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**THE PECULARITIES OF THE SYSTEM OF EDUCATION IN SPAIN**

***Abstract****.* The article gives an overview of the system of education in Spain and its peculiarities. The features of the structure of education in Spain were analyzed and characterized. Since Ukraine is on its way to European standards in education, the important need is to study the best educational experience of European countries, testing and implementation of innovative pedagogical systems in the area of education in Ukraine.

***Key words****:* system of education in Spain; primary education; secondary education; polyvalent education; higher education;

Integration processes taking place in Ukraine on the way to European and world educational area have a huge impact on the education system, and in particular on higher vocational education and its restructuring. Education is among the most important directions of the state policy of Ukraine. System of education is a strategic resource for creating a positive image of our country, creating the conditions for self-realization of each individual, improving human welfare, national interests, strengthening the competitiveness of the Ukrainian state in the international arena. The priority is improving and upgrading the quality of education at all levels, that’s why we need to analyze and use experience of European countries. Our concern is to study the system of education in Spain, as at present time, there is no holistic view of the educational system in Spain and its current state, and in particular, the training of teachers in the education system in Spain. Ukrainian scientists studied the system of teacher training mainly in developed countries such as Great Britain, USA, Germany, but the system of education in Spain haven’t been investigated fully.

***The aim of the article*** is to analyze and to determine present state of the system of education in Spain.

Education system is divided into general education system (General System Education) and Special Education System (Special System Education). General education system at present consists of the following levels: pre-school education (Infant education, age 0-6 years); basic school education (Primary education, age 6-12); secondary schooling (Compulsory secondary education, age 12-16); bachelor's degree (Baccalaureate, age 16-18); special education midrange (medium-level Specific Vocational Education); special education a higher level (higher-level Specific Vocational Education); and university education (University Education). The special education system includes education in arts and languages, and since 1997 in the field of sports.

***Thus,*** the current state of education in Spain meets the high standards of the European educational quality. The reforms taking place in the country increased the importance of education as a social value, so it reflects the education level of socio-economic development of the country and its position in the universe. Spain's education system enables everyone to get an education of required level and individual approach to learning contributes to the high level and quality of education.

The results of the full and thorough study of the system of education in Spain, and in particular higher education, can provide a significant example of organization and development, and improving the education system in Ukraine. Analysis and systematization will monitor developments from the education system of Spain, and implement professional ideas in our country, taking into account national circumstances. Further studies need other issues, such as the peculiarities of teacher training of foreign languages in the education system in Spain.