

## **Vas County Centre for Vocational Education and Training**

### **Hefele Menyhért Vocational School, Szombathely**

#### **Vocational training in the wood branch**

The Hefele Menyhért Secondary Technical and Vocational School is the biggest vocational school for building and wood industry in county Vas. It has several decades of experience in vocational education.

We train students in the field/branch of wood and furniture industry on the levels 4 and 5, according to the European Qualification Framework.

On the level 4 joiners and upholsterers are trained. Our students have the opportunity to participate in 3-year-education, where general and vocational subjects are taught, and students get a certificate of vocational education.

On the level 5 there is wood-working technician training, which is a 5-year-education. It provides both general education and vocational training. Students can get a certificate of secondary education after taking the school-leaving exam (or matura) and a certificate as a technician.

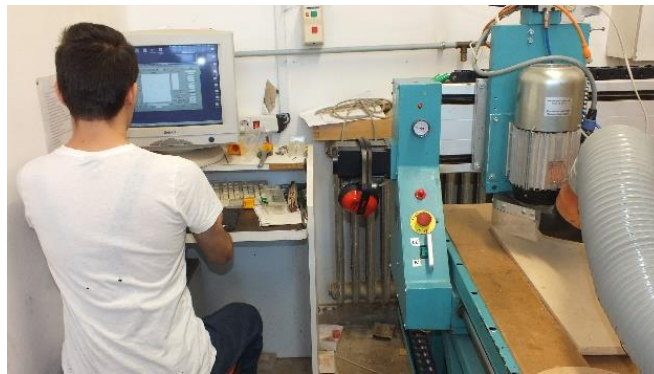
The branch training is followed by the career choice, so they choose an occupation: the joiners and upholsterers have time until the end of the 9<sup>th</sup> grade, the technicians need to decide at the end of the 10<sup>th</sup> grade.

The outcome requirements of the joiners: to construct and install carpentry products, basic cabinets, build traditional furniture in the last two years of their vocational training. They have to construct their own piece of furniture as a masterpiece with the documentation for the final exam.



During the vocational training the upholsterers deal with upholstering of furniture, doors and vehicles. For the final exam they have to present their masterpiece with the documentation.

The technicians' vocational training starts from the 11<sup>th</sup> grade and it provides knowledge of the timber industry. In the new training programme emphasis is put on teaching CNC technology. The examination consists of four general subjects - that are the same as the subjects of the general secondary school leaving examination - and one vocational subject at the end of the 13<sup>th</sup> grade. Moreover, a technician certificate can be obtained as well. Their practical exam contains CNC machining.



Practical training in the school workshop prepares for practice at the firm, so the joiners take part in external practice in a life-like situation from the 10<sup>th</sup> grade. The upholsterers mainly take part in school-based training in the workshop and some of them participate in external practice.

Our woodworking technicians' practical training takes place in the school's workshop.

Our school managed to establish good contacts with wood factories and stock suppliers as well. These companies, enterprises sometimes provide financial support and they heighten the professional standards of the school.

Technicians have 1-2 days practical training from 9<sup>th</sup> grade to 12<sup>th</sup> grade on a weekly basis, while the 13<sup>th</sup> graders have 4 days a week and the students are provided with general education on the other days.

Vocational secondary schools provide general, theoretical and practical education in grades 9 to 11 in a vocational field. 9<sup>th</sup> graders have 2,5 days practical training weekly, and 10<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> graders have 4 days a week. On the other days students are provided with general education.

During the school years our students regularly take part in study tours, school trips and plant visits.

In our school emphasis is placed on teaching marketable trades, so our students are able to get a job in their qualification after finishing school.

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