

This rigorous thesis focuses on specific problems related to ageing and later age and on the impacts ageing has on human life. Chapter 1 refers to how age and ageing are generally viewed in the historical, philosophical, biological, psychological and demographic context. Also, the gerontology and geriatrics sciences are brought to the attention. Outlined is the importance of education of older adults.

Chapter 2 gives an overview of services available for provision to the aged in the Czech Republic.

In Chapter 3 selected therapeutic methods are described and their suitability for use with regard to the aged is examined.

The findings contained in the above-mentioned chapters served as a theoretical basis for setting up a study module while the practical part of the thesis is based on the results of empirical examination carried out among special pedagogy students.

The examination was aimed at ascertaining whether or not the ageing and old age issue should be made part of the study program of special pedagogy.

All the data obtained were also used in preparing the body of study module "The problems of the aged in the context of special pedagogy."