

Vocational training of professionals providing healthcare for refugee and migrant children: all the materials are available on the EU-VET CARE e-learning platform

After the review of existing training opportunities and the analysis of educational needs of professionals providing healthcare for refugee and migrant children, the EU-VET CARE project made available on its e-learning platform (<https://learning.euvetcare.eu>) the complete training package in 5 languages (English, German, Greek, Italian, and Spanish).

The platform provides user-friendly interaction and networking possibilities, as well as remote training tools for trainers.

It includes an interdisciplinary course (5 modules) transversally targeted to all professionals and 5 specialized courses dedicated to the specific professional profiles (physicians, psychologists, cultural mediators/interpreters, social workers).

Topics covers unique issues faced by migrant/refugee children, such as children's rights/protection systems, communication, mental/physical health needs, disease prevention, child trafficking, age assessment, and professionals' burnout.

The training materials have been developed following an evidence-based approach and are available as manuals, presentations, and questionnaires to facilitate their administration both through the e-learning platform and through face-to-face educational events. Moreover, a particularly noteworthy element of the training offer is the availability of a dramatized case study ("vignette") for each module, representing realistic situations that the professional may face in the real world. It has been demonstrated that this educational model which stimulates problem solving meets actual training needs by re-proposing everyday operational reality is highly effective in improving knowledge, skills, and competencies.

The e-learning platform provides a certificate of attendance for target professionals and will remain active for at least two years after the end of the project.