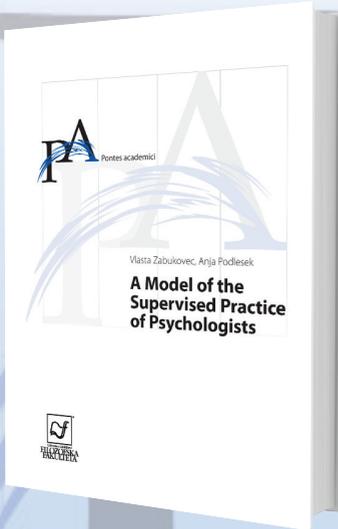




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VLASTA ZABUKOVEC AND ANJA PODLESEK: A MODEL OF THE SUPERVISED PRACTICE OF PSYCHOLOGISTS



EuroPsy – the European Certificate in Psychology represents an educational framework and minimum standards for the training of psychologists across different European countries. Within this framework, a year of supervised practice is required for entry into independent practice. In Slovenia, supervised practice has not yet been implemented and psychologists beginners mostly do not have proper guidance and supervision in the first years of their career. The basic condition for the implementation of supervised practice is to educate mentors of supervised practice. The authors of the book developed such an educational program in 2010 within the European Social Funds project called ‘Establishing a Network of Mentors and Training for the Supervised Practice of Psychologists’. This book presents the project and its results.

The first part of the book presents the EuroPsy certificate, the requirements for the education and training of psychologists and the competences that are required for practicing psychology independently. The EuroPsy competence model is presented. The authors then analyse psychology study programmes at two universities in Slovenia and the competences they develop. They present the current situation regarding internship and traineeship in Slovenia and the envisaged solutions regarding supervised practice of psychologists. They outline the basic characteristics of mentorship and why mentoring is important. In the second part, the book describes an educational program for mentors of supervised practice for psychologists—how it addresses basic steps of the mentoring process and develops an understanding of the EuroPsy competence model. The experiences gained in different work contexts of psychologists are presented. Finally, the authors give some suggestions for future developments of mentor education and supervised practice.

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