Annotation

The theoretical part of this thesis describes the historical development and current play work in the UK and also watches the development in the Czech Republic. The author elaborates the importance of play specialist and the possibility of playing and teaching of pediatric patients. The author mentions the use of individual approach, methods of the play specialist and focuses on the specifics of the playworker. Great attention is paid to game work during hospitalization.

In the empirical section the author formulates the problem, objectives and methodology of the research and introduces the choice of respondents. The aim is the hospital environment, which is also the author’s work place. This work is trying to solve the answer what is the role of the play worker in the Czech Republic and what options of the play work are currently offered in the hospital. The author also maps the role of play workers in the child hospital care system of in the Czech Republic. The results are analysed and elaborated clearly.

Finally, the author examines the current status of play specialists in the Czech Republic, summarizes the outcome of the research and presents recommendations for possible implementations of the game work in medical facilities in the Czech Republic.