## FORMATION OF PROFESSIONALISM OF FUTURE SPECIALISTS IN SOCIAL WORK

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At the present stage of development of Ukrainian society, development of a new kind of professional activity – social work – has dynamic and contradictory nature. Features of its development in our country are characterized by blurred boundaries of professional competence, lack of sufficient technology solving professional problems, uncertainty of evaluation criteria.

The purpose and objectives of the articles are to carry out scientific analysis of the process of formation of professionalism and leadership traits in future specialists in social work.

On the basis of the conducted analysis, the author concludes that professionalism is

a special trait enabling people to systematically, effectively, and reliably perform complex operations in a variety of conditions, that is the degree of mastery of individual professional activities of social institutions, governmental and non-governmental organizations, groups and individuals with assistance and support for people who find themselves in a difficult situation.

The mechanism of formation of professionalism and leadership traits among specialists in social work, operation of social work, its regulatory and legal framework, objectives and priorities of regional social policies, processes of solving social problems in government agencies at all levels require further research.