

Abstract

The thesis deals with meaningfulness of life and acceptance of an affliction by people with visual disability. The work has been divided into two parts. In the review section, the author deals with a psychological approach to meaningfulness of life, with an issue of acceptance of visual impairment, and with specifics of meaningfulness of life over the course of a lifetime.

The aim of the empirical part has been to test hypotheses regarding relationship between the meaningfulness of life and the acceptance of vision impairment. Key concepts have been operationalized by scores according to both inventories; the *Meaningfulness of Life Scale (MLC)* (Halama, 2002, 2009), and the *Acceptance of Disability Scale - Revised (ADS-R)* (Linkowski, Groomes, 2007). Data obtained from a sample of persons with visual disability (N = 84) has been used to test the hypotheses.

For the first time a Czech translation of the ADS-R inventory has been put to practice and the author suggests a further use of the inventory titled *Škála akceptace disability*. In the empirical part of the study, the author also deals with possibilities of online administration of psychological test methods for people with a visual disability. These possibilities have been verified and confirmed in practice by the author.

Of all the monitored variables, the meaningfulness of life and the acceptance of vision impairment have been found to have statistically significant bearing. The degree of visual disability also significantly relates to the affective dimension of life's meaningfulness, as well as to some subscales of ADS-R (restriction and subordination).

On the contrary, it has not been proven that for people with visual disability meaningfulness of life significantly relates to age, gender, or degree of visual impairment. Neither significant relationship has been proven between the acceptance of visual impairment and that of age, gender, or a level of visual disability.

In a separate chapter, the author discusses limits of the study. In reference to results of the research and in accordance with theoretical resources, the author offers logotherapeutical interpretation for an acceptance of visual disability.

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