

BACHELOR THESIS ABSTRACT

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Abstract:

Background: In addition to healthcare, occupational therapy is also widely used in social services. In the Czech Republic, this area has not yet been mapped in any detail. Within social services, there is a significant problem with the payment of health care workers, occupational therapists also face a non-uniform official position within social services.

Goal formulation: The work aims to map and describe the current situation of employment of occupational therapists in social services in the Czech Republic. Four questions of the bachelor's thesis are chosen to fulfill the goal.

Methodology: A structured survey is compiled for all occupational therapists working in the field of occupational therapy in the Czech Republic, which is sent online. The survey is divided into two main parts. It is designed so that the questions of the bachelor's thesis could be answered with the help of it.

Results: 265 responses are received from respondents. The results of the survey are processed in detail using descriptive statistics, graphs, and tables. Almost half of the respondents state that they work in social services. The types of social services in which occupational therapists work, their official job positions, payment, and job description are identified.

Conclusion: Although little is known about this topic in the Czech Republic, a large number of occupational therapists work in social services, as proved by the results of this bachelor's thesis. Most occupational therapists reported working in nursing homes, however, respondents also mentioned their activity in a wide range of other social services.

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