TRAINING FUTURE SPECIALISTS IN THE SYSTEM OF MULTILEVEL PEDAGOGICAL EDUCATION IN UKRAINE: THE HISTORICAL ASPECT

Ukrainian system of teacher education is a component of higher education which includes all types of property service of teacher training institutions and authorities in the field of higher education. At the same time, higher education in Ukraine is a "part of educational system based on secondary or vocational education; provided by higher education institutions that are accredited by the competent authorities; aims to meet the needs of society in the preparation of qualified professionals who have mastered the necessary knowledge in a certain kind of economic activity according to the level of higher education established by the state; designed to provide the most complete satisfaction in the development of skills and creativity in the fundamental, scientific, general cultural and professional training of the individual, the possibility of active, free and constructive participation in development; completed assignment of a higher education qualification and receiving document (diploma) on higher education."

Multilevel teachers’ education in Ukraine has got its history beginning with the first model in which a multi-national teacher training staff was represented at Lviv University (1661) and derived into two branches – the philosophical and theological ones [1]. Specialists’ training was also provided in Jesuit school programs and concluded with obtaining degrees – Licentiate, Bachelor, Master and Doctorate. However, the university model of teachers’ education that emerged in Lviv University in the middle of 17th – beginning of 19th century, it included only some aspects of undergraduate teaching profession.

Magistracy in pedagogical sciences was created in Nizhyn University of History and Philology named after Prince Bezborodko, which was opened in 1875. The Academy was formed in 1917 on basis of the University. The charter of Prince Bezborodko Academy was drafted, stating that students of the Academy, who gained the title of a teacher, were eligible to take the examination for Master's degree on the speciality. At the same time the Academy Council had the right to award Master's degree and degree of Doctor of Pedagogical Sciences after the defense of an applicant’s thesis.

However, after 1917 the multilevel higher education in Ukraine was abolished, and universities have been refocused to train specialists mainly in applied fields. Graduate who graduated from the university or finished college, received diploma in a particular application field. The leading scientific schools on basis of universities (particularly in Lviv, Kharkiv and Kyiv) preserved the tradition of engaging students in scientific work.

In the 1993/94 academic year, Master’s degree course was opened as an experimental State University "Lviv Polytechnic". In 1997/1998 academic year in accordance with the Regulations on the educational and skill levels approved by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, specialists’ training has been conducted in Ukrainian classical, pedagogical universities on the basis of educational qualification of Bachelor and Master.

Today Ukrainian universities train specialists in educational levels of Bachelor, Specialist and Master in different fields.

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