

ABSTRACTS

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ASSESSMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE OF MASTERS IN CUSTOMS SERVICE

The paper emphasizes the necessity of better quality education of professionals, whose sphere of activities is connected with representing Ukraine in the world and influences its perception as a democratic person-oriented society, taking care, meanwhile, of its economic, political, environmental, military, travel safety and other interests. This process includes gaps recognition and designing a comprehensive and effective system of professional training of future Customs officers by means of different training methods and instruments, including international experience adaptation.

To meet the purpose of the study the authors have made an assessment of the current level of professional competence of university students studying for Master's degree in the field of Customs. This evaluation was divided into two stages: testing the level of professional knowledge and skills and estimating the level of professionally significant personal qualities by means of various diagnostic instruments (tests, surveys, monitoring students' activities during fulfillment of professional tasks, expert observation, self-observation). The results of the assessment showed that both professional knowledge and skills and professionally significant personal qualities of masters in Customs service turned out to be at a low level and needed revising.

Therefore, the authors suggested certain methods and instruments of developing and improving professional competence, in particular, by means of various professional tasks, modeling Customs environment challenges, discussions and interaction as well as a combination of e-learning techniques.

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