

SUMMARY

This graduation theses – “Attitudes and Experiences of University of Hradec Kralove’s Students with Addictive Substances” is aimed for experiences, views and attitudes of university students with legal and illegal addictive substances, namely of students of *Pedagogy for a primary school of the second degree* and *Pedagogy for a secondary school* at the Faculty of Education of University of Hradec Kralove. The study involved 270 full time students, of which 66 were 1st year students, 131 were 2nd year students and 73 were 3rd year students. There were 193 women and 77 men in this study. Majority of students (75.9 %) were aged between 20 and 22 years with the average age of 21.2 ± 1.9 years. The most of students (44.6 %) live at towns with more than 10 000 inhabitants. In respect of financial possibilities of the students more than half of them (52.6 %) can spend between 50 to 200 CZK per week.

In this study there were the regular, facultative and rare smokers – 28.6 %, while 7.8 % students considered themselves to be regular smokers. The largest representation of the smokers was in the 3rd degree (35.6 %) but the most numerous group of the regular smokers occurred in the 1st degree (10.6 %). The average age of the first experience with smoking and drinking alcohol was 14.2 ± 2.9 years and 14.5 ± 3.4 years. The majority of students (46.7 %) drink alcohol several times a month and 13.7 % of students a few times per week.

The most of the students considered themselves well-informed (33.1 %) or partially well-informed (53.5 %) about addictive substances, however a part of respondents mainly from the 1st degree is not aware of dangerous consequences of diluents and dissolvents. Also the majority of 3rd year students (61.8 %) are not informed of rehab centres of secondary or tertiary drug prevention which may help young people with problems of addictive substances. Over a half of students (56.0 %) can easily obtain illegal addictive substances in their town. Absolute majority of respondents (71.4 %) admitted that they don’t know what the situation is like at their school.

About half of students (47.0 %) had an experience with some illegal addictive substance, most of whom (44.1 %) had experimented with marihuana and hashish. The hallucinogenic mushrooms were the second most frequently experienced drug, tried by 10.0 % of the students. Others substances that students assigned: pharmaceuticals (4.8 %), ecstasy (4.1 %), diluents (3.7 %) and methamphetamine – “pervitin” (3.3 %). The most students from the 1st degree (56.1 %) had experience with illegal addictive drug. The average age of the first experience with illegal drug was $16.9 \pm 1,8$ years.