

Electronic tools for vocational guidance and counseling

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Abstract

The extraordinary development of information and communication technologies (ICT) has become apparent in all spheres of education. This is also a fact where vocational counseling is concerned. However, initiatives aimed at supporting the task of the vocational counselor in a secondary school are very few. Potential opportunities offered by ICT and, more specifically, by Internet, are left unexploited. The tools discussed here—free software produced from free software—were developed in conjunction with a doctoral dissertation (Sanz, 2005) and are an attempt to make up for this situation, at least in part. We present a reference-type document database for school counselors (BDOE), a self-assessment tool on guidance-related knowledge (FORMAORIENTA), an electronic tool implemented in a web environment for designing and distributing questionnaires/tools (HIA) and a collaborative web environment (“*The Vocational Guidance and Counseling Wiki*”).

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