Lecture 1. PEDAGOGICAL PROFESSION AND ITS FEATURES

Lecture questions:
1. Pedagogical profession: essence and content.
2. Pedagogical profession and pedagogical specialties: general and special.
3. Prospects for the development of the teaching profession and the conditions for increasing its prestige

Question 1. Pedagogical profession: essence and content.
Profession is a type of labor activity of a person who owns a complex of special knowledge, skills and abilities acquired as a result of purposeful training.

Why does a person need a profession?
Through professional activity, a person seeks to satisfy his basic needs: to earn a livelihood, to realize his potential, to satisfy the need for public relations.

The world of professions is volatile.
Knowledge and technology are becoming obsolete; new ones are replacing it. New professions arise, and some disappear. Today, there are about 30 thousand professions in the world.

Any profession has external and internal characteristics.
External characteristics are the social status of the profession and its prestige.
The social status of the profession is the value that the profession objectively represents for society.
The prestige of the profession is its assessment in the mass public consciousness at a certain stage in the development of society.
The internal characteristics of the profession are its content and qualifications.
The content of the profession is a set of activities that are performed by representatives of the profession.

Qualification is the specific requirements for the implementation of a professional activity, that is, what knowledge, abilities, skills a person must have in order to work in accordance with this profession.

Qualification is confirmed by a document of education (diploma, certificate).

Features of the teaching profession:
1. The pedagogical profession refers to professions such as "man - man."
2. Requires increased responsibility for the life and health of others.
3. Requires highly skilled labor and lengthy training.
4. The pedagogical profession is associated with the need to constantly work on oneself, to grow professionally and personally.
5. The teaching profession requires a high degree of human satisfaction with the scope of professional activity.
6. The pedagogical profession belongs to the category of those whose conditions can contribute to the emergence of professional deformations.
7. The work of the teacher is always a joint activity with other teachers, teamwork.
8. The society traditionally makes very high moral demands on the representatives of the teaching profession.
**Question 2. Teaching profession and pedagogical specialties: general and special**

Every modern profession is divided into a number of specialties. Specialty is a type of professional activity within the framework of a profession that requires certain knowledge, skills and competencies acquired through training and practical experience.

**Question 3. Prospects for the development of the teaching profession and the conditions for increasing its prestige.**

The main trends in the development of the teaching profession:

1. The humanization of the teaching profession.
2. Computerization of the teaching profession.
3. Modern educators work not only with children, but with people at all stages of their personal development - from infancy to old age.

The main requirements for the personality of a teacher in the near future are:

a) professional competence;
b) intelligence;
c) spirituality;
d) competitiveness.