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oMERO Project: the academic perspectives The new challenges in the training programs

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- Challenges in the training programs related to:
- Organisation and prioritization at the universities
- Didactic aspects
- Students
- Understanding the life-situation of the client
- Empirical research
- The importance of multidisciplinarity at all levels





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- Challenges at the University level
- We have four course syllabuses for four countries, but the universities in each country have to approve the courses/programs
- Organisation and prioritization at the university level
- This work needs to be done in all countries that want to start a course/program for VDR





Challenges related to didactics

- There are need for skilled teachers; academic teachers and professionals with experiences in the field of vision rehabilitation, O&M, etc.
- The importance of having a multidisciplinary team of academic teachers (doctoral students, lecturers, adjuncts, lecturers, professors)
- The implementation of an innovative design in the courses.
- The learning should start from the students preunderstanding of the field using *innovative learning methods* and an 'experiential' approach





- Challenges related to students
- Interest in the VDR profession
- Finances
- Level of start various professions
- A challenge to start the teaching and learning from the starting point of the students preunderstanding.
- Important and essential that they have the possibility to learn from their own experiences





- Understanding the life-situation of the client
- Important that the students get insight into the lifeworld of the other person, what they are going through and their feelings
- Try to sit on the chair of the other
- This is done through experiments, case studies, Realter, etc.
- Important in order to develop person-centered integrated care services





- Intertwined research and education
- A further challenge is to develop research that fits the variation in this multidisciplinary program
- Both quantitative and qualitative research is needed
- Research from a person-centered approach is important



