

ABSTRACT

This bachelor's thesis is focused on the awareness of issues related to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, and Deaf Studies more broadly, from the perspective of medical students, young doctors, and practicing doctors, particularly in the field of Otorhinolaryngology and Phoniatics in the Czech environment. The main objective of the work is to explore the factual knowledge, personal experiences, and attitudes of these groups. The research study will be placed in the context of the Czech system of pre-graduate and post-graduate medical education, specifically for doctors working in the field of Otorhinolaryngology and Phoniatics. These doctors encounter clients with hearing impairments on a daily basis in their practice, and often significantly influence their life, education, and career through their recommendations or decisions. Through the research study, I will analyze the findings and compare them with the context of the current and past educational system for doctors in the field of Otorhinlaryngology and Phoniatics.

Key Words: Deaf, communication of deaf, deaf culture, sign language, deaf education, doctor, medical student, student