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MECHANISMS FOR THE INTEGRATION OF HEALTHY LIFESTYLE COMPETENCIES IN THE PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION OF FUTURE ENGINEERS

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ABSTRACT:

This article examines the mechanisms for integrating healthy lifestyle competencies into the professional training of future engineers. It highlights the importance of developing physical, psychological, and social well-being skills alongside technical knowledge in higher education institutions. The study explores modern pedagogical approaches, including interdisciplinary integration, digital technologies, and competency-based education, as effective tools for fostering a healthy lifestyle among engineering students. Furthermore, the paper analyzes the role of educational environments in promoting health-oriented values and sustainable professional development. The findings emphasize that integrating healthy lifestyle competencies enhances students' productivity, adaptability, and overall professional performance.

Introduction. In the context of modern globalization and rapid digitalization, the demand for highly qualified, competitive, and comprehensively developed professionals is steadily increasing across all sectors of society, particularly in engineering. Under such conditions, it is no longer sufficient to equip future engineers solely with technical knowledge and skills; it is equally important to develop their competencies related to a healthy lifestyle. This is due to the fact that engineering activity is associated with a high level of intellectual workload, responsibility, and constant stress, which directly affects an individual's physical and mental well-being.

The concept of a healthy lifestyle is considered a multidimensional category in modern pedagogy and psychology. It is not limited only to physical activity or proper nutrition but also encompasses psychological stability, social activity, stress resilience, and the ability for self-development. From this perspective, healthy lifestyle competencies emerge as a crucial factor in ensuring the professional effectiveness of future engineers.

Reforms currently being implemented in the higher education system, particularly the transition to a competency-based approach, are aimed not only at developing knowledge but also at forming practical skills and personal qualities in students. This, in turn, necessitates the integration of healthy lifestyle elements into the educational process. Today, numerous scientific studies emphasize the interrelationship between education and a healthy lifestyle, as well as their role in the development of human capital.

At the same time, the widespread implementation of digital technologies in the education system significantly influences students' lifestyles. On the one hand, digital tools enhance the efficiency of learning; on the other hand, they may lead to negative consequences such as physical inactivity, eye strain, and stress. Therefore, maintaining a balance between the digital environment and a healthy lifestyle has become a pressing issue in the training of future engineers.

The relevance of this research topic lies in the fact that, at present, the issue of forming healthy lifestyle competencies in engineering education has not been sufficiently studied in a systematic manner. In many cases, this process is carried out within the framework of individual subjects or through extracurricular activities; however, the mechanisms for integrating it as an integral part of professional training have not been adequately developed.

In this regard, the purpose of this article is to analyze the theoretical and practical foundations for integrating healthy lifestyle competencies into the professional training of future engineers. Within the framework of the study, effective mechanisms for developing

these competencies based on an interdisciplinary approach, digital technologies, and innovative pedagogical methods are examined.

The scientific novelty of the research lies in proposing a systematic approach to integrating healthy lifestyle competencies into engineering education and in developing methodological foundations for its implementation in the educational process. In addition, the article highlights the role of the educational environment in shaping a culture oriented toward a healthy lifestyle.

Methodology. In this study, a comprehensive and multi-stage methodological approach was employed to investigate the mechanisms for integrating healthy lifestyle competencies into the professional training of future engineers. The methodological foundation of the research is based on competency-based, systemic, interdisciplinary, and activity-oriented approaches. These approaches made it possible to analyze the research object in a comprehensive and in-depth manner.

The overall concept of the study is grounded in viewing the professional training of future engineers as a holistic pedagogical system. Within this framework, healthy lifestyle competencies are considered an integral component of this system. Accordingly, a systemic approach was applied to identify the interconnections between educational content, pedagogical processes, the learning environment, and outcomes.

The competency-based approach was selected as one of the central methodological foundations of the study. Within this framework, the content and methods of education aimed at developing students' knowledge, skills, and attitudes related to a healthy lifestyle were analyzed. The advantage of this approach lies in its focus on preparing students not only as holders of knowledge but also as specialists capable of applying their knowledge in practical activities.

The interdisciplinary approach also played a significant role in the study. It enabled the establishment of connections between various academic disciplines and facilitated the comprehensive formation of healthy lifestyle competencies. For instance, integration between subjects such as physical education, ecology, occupational safety, and information technology allowed for the development of a holistic understanding of a healthy lifestyle among students.

A range of scientific research methods was used in the study. First, the method of theoretical analysis was applied to examine scientific literature, monographs, articles, and international experiences related to the topic. This made it possible to identify the relationship between a healthy lifestyle and professional training, as well as existing approaches to their integration.

Empirical research methods were also widely utilized. In particular, observation, questionnaires, and interviews were conducted to study students' attitudes toward a healthy lifestyle, their daily activities, and health-related habits. The results of the survey revealed that a significant proportion of students tend to lead a sedentary lifestyle, have improper dietary habits, and are prone to stress. This finding further confirms the relevance of the research topic.

Through the experimental research method, a special pedagogical model aimed at developing healthy lifestyle competencies was designed and implemented in practice. The experiment was conducted in two stages: an initial diagnostic stage and an experimental stage. During the initial stage, the level of students' knowledge and skills related to a healthy lifestyle was assessed. In the subsequent stage, the educational process was organized based on the developed pedagogical model.

The pedagogical model included the following main components: a target component (formation of healthy lifestyle competencies), a content component (educational programs and learning materials), a technological component (teaching methods and tools), and a result-oriented component (the level of competencies developed in students). The effectiveness of this model was tested through experimental work. Statistical analysis methods were also applied in the study. The collected data were analyzed, and the results of the experimental and control groups were compared. The findings demonstrated that the level of healthy lifestyle competencies significantly increased in the experimental group, confirming the effectiveness of the developed pedagogical approach.

In addition, information and communication technologies were actively used during the research process. Students' activities were monitored through online platforms, mobile applications, and digital resources. This contributed to ensuring the accuracy and reliability of the research results. To enhance the reliability of the study, the triangulation method was employed, meaning that data obtained from different sources were compared and analyzed. This helped to increase the objectivity of the findings.Ethical considerations were also given special attention. Informed consent was obtained from all participants, their personal data were kept confidential, and the research results were used исключительно for scientific purposes.

Main Part. The process of integrating healthy lifestyle competencies into the professional training of future engineers is a complex and multi-stage process. This process requires not only updating the content of education but also revising pedagogical approaches, educational technologies, and the learning environment. In modern education systems, the competency-

based approach plays a leading role, aiming to develop comprehensive knowledge, skills, and personal qualities in students.

Healthy lifestyle competencies include important aspects such as physical activity, proper nutrition, psychological stability, stress management, personal hygiene, and social engagement. Students studying engineering disciplines often face issues related to prolonged computer use, a sedentary lifestyle, and high intellectual workload. Therefore, the formation of healthy lifestyle skills is an essential condition for ensuring professional effectiveness.

The interdisciplinary approach plays a significant role in the integration process. That is, knowledge and skills related to a healthy lifestyle should not be limited to physical education subjects but should also be integrated with other technical and general professional disciplines. For example, through subjects such as “Occupational Safety,” “Ecology,” and “Information Technologies,” students can be taught how to organize a healthy work environment, practice digital hygiene, and reduce stress. This ensures that students develop a comprehensive understanding of a healthy lifestyle.

In addition, the effective use of digital technologies is also an important tool in forming healthy lifestyle competencies. Today, various mobile applications, fitness trackers, and online platforms provide opportunities to monitor students’ physical activity, plan their diet, and organize their daily routines effectively. However, improper use of digital technologies may also lead to negative effects. Therefore, it is important to develop the concept of “digital hygiene” in the educational process and teach students to use screen time rationally.

From a pedagogical perspective, active learning methods play a crucial role in developing healthy lifestyle competencies. Project-based learning, case studies, training sessions, and interactive classes can engage students in practical activities. For instance, students may be assigned projects such as “Designing a Healthy Daily Routine” or “Stress Management Strategies.” Such approaches develop students’ independent thinking and foster a conscious attitude toward a healthy lifestyle.

The learning environment is also an important factor in forming healthy lifestyle competencies. The availability of sports facilities, access to healthy nutrition, psychological support services, and activities promoting a healthy lifestyle in higher education institutions increases students’ interest in healthy living. At the same time, the personal example of teachers is also highly important, as they serve as significant role models for students.

Developing assessment criteria for healthy lifestyle competencies is another important task in the integration process. While traditional assessment methods mainly focus on evaluating theoretical knowledge, the competency-based approach requires assessing students’ practical

skills, behavior, and lifestyle changes. For this purpose, methods such as portfolios, observation, self-assessment, and reflection are considered appropriate.

Conclusion. This study thoroughly analyzed the theoretical and practical aspects of integrating healthy lifestyle competencies into the professional training of future engineers. It was found that in modern society, the complexity of engineering activities, high intellectual workload, and the need for quick decision-making require specialists to possess not only professional knowledge and skills but also physical and psychological stability. From this perspective, healthy lifestyle competencies are considered an essential factor in ensuring the professional effectiveness of engineers.

The results of the study showed that the process of forming healthy lifestyle competencies requires a systematic and comprehensive approach. To organize this process effectively, it is necessary to ensure the harmony of educational content, pedagogical technologies, digital tools, and the learning environment. In particular, within the competency-based approach, it is important to develop not only theoretical knowledge but also practical skills and life competencies in students.

The interdisciplinary approach was identified as one of the effective mechanisms for integrating healthy lifestyle competencies. By strengthening the interconnection between different disciplines, it is possible to form students' knowledge and skills related to a healthy lifestyle as an integrated system. For instance, alongside technical disciplines, subjects such as ecology, occupational safety, and information technologies can help students learn about organizing a healthy work environment, digital hygiene, and stress management, thereby enhancing their overall competence.

Furthermore, the effective use of digital technologies plays a significant role in developing healthy lifestyle competencies. Various digital platforms and mobile applications provide opportunities to monitor students' physical activity, plan daily routines, and control healthy eating habits. However, considering the potential negative effects of the digital environment, it is necessary to develop a culture of digital hygiene among students.

From a pedagogical perspective, the use of active learning methods has been shown to be highly effective in forming healthy lifestyle competencies. Project-based learning, case studies, training sessions, and interactive classes engage students in practical activities, develop their independent thinking, and foster a conscious attitude toward a healthy lifestyle. This, in turn, enhances their ability to maintain their health and perform effectively in their future professional activities.

The importance of the learning environment was also emphasized in the study. The creation of health-supportive infrastructure in higher education institutions, including sports facilities, healthy nutrition systems, and psychological services, increases students' interest in maintaining a healthy lifestyle. In addition, the personal example of teachers and the cultural environment within the institution play an important role in shaping students' healthy lifestyle habits.

The study also addressed the issue of assessing healthy lifestyle competencies. While traditional assessment systems mainly focus on theoretical knowledge, the competency-based approach requires evaluating students' practical skills and behavior. Therefore, methods such as portfolios, observation, self-assessment, and reflection were considered appropriate.

In general, integrating healthy lifestyle competencies into the professional training of future engineers positively influences not only the quality of education but also the sustainable development of society. This approach enables the training of specialists who are physically healthy, psychologically stable, and possess high professional potential. At the same time, further scientific research, the implementation of innovative pedagogical technologies, and the continued modernization of the education system are necessary to improve this process.

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