faculty are located on modern premises, equipped with high-quality technology and teaching aids that provide students with an opportunity to fully realize their study, professional, scientific, and creative goals.
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Department of Music

The Department of Music is one of the oldest departments of CPU in Nitra. Its origins date back to 1959 when the Pedagogical Institute of Nitra was founded (later the Institute was transformed to the Faculty of Education). Throughout its history, the department has undergone several organizational transformations and gradually it has achieved the reputation of a stable and progressive higher education department concerned with the professional training of Music Teachers and Musicology Experts with a special focus on the research of sound. In May 2016, the department moved to new premises of the Music Pavilion, a site of several representative facilities (ballet room, multifunctional room, sound laboratory, etc.); all equipped with up-to-date sound and teaching technology.

The core of activities performed by the Department of Music is associated with the educational process, research, project and artistic activities and their presentation in Slovakia and abroad. Its study programmes draw on existing requirements in the education sector, social, and cultural needs in Slovakia and they anticipate upcoming trends in music education (integrated music education, music and dramatic education, innovative trends in teaching instrumental and vocal interpretation, e-learning in music education, music and computer, etc.). In September 2016, the department launched a new, non-teaching study programme Musicology with the main focus on sound design and music acoustics.

Study Programmes:
- Bachelor's Degree Study Programmes
  - Teaching Music, field of study 1.1.3 Teaching Artistic-educational and Educational Subjects (full-time study)
- Master's Degree Study Programmes
  - Teaching Music, field of study 1.1.3 Teaching Artistic-educational and Educational Subjects (full-time study)
  - Teaching Music in combination with another subject, field of study 1.1.3 Teaching Artistic-educational and Educational Subjects (full-time study)
- Doctoral Study Programme
  - Didactics of Music, field of study 1.110 Subject-specific Didactics
- Rigorous Procedure
  - Teaching Music, field of study 1.1.3 Teaching Artistic-educational and Educational Subjects (PaedDr.)
  - Teaching Music and Dramatic Art, field of study 1.1.3 Teaching Artistic-educational and Educational Subjects (PaedDr.)
  - Music and Sound Design, field of study 2.1.37 Musicology (full-time study)
Graduate Career Prospects

Teaching Music – includes the study of a particular musical instrument (or singing) and provides a professional training for future Music teachers at primary or art schools. Simultaneously, graduates gain higher education qualifications for pursuing teaching careers at secondary pedagogical schools, primary and secondary general education institutions (in the subjects of Music and Aesthetic Education) and for work at cultural and educational institutions.

Teaching Music and Dramatic Art – is the only study programme in Slovakia aimed at integration of music, dancing, and dramatic arts and their pedagogical application at primary artistic schools and leisure centres. The graduate has developed movement, interpretation and acting skills and can pursue careers in educational, cultural-educational and artistic spheres.

Teaching Music in combination with another subject – prepares students primarily for teaching at lower and upper level of primary and general secondary schools. Graduates are qualified to teach subjects related to specialized professional preparation in the field of the theory of music at primary art schools, as well as to teach theoretical subjects and choir singing at secondary pedagogical schools.

The non-teaching study programme Music and Sound Design guides students to knowing and understanding historical, theoretical, and systematic contexts of music. A special attention is paid to the sound of music and music acoustics, a largely ignored field in Slovakia. The graduate is able to work with sound in a creative way, especially in relation to sound recording and sound system installation. Furthermore, the graduate is guided to rely on team work in the process of creating sound projects and sound design and she focuses on operating the sound in various kinds of media and publishing houses. Also, the graduate may pursue a career as an employee of music, documentary, and information centres, music museums, foundations, and non-profit organizations.

Research and Artistic Activities

Research activities of the Department of Music revolve around various areas of music and the science of music (music pedagogy, historiography, pipe-organ study, history of interpretation arts, music acoustics, using IT in music). The pedagogical employees of the department are members of Slovak (VEGA, KEGA, ESF, APVV) and foreign grant projects and they cooperate with Slovak and foreign pedagogical and scientific institutions (Universität für Musik und darstellende Kunst in Wien, Mozarteum Salzburg, Orff Institut München, Music Academy of Franz Liszt in Budapest, etc.). As far as the artistic activities of the department are concerned, they are presented individually at concerts or various music and dramatic events at prominent artistic institutions (Slovak National Theatre, State Opera in Banska Bystrica, New Scene in Bratislava, Slovak Radio, Slovak Philharmonic, New Scene, Andrej Bagar Theatre in Nitra, Old Theatre of Karol Spisak in Nitra, etc.). The above mentioned activities have been recorded by RTVS (Radio and Television of Slovakia), in numerous music recordings and by different music publishers.
Department of Language Pedagogy and Intercultural Studies

The department was founded in 1997 as the Department of Foreign Languages. Its aims were to: provide a professional training to qualified teachers of English language and literature for all types and degrees of study; provide a professional training to qualified elementary school teachers with a specialization in teaching English or German language; create a pedagogical and research foundation for broadening the perspectives of professional education aimed at lower primary school level, with adequate language teaching guidance in the area of foreign languages; provide a professional language education for students of teaching and non-teaching study programmes at the Faculty of Education, CPU in Nitra. However, the social development combined with a dynamically changing situation in the area of foreign language education gradually changed the department profile. These changing trends were reflected in 2009 when the department changed its name to the Department of Language Pedagogy and Intercultural Studies.

Study Programmes:
The department provides education in the study programmes accredited in the Slovak and the English language, in the Bachelor's and Master's Degree study as well as in the Doctoral Degree. The language of the particular study is indicated by the respective abbreviation (SK for Slovak and EN for the English language).

Bachelor’s Degree Study
- Teaching English Language and Literature, field of study 1.1.1 Teaching Academic Subjects (SK, EN, full-time and part-time study)
- Teaching English Language and Literature in combination with another subject taught at the Faculty of Education, field of study 1.1.1 Teaching Academic Subjects (SK, EN, full-time study)
- English Language and Culture, field of study 2.1.3 Foreign Languages and Cultures (SK, EN, full-time study)

Master's Degree Study
- Teaching English Language and Literature, field of study 1.1.1 Teaching Academic Subjects (SK, EN, full-time and part-time study)
- Teaching English Language and Literature in combination with another subject taught at the Faculty of Education, field of study 1.1.1 Teaching Academic Subjects (SK, EN, full-time study)
- English Language and Culture, field of study 2.1.3 Foreign Languages and Cultures (SK, EN, full-time study)

Doctoral Degree Study
- Didactics of English Language and Literature, field of study 1.1.10 Subject-specific Didactics (SK, EN, full-time and part-time study)

Further Education
- Extended Study of English Language and Literature designed for pedagogical employees who aim to broaden their qualifications
The graduates of study programme Teaching English Language and Literature can pursue careers as teachers or lecturers of English language; pedagogical employees or organizers of leisure-time courses, school clubs or after-school activities in the framework of the Slovak school system (on the preschool and elementary level as well as in lower and upper secondary education); lecturers of leisure-time and educational activities of adults focused on teaching English language; as state administration employees for a specific area; as school, administrative and methodological experts, etc.

The graduates of English Language and Culture can pursue careers as intercultural communicators, state and public administration employees in the sphere of culture, regional development and tourism; as project managers in the sphere of cultural development.

Scientific and Research Activities of the Department

Social development as well as dynamic changes affecting the sphere of foreign language education and professional training of qualified teachers of foreign languages have gradually evolved in extending the scientific and research profile of the department.

At present, the department focuses on the following areas:
- up-to-date issues related to teaching foreign languages at all levels of education with a special focus on integrated (CLIL), inclusive teaching of foreign languages (teaching foreign languages to gifted learners and learners with special educational needs) and teaching intercultural education;
- using the latest didactic technologies in teaching foreign languages (multimedia, e-learning, CALL);
- systematic building of research foundations necessary for scientific development of teaching foreign languages and research in selected areas of applied linguistics.

The employees of the department have been members of a wide range of scientific and research projects VEGA, cultural and educational projects KEGA, scientific and research projects APVV, a project financed by the European Social Fund (ESF), an international Leonardo Da Vinci project, as well as an international Comenius project, etc.

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Department of Pedagogy

The history of the Department of Pedagogy, Faculty of Education, CPU in Nitra stretches back to the origin of the first departments of the former Faculty of Education founded in 1959. Since then it underwent qualitative and quantitative changes that resulted in the contemporary form of the department. In the course of more than 50 years of its existence, it has achieved the position of a higher education department with a high-quality scientific, research and pedagogical potential and a good reputation in the Slovak pedagogical sphere. The Department of Education functions within the scope of the university as a whole. Its range of interest includes education and research in a wide spectrum of pedagogical disciplines. The crucial educational tasks of the department stem from both existing and anticipated tendencies related to the transformation of education and school systems. The pedagogical disciplines taught at the department focus on pregradual teacher training at kindergartens, primary, and secondary schools; on the professional preparation of pedagogical employees focusing on work with children, young adults, and adults in a non-teaching sphere; and on enhancing pedagogical qualifications in the doctoral degree study. The department also participates in organizing further education courses for employees of the education sector.

Study Programmes:

Bachelor's Degree Study
- Preschool and Elementary Pedagogy, field of study 1.1.5 Preschool and Elementary Pedagogy (full-time study, part-time study)
- Teaching Pedagogy in combination with another subject, field 1.1.1 Teaching Academic Subjects (full-time study)

Master's Degree Study
- Teaching Pedagogy in combination with another subject, field 1.1.1 Teaching Academic Subjects (full-time study)
- Teaching for Primary Education, field 1.1.5 Preschool and Elementary Pedagogy (full-time study, part-time study)
- Pedagogy and Education, field 1.1.4 Pedagogy (full-time study, part-time study)

Doctoral Degree Study
- Pedagogy, field 1.1.4 Pedagogy (full-time study, part-time study)
- Andragogy, field 1.1.9 Andragogy (full-time study, part-time study)
- Preschool and Elementary Pedagogy, field 1.1.5 Preschool and Elementary Pedagogy (full-time study, part-time study)
- Pedagogy and Education, field 1.1.4 Pedagogy (full-time study, part-time study)

Further Education
- Further Pedagogical Study aimed at acquiring teaching skills for graduates of the 1st and the 2nd level of higher education

Rigorous Procedure
- Andragogy, field 1.1.9 Andragogy (PhDr.)
- Pedagogy, field 1.1.4 Pedagogy (PhDr.)
- Preschool and Elementary Pedagogy, field 1.1.5 Preschool and Elementary Pedagogy (PaedDr.)
- Teaching Pedagogy, field 1.1.1 Teaching Academic Subjects (PaedDr.)

- Special Pedagogy and Pedagogy for Persons with Learning Difficulties, field 1.1.6 Special Pedagogy (full-time study, part-time study)
Graduate Career Prospects

Graduates’ career pursuits draw on the character and focus of particular study programmes and degrees of study.

Bachelor’s Degree study programmes aim at providing a solid theoretical foundation and necessary professional overview in the sphere of pedagogical theory and practice. The graduate of study programmes “Teaching Pedagogy” (in combination with another subject) and “Pedagogy and Education” can pursue a career as a pedagogical assistant or pedagogical employee in leisure-time education (the position of an educator). The graduate of study programme “Preschool and Elementary Pedagogy” can work as a teacher at kindergartens, pedagogical assistant, or as an educator at children’s school clubs. Graduates of “Andragogy” may pursue careers in various spheres of educating adults, in the area of social and educational care for adults, social and educational prevention, intervention, as well as cultural and educational work with adults. The graduate of “Special Pedagogy and Pedagogy for Persons with Learning Difficulties” can work as an assistant teacher in special and common schools and as an educator at children’s school clubs. Graduates of “Pedagogy and Education” have acquired professional qualifications for working as educators, leisure-time pedagogues, and pedagogical (educational) counsellors at primary and secondary schools and after-school educational institutions. Graduates of “Teaching for Primary Education” are qualified to work as teachers at lower level of primary school, including the preliminary year of study. Moreover, they can be employed as educators at children’s school clubs. Graduates of Andragogy can be employed in the sphere of professional education of adults; social and educational care of adults; social and educational prevention; intervention and social curatorship; social, educational and career counselling; as well as interest education of adults. Having met all necessary requirements, graduates of Master’s Degree study programmes can continue in their studies at the following Doctoral level study programmes: Andragogy, Pedagogy, and Preschool and Elementary Pedagogy. Doctoral Degree graduates in the field of “Andragogy” can pursue careers at university or other types of educational and research institutions not only as pedagogical employees but also as researchers. They can fulfil professional tasks related to the profession of a university teacher, to theoretical as well as applied research, the work of conceptual and programme employees in state administration of the education sector.

Research Scope of the Department

Drawing on up-to-date education-related criteria in Slovakia and abroad, the major scope of the research revolves around a broad range of educational issues associated with the differentiation of pupils, inclusion, integration, and teaching pupils with special needs at common school institutions, education of young and very young learners as well as their entrance to school, and determinants of school success. Other research areas include broader social and cultural aspects of education and educational institutions (especially family and its cooperation with school), issues related to after-school education, social edutological phenomena in the behaviour of children and young adults, and education of adults in productive and post-productive age. Furthermore, the department has for a long time carried out research in the field of didactics and pedepatology on pre-primary, primary, secondary and tertiary level of education as well as in the sphere of lifelong learning.

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The Department of Educational and School Psychology, Faculty of Education, Constantine the Philosopher University in Nitra is a department functioning within the scope of the university as a whole. In addition to providing higher education on the first and the second level of university study, the department also offers a counselling service for students, their parents, and university employees not only in the form of a face-to-face contact but also through an anonymous electronic counselling service. The department resides in new premises with modern material equipment. All of its facilities meet the existing criteria of contemporary premises with a barrier-free access.

Study Programmes:

- Bachelor's Degree Study
  - Teaching Psychology in combination with another subject, field 1.1.1. Teaching Academic Subjects (full-time study)

- Master's Degree Study
  - Teaching Psychology in combination with another subject, field 1.1.1. Teaching Academic Subjects (full-time study)

Interest Education

- University of the Third Age
- Psychology for Seniors

Rigorous Procedure

- Teaching Psychology, field 1.1.1 Teaching Academic Subjects (PaedDx)

Graduate Career Prospects

Bachelor's Degree graduates are qualified to perform supportive pedagogical activities at primary and secondary schools in the position of teaching assistants, assistant teachers, after-school educators, or assistants coordinating preventive activities at schools. Furthermore, they can also work as assistants at specialized institutions of the education sector, such as centres for pedagogical and psychological counselling and prevention or leisure-time centres; moreover, they can be employed at non-educational facilities, such as resocializing institutions, and preventive or curative institutions for young adults.

Master's Degree graduates can pursue careers as teachers of psychology at secondary schools and teachers of psychological disciplines included in the secondary school syllabus. They can also be employed as methodological employees at methodological centres. In addition, they are qualified to work as educational counsellors in the area of prevention of social and pathological phenomena.

Research Activities of the Department

The employees of the department focus on the following research areas: competences of the school psychologist, educational counsellor, and other specialized and pedagogical employees of the school; diagnostic methods and interventional strategies in the school environment related to counselling and educational psychology.

The research priorities of the department include: factors affecting school success, development of critical and creative thinking and their evaluation tools; support of personality development by means of targeted interventions and their effectiveness; identifying risk-taking behaviour and its links to personality traits and other social variables.

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Department of Technology and Information Technologies

The Department of Technology and Information Technologies, Faculty of Education, Constantine the Philosopher University in Nitra aims to provide education for future teachers of technical subjects within the system of general education of young adults. The pedagogical as well as technical employees of the department prepare teachers of Technology for upper levels of primary schools; teachers of secondary vocational schools and 8-year grammar schools; teachers of practical training; as well as safety engineers (the graduates of a non-teaching study programme). The educational pursuits of the department are aimed at individuals who are competent and adaptable to grasp various technical disciplines as well as the fields aimed at health and safety at work.

The department holds three specialized laboratories which not only enhance the quality of education but also create opportunities for cooperating with research and development spheres on common projects:

• the laboratory for teaching and research of Programmable Logic Controllers (PLC) which also serves as a laboratory for remote experiments;
• methodological and counselling centre for assisting teachers of technical subjects at primary and secondary schools aimed at programming and technology of operating CNC machines;
• classroom for applying modern information technologies aimed at teaching information technologies.

The employees of the department have received various invitations to international specialized conferences and guest speaker requests.

Study Programmes:

Bachelor's Degree Study
• Teaching Technology in combination with another subject, field 1.1.2 Teaching Job-related Subjects and Practical Preparation (full-time study)
• Teaching Practical Preparation, field 1.1.2 Teaching Job-related Subjects and Practical Preparation (full-time study, part-time study)

Master's Degree Study
• Teaching Technology in combination with another subject, field 1.1.2 Teaching Job-related Subjects and Practical Preparation (full-time study)

Doctoral Study
• Didactics of Technical Subjects, field 1.1.10 Subject-specific Didactics (full-time study, part-time study)

Rigorous Procedure
• Teaching Technical Education, field 1.1.2 Teaching Job-related Subjects and Practical Preparation (PaedDr.)

Further Education

Continuing Education of Teachers
• Folk Crafts – innovative education
• Interactive Whiteboards and Multimedia Educational Support – innovative education

Extended Study for Teachers
• Teaching Technology (part-time study)
Graduate Career Prospects

Graduates of Teaching Technology in combination with another subject are qualified, based on their degree, to work as assistants of teachers of Technology and technology-related subjects; as teachers of practical training within the scope of vocational training; teachers of other job-related subjects taught at secondary vocational schools (under the condition that they mastered the particular field on the level of upper secondary education); as administrative and technical employees providing practical training in vocational education; as administrative and technical employees teaching technology and information technology-related subjects; in the field of a particular vocational sphere of after-school activities aimed at young adults; as experts in the field of programming PLC in the industrial sector.

Graduates of Teaching of Practical Preparation have obtained all necessary qualifications to work as teachers of practical training in the position of an adult learning trainer. The study plan encompasses two distinct specializations which enhance the graduate’s career prospects – engineering (the position of a machine mechanic, electrotechnician, metal worker, car mechanic; in the field of engineering-manufacture, constructing and repairing machinery and other professions) and services (mason, carpenter, painter, sanitary engineer, entrepreneurship in crafts and services, beautician, hairdresser, confectioner, baker, waiter, cook, photographer and other professions).

Research and Creative Activities of the Department

The research activities of the Department of Technology and Information Technologies revolve around the following areas:

- issues related to the quality and efficiency of technical education drawing on the requirements of information society,
- effects of information technology on communication in society,
- health and safety at work and at schools and school facilities,
- using virtual laboratories in pedagogical practice,
- creating educational centres for distance learning and e-learning,
- creating and applying remote experiments and laboratories in teaching,
- applying Programmable Logic Controllers (PLC) in automation and regulatory systems.

The employees of the department have achieved numerous authentic and original achievements in projects VEGA, KEGA and in international projects supported by programme TEMPUS, SOCRATES, and UNESCO. The scientific focus of the department as well as its cooperation with similar departments at CPU, in Slovakia, or abroad have created a favourable scientific environment for performing research tasks.

The results of the research activities are practically applied in teaching technical subjects which form the profile of the study disciplines; by means of communicating with teachers; organizing seminars for teacher communities, methodological days, and specialized scientific conferences and seminars.

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Interest Education
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• Digital Photography and Digital Camera
• Information Technologies 1
• Information Technologies 2
• Pottery Making
• Folk Crafts 1
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Department of Physical Education and Sports

The Department of Physical Education and Sports, Faculty of Education, Constantine the Philosopher University in Nitra supports a healthy lifestyle achieved through physical and sports activities, as the department views them as an important social and cultural asset. Drawing on the Greek philosophy of kalokagathia, the department cultivates students’ knowledge and skills with the aim of helping them realize that physical education and sports should be an inherent part of their lifestyle – an idea which they should promote among their future pupils. By continuously enhancing their qualifications, the department pedagogical employees help to spread highly professional theoretical and practical knowledge to students of particular study programmes. The department holds numerous teaching premises as well as a sports laboratory which is used both for the realization of the educational process and for performing research tasks related to sports sciences.

Study Programmes:

Bachelor's Degree Study
- Teaching Physical Education in combination with another subject, field 1.1.3 Teaching Artistic-educational and Educational Subjects (full-time study)
- Sports and Recreation, field 8.1.2 Sports

Master's Degree Study
- Teaching Physical Education in combination with another subject, field 1.1.3 Teaching Artistic-educational and Educational Subjects (full-time study)
- Sports and Recreation, field 8.1.2 Sports

Doctoral Degree Study
- Sports Educology, field 8.1.3 Sports Educology

Rigorous Procedure
- Teaching Physical Education, field 1.1.3 Teaching Artistic-educational and Educational Subjects (PaedDr.)

Graduate Career Prospects

Graduates of Bachelor’s Degree teaching study programme “Physical Education in combination with another subject” are qualified to work as assistant teachers or organizers of leisure-time activities aimed at children and young adults. Graduates of “Sports and Recreation” can work as animators or organizers of sports, cultural, social, and entertainment leisure-time events and recreation for various social, sports performance, and interest groups in the sphere of sports, recreation, and tourism.

Graduates of Master’s Degree teaching study programme are qualified to teach at lower and upper levels of secondary education.

Graduates of Master’s Degree study programme “Sports and Recreation” are experts in the area of sports who can pursue careers in a wide range of activities related to organizing, managing, and realizing physical and sports events in the public, private, and commercial sector and in programming, diagnosing and evaluating sports activities.

Graduates of doctoral study programme “Sport Educology” can be employed at university, academic, and other educational and research institutions and at operating laboratories.
Research and Creative Activities of the Department

Ever since its foundation the department has participated in a broad range of research activities. At present the research of the department primarily revolves around the following areas:

• detecting the amount and types of physical activities in various age groups – children, young adults, adults, seniors;

• the range of particular coordinating skills in the structure of a sports performance from the perspective of age and gender;

• predicting sport performance in selected sports;

• creating physical programmes aimed at preventing and eliminating diseases of affluence, such as functional diseases of muscular system or obesity;

• quality of life.

The research scope of the department and its cooperation with similar departments at CPU, in Slovakia or abroad create a favourable scientific environment. Through their research projects and high quality Slovak and foreign publications, the employees of the department improve the quality of their research and scientific activities. The scientific credit of the department is also enhanced by students of all three levels of study who successfully represent the department at Student Scientific Conference in the category of Sports Sciences in faculty as well as national contests.

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Department of Creative Arts and Art Education

Ever since its foundation the department has prepared art teachers for all school levels. In 1999 the department changed its former name “Department of Art Education” to the present one. The department was first a part of the Pedagogical Institute; then it belonged to the Faculty of Education; afterwards to the Pedagogical School of Higher Education and today, it is a part of the Faculty of Education, Constantine the Philosopher University in Nitra. The present form of its teaching study programme was created and developed in 1990. As far as its study is concerned, it is organized on two levels – a theoretical and a practical one. The theoretical branch of the programme includes the introduction to theoretical subjects, disciplines aimed at the theory and history of art culture from the oldest times up to the present, and disciplines aimed at didactics and methodology of teaching art education. The theoretical preparation is carried out in the form of lectures and seminars. On the other hand, the practical disciplines are realized in ateliers and focus on traditional and classical artistic areas as well as specialized artistic fields. Through their work at atelier studios, students acquire fundamentals of artistic creation and later they develop their practical and creative skills related to drawing, painting, modelling, graphics, textile, graphic design, photography, video, digital media and intermedia creation. The department resides in modern premises of the Faculty of Education, Constantine the Philosopher University in Nitra and it holds suitable technical equipment and its own gallery.
Through its exhibitions, the department presents itself to a broad spectrum of audiences; it cooperates with school as well as non-school institutions; and it applies its creative presentation of artistic activities to the educational process as well. In the course of their studies, students also participate in a landscape painting and drawing course as well as a professional excursion aimed at visiting galleries, museums and architectural sights in Slovakia and abroad.

Study Programmes:

Bachelor’s Degree Study
- Teaching Art Education in combination with another subject, field 1.1.3 Teaching Artistic-educational and Educational Subjects (full-time study)

Master’s Degree Study
- Teaching Art Education in combination with another subject, field 1.1.3 Teaching Artistic-educational and Educational subjects (full-time study)

Further Education
Extended Study for Teachers
- Teaching Art Education (part-time study)

Interest Education
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- History of Creative Arts and Artistic Creation 1
- History of Creative Arts and Artistic Creation 2

Rigorous Procedure
- Teaching Creative Arts, field 1.1.3 Teaching Artistic-educational and Educational Subjects (PaedDr.)

Graduate Career Prospects
The Department of Creative Arts and Art Education, Faculty of Education, CPU in Nitra provides a professional training for art teachers at the lower and upper level of primary schools, secondary schools, grammar schools, primary art schools and leisure centres. Graduates can also pursue careers in related fields focused on creative arts.
Research and Artistic Activities of the Department

The research activities of the department revolve around various areas of art culture. The research priority concerns didactic and methodological issues of training art teachers, including the theory of education, specific issues of art (visual) communication, and exegetical interpretation of a work of art with a special focus on active work with art and verbal communication. The department participates in projects aimed at developing digital and electronic literacy of teachers and pupils at primary schools. The second research area focuses on artistic and historical aspects related to examining particular phenomena from the history of art in Slovakia, art in a wider European and world context, or didactic and methodological issues of art. Didactic disciplines are aimed at both classical and alternative forms of art education, including the use of art therapy and artephiletics. The employees’ professional interests revolve around various aspects of artistic creation; they actively participate in the art environment of the Nitra region not only through presentations of their works at individual and collective exhibitions in Slovakia and abroad but also through the realization of their art works for public areas and various media of visual communication. Furthermore, the department organizes conferences, workshops, and symposiums aimed at art pedagogy. In addition, it has held invited lectures given by foreign experts (from Czech Republic and Japan) in the area of art theory and artistic creation.

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Professional, Sports, Artistic, and Other Creative Activities and International Cooperation

The Department of Pedagogy cooperates with numerous universities abroad providing students with an opportunity to participate in exchange programmes within the international programme EU LLP/Erasmus or some other programmes. In recent years, most students have participated in exchange programmes in Belgium, Germany, Norway, Czech Republic, Hungary, and Poland. In return, students from these countries come to the Department of Pedagogy in Nitra. The department supports students’ research interest by organizing an annual competition of Student Professional and Artistic Activities. The department puts a special focus on student’s with special needs through the Centre for Providing Support to Students with Special Needs.

The Department of Educational and School Psychology cooperates with primary schools in Nitra and Trenčín regions in the sphere of school psychology and its employees are members of various psychological organizations such as the Association of School Psychology in Slovak and Czech Republic, the Didactic Section of the Slovak Academy of Sciences, and the Slovak Psychological Society.

The Department of Language Pedagogy and Intercultural Studies has numerous international contacts on the level of bilateral scientific cooperation with the following universities and research institutions: Middlesex University, London, UK; Limerick University, Limerick, Republic of Ireland; Fontys, PABO University, Eindhoven, the Netherlands; KU Leuven, Belgium; Hogeschool Mechelen, Belgium; Universitet Lodz, Poland; Faculty of Education, Charles University, Czech Republic; Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic; Queen’s University in Belfast, Northern Ireland;
University of Hradec Králové, Czech Republic. The department publishes its own student electronic journal EnJoY (English Journal for You), issued twice a year. Apart from its pedagogical and research work, the Department of Physical Education and Sports presents itself also through the sports achievements of its students at various Slovak, European or world sports competitions. The department boasts many successful sportsmen and coaches, some of whom have prepared for sports events in the teams and clubs of the Association of Sports Clubs in CPU. In extra league, the university is represented by women of the volleyball team and basketball team BKM Junior, CPU in Nitra as well as by the teams of boxing and taekwondo. During University Days, which take place twice a year, the students of the department successfully represent the university in a wide spectrum of sports events (e.g., Nitra Night Run, Nitra Spring Run, ice hockey, volleyball, futsal, etc.) and thus they enhance the credit of the department, the faculty as well as the university as a whole.

In the course of their studies, (not only) the students from the Department of Music can work in faculty choirs (Academic Singing Choir, a theatrical group Divadielko JAzMe) and present their skills in concerts like Musica da camera, festivals of contemporary art Konfrontácie (Confrontations), and the theatrical exhibition Divadelný festival Petra Scherhaufera (Theatrical Festival of Peter Scherhauf). Students also demonstrate their skills through musical theatrical performances at Staré divadlo Karol Spišák (Old Theatre of Karol Spisák) or at amateur theatrical exhibitions. The department regularly organizes a singing contest of jazz and popular songs Blue Note and workshops or seminars Ars musiace led by foremost Slovak lecturers aimed at new trends in dancing, interpreting and acting.

The Department of Creative Arts and Art Education regularly organizes exhibitions of artistic works created by students and graduates who present the works of particular ateliers in the premises of the University Gallery, Univerzum PF. The Gallery is often a venue of exhibitions made by foreign students and teachers (from Poland and Serbia) as well as students of other Slovak universities (exhibition of Student Research and Artistic Activities Competition), works created within the cooperation with primary art schools. Thus, the academic activities of the department are interconnected with artistic work and pedagogical practice. Since 1998, the department has organized an annual June exhibition of Master's theses created...
by fresh graduates, which is held at the Gallery. Also, the department carries out other curatorial projects as a response to the open call of the Nitra Gallery. The department actively participates in the Nitra summer university by organizing creative workshops for young learners in a wide spectrum of art disciplines.

Students of the Department of Technology and Information Technologies can broaden their knowledge in all forms and fields of information and communication technologies. They improve their skills in using Word, Excel, Outlook, Photoshop, CAD, CAM, PLC and in using information technology as a means of modelling and simulating technological processes. Furthermore, students can attend courses related to health and safety at work, to safety of technical equipment, and students’ workshops of different kinds. Students’ Workshop is a regularly organized event aimed at students of the Faculty of Education, primary school pupils and general public; it serves as a panel for exchanging experience that students gain in their leisure-time activities. The name of the event, which translates as “What you know, teach to others”, speaks for itself. The student conference entitled Students’ Scientific and Research Activity aims to support students dealing with simple scientific research and untraditional ways of tackling technical problems. The so-called Technical Olympic Games (Olympiáda techniky) is an international competition of students’ Bachelor’s and Master’s theses annually held in Pilsen, Czech Republic. The successful representation of the department at the competition points to students’ high-quality professional competence. During summer holidays, the department actively participates in organizing Nitra Summer University for primary school pupils from Nitra region. Furthermore, in recent years, the department has organized several activities aimed at health and safety at work. In cooperation with the Labour Inspectorate, the department organizes a popular event European Week of Health and Safety at Work. In recent years the department has been also closely cooperating with various producer organizations (e.g. EATON, Kompozitum, Mühlbauer) on research and educational projects.