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Study and career guidance and counselling in Swedish VET

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Study and career counselling in teaching at VET programmes in upper secondary school

(Report from the Swedish Schools Inspectorate, 2019)



Current situation

- VET teachers are not aware of their duties concerning guidance and counselling
- Low degree of integration of guidance and counselling within VET teaching
- A narrow focus on the vocational area of the present programme
- "They have already made their choice"



Problems and challenges

- How are students prepared for a changing and flexible labour market and working life?
 - Continuing professional development and further career might include higher vocational education and/or higher education
 - Career counselling is also about finding a new job
 - The future might bring labour market changes, new life conditions, and new insights where a new pathway might be a relevant alternative



Compensatory guidance and counselling

- VET students generally have parents with shorter educational backgrounds, and potentially a more restricted perspective on their future opportunities
 - Information and support, guidance and counselling, could strengthen those who would benefit from further education, new career choices etc.
- A segregated labour market
 - Students who choose untraditional pathways might need extra support
 - Higher drop-out rates of e.g. male students in femaledominated vocational programmes



Potential development in Swedish VET

- Awareness, knowledge, and skills concerning guidance and counselling among VET teachers
- Developed cooperation between VET teachers and study and career counsellors
- A broader perspective on guidance and counselling in VET
- Not only a question of VET teachers' competence, but an area of development for VET schools and their principals, management etc.
- A potential area of development in VET teacher training



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