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**CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION IN THE WORLD
OF EDUCATIONAL THOUGHT**

A distinctive feature of the modern world is the high dynamics of changes in the environment. There is a rapid growth of knowledge in all areas of science, technology and culture. The objective situation exacerbated the need to constantly update, enrich or modify previously received training.

International experience has shown that the foundation of modern education is an effective system of continuous professional education, which is caused by large-scale culturological changes in social life and social consciousness, characterized by a number of features that define the priority of the individual in the educational process.

Continuing professional education more fully meet the requirements of modern times. Despite the differences in the definition of "continuous professional education" many scholars agree that education provides for specified education and self-identity, the disclosure of its creative potential in the personal and professional growth, commitment to continuous improvement through the implementation of intelligence own needs, acquire skills and gain knowledge.

The term "continuous professional education" emphasizes the functional specificity of knowledge obtained. This school, which has to provide continuous updating professional knowledge and skills.

Author conducted research has shown that the idea of human learning throughout life has always been important. But in the second half of the twentieth century. have developed the necessary socio-economic, edukolohichni, academic and personal prerequisites to learning acquired its true historical significance for the individual and society and specific implementation in reality.

The last decade marked active theoretical and practical search on a worldwide scale models of continuous professional education to meet the needs of a new civilization. It is the main condition for the full development of personality, enriching its creative potential, means of implementation capacity and increase competence.