

## A Qualitative Study on the Perspectives of the Academicians Regarding the Profile of Prospective Teachers

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The purpose of this study to develop a profile of the prospective teachers based on opinions of the academicians working at the faculties of education. In order to do this, answers to the following questions were sought:

- 1) What are the social, personal and academic qualities that the academicians would like to see in prospective teachers?
- 2) To what extent the observed social, personal and academic qualities of the prospective teachers meet the expectations of the academicians?

The study was carried out in accordance with the qualitative method. The study pattern type is case study. The study group was selected in line with easily accessible sample survey. To this end, 25 academicians working at various faculties of education throughout Turkey were interviewed. The study data were collected by semi structured interview forms. The interview questions were selected based on expert views. The data were analysed using descriptive analysis method. Based on the findings of the study, it can be suggested that the prospective teachers choose studying teaching since their university entrance exam scores match these departments, some of them do not plan being teachers in the future, the motivation of the majority of prospective teachers is low due to various reasons such as the examinations before teacher appointment and the qualifications of prospective teachers are not at the desired level since practical activities are not offered as much since syllabus is so heavy with theory lessons. Such recommendations are listed in the study as setting different criteria for selecting teacher candidates, increasing the weight of the practical activities and focusing more on cultural and artistic studies.

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With more than 270 unique contributors (authors and co-authors) from 13 countries and having involved over 60 reviewers, the scientific programme of the symposium is impressive and covers a wide variety of research, cultural contexts and methodological traditions. We look forward to 3 days of rich interactions and continued learning about and from each other. With seven to eight parallel sessions in five different time slot, five exciting keynotes, and many other social events, the ISNITE 2016 programme keeps us all engaged throughout the week.

Take advantage of the diverse conference programme to meet old and new colleagues. In addition to the scientific programme, the ISNITE local organizing committee has planned several social events. Join us on Tuesday evening, on an hour lasting steamship cruise and see the beautiful Savonlinna and its distinctive lake scenery. The steamships take us directly to the "Riihisaari", where we take a short 5-minute walk to the castle called "Olavinlinna", where we are having the Opening Reception. Join us on the Wednesday, August 31 to the conference dinner at the "Wanha Kasino" (optional) for more in-depth discussions with colleagues and enjoying the music. We are offering school and daycare center visits as well four workshops during the conference week, where our conference visitors get familiar with the Finnish education system, seeing it in practice as well as getting and sharing new ideas in the workshops.

Situated in the best place in Savonlinna, the campus will offer you a breathtaking view over the lake and the town. Take the opportunity to have a cruise or discover the unique nature by visiting in the islands of Kasinosaari, Sulosaari and do not forget to visit in Riihisaari, where the Savonlinna Provincial Museum and Saimaa Nature Exhibition centre run by Metsähallitus is located. Having a walk around the shoreline will help you relax at the end of the busy day.

We wish you an exciting and productive time at ISNITE 2016!

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