



# Prague College of Psychosocial Studies (Ltd.) Pražská vysoká škola psychosociálních studií

Abbreviation in Czech: PVŠPS, s.r.o.

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## History

- The Prague College of Psychosocial Studies obtained accreditation from the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport for the Social politics and Social work study programme, with the branch Social Work with orientation to Communication and Applied Psychotherapy, full-time form of study, on July 2001. The school continues the educational activities of the Educational Institute of Applied Psychology, established in 1991, building on thirty-year therapeutic and educational experience in health care, education and social care.

## Structure of the Institution

- The PVŠPS is not divided into faculties. It has a special separate part Educational Institute of Applied Psychology that organises three-year weekend theoretical study of psychotherapy in the form of lifelong learning.

## Organisation of Studies

### Types of study programmes and degrees awarded

The College offers Bachelor's and Master's degree programmes, and after the state final examination awards the degree "bakalář" (i.e. "Bachelor"), abbreviated as "Bc.", and "magistr" (i.e. "Master"), abbreviated as "Mgr."

Name of study programmes and study branches	Length of study		Degree
	FTS	PTS	
<b>Programme in Social Politics and Social Work</b>			
Social Work with Orientation to Communication and Applied Psychotherapy	3	-	Bc.
Social Work with Orientation to Communication and Applied Psychotherapy	2	2	Mgr.
<b>Programme in Psychology</b>			
Psychology	3	-	Bc.

## **Basic information about the academic programme**

### **Bachelor's programme - social work**

The College prepares social workers specialized in interpersonal communication for solving social problems. The studies include psychotherapeutic training for the field of social work. The curriculum contains not only key courses in social work and social politics, but also wide-ranging education in psychology, sociology, philosophy, cultural anthropology and social communication. Students receive a theoretical and practical education in specific methods of interpersonal communication, in professional and efficient social practice and bases of social counselling, sociotherapy and crisis intervention. Knowledge and skills are developed in professional practice.

Besides social work focused on social problems and social pathology, students will learn skills for finding and developing the social potentialities and unused abilities of disadvantaged individuals and human communities.

The length of study is three years. Students pay a fee of 54,000 CZK per academic year, payable before the beginning of the academic year.

### **Bachelor's programme - psychology**

The objective of the study programme is to offer an education in basic subjects and practice that can be used for further specialization in humanity branches. The programme also contains subjects focused on clinical psychology, psychological counselling, psychotherapy and communication.

In addition to theoretical disciplines there is also psychological practice and experience focused on self-knowledge and self-development as well as community experience and social and communication skills that enable students to penetrate into the profession through their own self-experience (as a first stage to training in psychotherapy).

The length of the study programme is three years. Students pay a fee of 69,500 CZK per academic year, payable before the beginning of the academic year.

### **Masters programme - social work**

The objective of the study programme is to offer an education for social workers specialized in interpersonal communication in solving social problems. The studies go on to develop knowledge and skills gained in bachelor's degree studies. Students receive not only a wider education in key disciplines (methods of social work, social policy and practice in social work), but also further education in philosophy, psychology of personality, selected aspects of psychotherapy, advanced skills in social communication and education in cultural anthropology, economics and other special subjects. The studies provide an integral professional orientation in the field, so that students are able to do research work. In addition, they are trained in crisis intervention and management of posttraumatic syndrome and stress reaction. Students who have graduated from our bachelor's degree study programme have an opportunity to complete their training in psychotherapy; students coming to the master's study programme from other colleges are offered an opportunity to train in psychotherapy already during their master's studies in a program of lifelong learning. Knowledge and skills gained during the studies are applied in professional practice that is supervised directly in the field and in practical workshops (case studies, Balint groups).

The length of study is two years. Students pay a fee of 49,500 CZK per academic year, payable before the beginning of the academic year.

### Admission

Applicants for bachelor's studies are required to have completed their secondary education (with leaving examination), and they must take an entrance examination. The entrance examination consists of:

1. Written tests  
(general study abilities, bases of social sciences, personality questionnaire)
2. Oral interview  
(orientation in relevant literature, solving model social situations, motivation)
3. Aptitude test  
(interview focused on applicant's personality and motivation)

Applicants for master's studies are required to have completed their bachelor studies in social work or in a related branch, and they must take an entrance examination. The entrance examination consists of:

1. Oral interview (quality and relevance of bachelor's theses, experience from practice, orientation in relevant literature, motivation),
2. Aptitude test (interview focused on applicant's personality and motivation).

### Lifelong learning

The PVŠPS has a special separate Educational Institute of Applied Psychology that organises three-year weekend theoretical studies of psychotherapy in the form of life-long learning. It is designed for further education of people from helping professions, for professionals working with people, and for people interested in this field.

### Student services

Students can use the school library, study room and computers. Meals can be taken in a nearby school.

### Information for foreign students

The PVŠPS offers the above-mentioned study branch also for foreign students, in Czech language only. The school is a private higher education institution and foreign students have to pay a fee of around 50,000-69,500 CZK per academic year, like the Czech students.

## Basic Statistical Data in Academic Year 2007/2008

Academic year	07/08
Students (total)	143
Students of bachelor study programmes (total)	68
- full-time students	68
Students of masters study programmes (total)	75
- full-time students	20
- part-time students	55
Participants in lifelong learning	480