

Guidance in Cyprus



Career Counseling
and Educational
Service



Department of Labor



Various Stakeholders
– Youth organization,
Universities etc

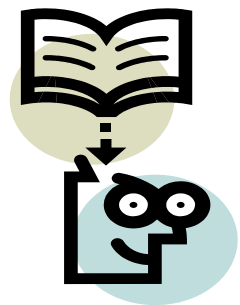


Private Sector – Universities,
agents etc



Philosophy

- The current philosophy in Cyprus regarding the practice of Career Counselling and Educational Services, is developmental and not directive. Underlying this is the knowledge that the creation of a Service that deals with general Counselling has come about in order to assist both the Economy and Society in general, to face the problems of employment, youth behaviour in schools and family problems, which may affect student achievement and behaviour.



A Brief Historical Note

- The Career Counselling and Educational Services Department was formed in 1964 at the Ministry of Education and Culture.
- On the 11.4.1986, the first vacancies and job description for the position of an Administrative Assistant of the Career Counselling and Educational Services Department position were announced.
- Vacancies and Job Description for the position of a Career Counsellor and Educational Service Teacher were finalised on the 1.12.90. and were published on 15.2.91.
- On 17.4.92 - Reviewed Job Description .
- The Schools' Circular dated 5.9.91 states that 100% of the time available to Career Counsellors should be spent on Career Counselling and Education Service. This policy was officially adopted.
- In 1997 the present name of Career Counselling and Educational Service was coined.

More historical facts!

The Career Counselling and Educational the Service CCES is under the Secondary Education Service of the Cyprus Ministry of Education and Culture. Its aim is the personal, social, educational and career education development of students and youngsters.



Career Counseling and Education Service:

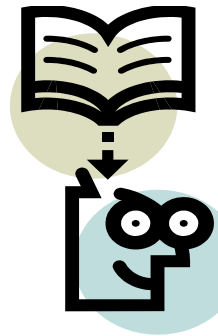
What we do

- The Counseling and Career Educational Service (C.C.E.S.) legally belongs to the Directorate of Secondary Education, Ministry of Education and Culture. The key objective is personal, social, educational and vocational development of students and others.



What we do

- The C.C.E.S. has offices where Vocational Education Counseling takes place, in all schools of the General Public Secondary and Technical Education.
- There is also a Head Office situated within the Cyprus Ministry of Education and Culture.



C.C.E.S. helps students and young adults:

- To know and accept themselves and to develop healthy attitudes.
- Develop a positive image for themselves and acquire the right skills to deal effectively with personal, family or social problems in life.
- To adapt to the school environment and to the educational and social progress and development.
- Develop the necessary skills to enable them to take rational decisions, both for educational / professional or personal matters.
- To recognize their individual capabilities, interests, skills and inclinations, to know the nature and requirements of various professions, and contemporary socio-economic and cultural developments, which can lead to good educational options.



Establishment and Operation of C.C.E.S.

- The Vocational Guidance as previously called, was founded in 1964. It was renamed in 1997, to Counseling and Career Educational Service.
- The C.C.E.S. started employing permanent and qualified staff in 1986, until 1990. The renaming of the Office to C.C.E.S. seemed appropriate to respond to new international practices. It also explains better, the main role of the Office – both at the Headquarters of the Ministry of Education and Culture and also at the General Education Secondary Schools and Technical Education Schools.



Headquarters C.C.E.S. Ministry of Education and Culture

- The Head Office of C.C.E.S. is housed at the Ministry of Education and Culture, Nicosia. The mission of the Central Office is to carry out supervisory, administrative and coordinating duties.
- The Head Office of C.C.E.S. is also open to the public and has a library that is enriched with informative material on Counseling and Vocational Education.
- The C.C.E.S. also publishes books, sends informative material on educational matters and information for counselors, students, parents, and generally to all stakeholders.



District Offices C.C.E.S.

- Offices of C.C.E.S. have started operating within the last three years, in three provinces: Larnaca, Limassol and Paphos. The offices are open to the public every Tuesday morning and every Wednesday both in the morning and also in the afternoon.



Objectives of C.C.E.S.

- Self-knowledge (knowledge of self detection- understanding of personal abilities, inclinations, interests, values, aspirations, etc.)
- Confidence
- Self-realization (use of personal abilities, inclinations, interests)
- Adapting to the school and social environment
- Making rational, personal, educational and occupational decisions



The Role of the C.C.E.S. Schools

The C.C.E.S. in Secondary Schools:

- Each school today, has an office where the Counselor accepts students, parents and stakeholders so they can deal with personal, educational and vocational choices/ difficulties etc.



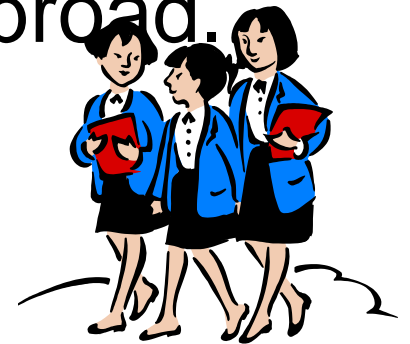
- The Counselor helps students address personal, family and educational problems. In addition to that, he / she teaches the lesson of **Vocational and Social Education** during the first semester of Year III of Secondary School. The **Target** of the course on Occupational Education is to help students acquire the necessary skills to reach appropriate educational decisions.



- **The Purpose** of Social Education is to equip students with the right skills to face possible difficulties and problems in life and to help them, among other things, to develop mechanisms of resistance against substance abuse and dependence.

The C.C.E.S. in Lyceums / Technical Schools

- The mission of Teachers in Lyceums / Technical schools is the same as in High schools. Each of these Schools also offers specialized assistance for the educational / career choices of students and their introduction to Higher Education Institutions both in Cyprus and abroad.



Thank you for your
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