

## **Abstract**

**Title:** Educational program influence on the secondary school students' awareness about the assistance to people with visual disabilities in public space

**Objective:** The aim of the bachelor thesis is to study the effects of the educational program on secondary school students' awareness about the assistance to people with visual disabilities in public space. The secondary aim of this bachelor thesis is to summarize the practical and safety principles for assistance to people with visual disability in public space and to emphasize the importance of educational programs for public.

**Methods:** Quantitative research in the form of quasi-experiment was aimed on the effect of the educational program in a group of 30 secondary school students. Self-designed test based on the knowledge of the probands was used as a data collection method, in the form of test questions. First half of the probands took the test after they completed the educational program, the second half took the test without attending the program and their answers were based only on their knowledge. Thirty secondary school students aged 14-18 were chosen as the target group.

**Results:** The survey has indicated that a group of fifteen probands who were given a test after they completed the education program has achieved much better awareness of the assistance to people with visual disabilities in the public space than the second target group. The result was proven in 91% of the questions. The results of the test have shown that only 37 % from the 30 probands have had any personal experience with the help to a person with visual disability.

**Conclusion:** The survey has proven the impact of education program on positive change in the awareness. Consequently, the results has shown the direct influence of educational programs focused on disabilities, which in their content exceed the tuition.

**Keywords:** visual defects, visual disability, the blind, educational program, practical and safety principles for assistance to people with visual disabilities