

## Károly Róbert College – Surveillance Audit



The present profile of **Károly Róbert College** had been created as a result of several decades' systematic work before it became independent in 2003. Since January 1 2004, it has had two faculties, the **Faculty of Economics** and the **Faculty of Agriculture and Rural Development**. The achievements of the College are the result of 101 teachers, 19 researchers and 254 public servants' high-standard work.

The basic task of the **Faculty of Economics** is to carry out practice-oriented economic training and research activities focusing on the development of its special fields.

Training programmes available: special training, bachelor's and special further training programmes.

### **Special Training Programmes:**

- Agricultural Sales Manager Assistant
- Stock Market Specialist
- Budget Manager Assistant
- Tourism and Catering Manager

### **Bachelor's Programmes:**

- Human Resources
- Economics and Management
- Commerce and Marketing
- Public Services
- Finance and Accounting
- Tourism and Catering

### **Special Further Training Programmes:**

- Business Information Management
- Economic Special Engineering

The basic task of the **Faculty of Agriculture and Rural Development** is to train specialists who are able to work independently in the constantly changing agriculture and rural areas, and to carry out research that can assist that training.

Training is carried out in the form of full-time and correspondence education, as well as distant learning.

### **Special Training Programme:**

- Agricultural Manager Assistant

### **Bachelor's Programmes (BSc):**

- Economic and Rural Development Engineering
- Agricultural Engineering with Informatics and Administration
- Horticultural Engineering
- Agricultural Engineering in Environment Management
- Agricultural Engineering
- Game Management Engineering

### **Master's Programme (MSc):**

- Agricultural Engineering in Rural Development

### **Special Further Training Programmes:**

- Special Engineering in Rural Development

The list of special training programmes available at the College is expanding, and the variety of adult training courses has also been widened.

Károly Róbert College has always paid special attention to practice-oriented training and has created all the necessary facilities. It provides the conditions of practical training partly on its own model farm, in the Károly Róbert Training and Research CIC, which owns a hotel, vineyards, a winery, etc., and partly through its connections with domestic and foreign companies and institutions.

The research activities of the College have improved significantly for the last 40 years. Their importance and role in the activities of the College have gradually reached the present level. In the organisation of the institution's research work, more and more importance is attached to the priorities of national and international project funding (National Research Programme, programmes of the EU), and also to the increasing number of cooperating institutions abroad. The College is striving to play a key role in the development of the region.



The College established its **integrated management system** within the frameworks of the HEFOP-3.3.1-P.-2004-09-0095/1.0 project called 'Development, Introduction and Accreditation of a Quality and Environment-Oriented Integrated Management System on the Basis of the Standards MSZ EN ISO 9001:2001 and MSZ EN ISO 14001:2005, and Teaching Connected to the Introduction of an E-Learning Framework'. The College was the first among

Hungarian higher educations to meet the requirements of the MSZ EN ISO 14001:2005 standard. On creating and launching the system, the greatest emphasis is put on training environmentally-conscious specialists and the continual improvement of the training service.

The implementation of the integrated system was carried out by a project team including College employees and experts, under the leadership of Chief Secretary Dr Márta Ferenczi, and the process ended by acquiring the internationally acknowledged certification of the **Hungarian Standardisation Board** on 7 March 2007.

The fields of applying the integrated management system are as follows: higher education training in agricultural and economic sciences, including bachelor's and master's programmes, special further training and special training; foreign language teaching and examinations; and out-of-school adult training.

To ensure the smooth operation of the system, a new organisational unit, the Quality Management Directorate was established under the supervision of Rector Dr Sándor Magda. The managerial tasks of the Quality Management Directorate are fulfilled by the Chief Secretary, who has thorough knowledge of the processes at the College. As a committed follower of the quality and environmentally conscious approach, she is striving to familiarise the staff with the concept of operation based on standardised requirements and continual improvement, as well as to ensure legal accordance and

efficient communication between the organisational units of the College and also with students.

Creating and applying the rules of the College's operation ensure that the graduates can compete in the labour market effectively and become environment-conscious specialists who respect quality and up-to-date knowledge.

The management of the College has committed themselves to operating the integrated system, and this commitment is the responsibility and task of every member of the staff. Observing and improving the quality and environment policies of the College are our daily duties along with the continual improvement and development of the know-how, methodology, facilities and practices and the values supporting sustainability.

The most important task is to ensure the students' satisfaction during the customer-oriented operation, which can be followed through effective communicational processes. Apart from assuring the quality of training, the College offers a variety of leisure activities to the students.



The first surveillance audit was conducted on 27-28 February 2008 at the College. While the certification audit concentrated on the introduction and documentation of the system, the supervisory audit examined its practical application, results and measures. **As a result of the first surveillance audit, the auditors of the Hungarian Standardisation Board recommend the extension of the validity of the certifications awarded to Károly Róbert College for the given fields of application.**

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