

## KES COLLEGE'S PROFILE

KES College is a Private Higher Education Institution registered to the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sport and Youth that has been offering educational services for 50 years (since 1971) and it is a recognized and prestigious college in Cyprus. It operates in Nicosia and offers 22 Programmes of Study ranging from Diploma, Higher Diploma and Bachelor Degree, which are registered in the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sport and Youth and Accredited by The Cyprus Agency of Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education (CYQAA). The local students entitled to a State Grants, which amount up to 3,420€ for each year of study based on various economic criteria.

The KES College's ambition is to provide professional and responsible education and training in areas where there is demand in the labour market. The bold, innovative and ground breaking initiative of KES College to offer professional programmes based on International and European standards has also contributed to the upgrading of the respective professions.

KES College has five Schools of Studies, namely, the 1) School of Health Studies, 2) School of Culinary Arts, Hospitality and Tourism, 3) School of Journalism and Media Studies, 4) School of Business and Administration Studies and 5) School of Environmental Studies. The programmes offered at KES College are well structured and some are also unique in nature, for example Office of Administration and Secretarial Studies established in 1971, Journalism and Public Relations established in 1972, Beauty Therapy established in 1979 etc. and they were offered for the first time in the context of Cyprus. More information about the Programmes of Studies can be found at the official website of the College at [www.kescollege.ac.cy](http://www.kescollege.ac.cy)

Beyond the theoretical knowledge given to students, KES College places particular emphasis on practical training. This is achieved both through continuous practical training in the special workshops of each programme and by practical experience in the workplace. In addition, attendance at KES College is compulsory as students are heavily involved in the process of teaching - learning in the various programmes.

The total number of students currently enrolled for the academic year 2020-2021 is nearly 500 mainly local students. Students are also encouraged to participate in EU programmes via mobility activities and internships or as participants in EU programmes (Erasmus+, LIFE, Horizon2020 etc). Indicatively, the participation of KES College included the following: KA103 - Higher education student and staff mobility within programme countries, KA102 - VET learner and staff mobility, KA202 -Strategic Partnerships for vocational education and training PECVET, STEM in Education, KA202-6F00F7FD, KA2 - Cooperation for innovation and the exchange of good practices, GoGreen, KA202-98FA8EDD, UNIQUE (KA03 Social Inclusion and Common Values) etc.

Finally, KES RESEARCH CENTRE ([http://kesrc.org.cy/index\\_en.html](http://kesrc.org.cy/index_en.html)) has been recently founded (2019) and it is a non-profit research organization, which is registered at the Cyprus Research Promotion Foundation (UNIC: 1217026583). It is also duly registered with the Department of Registrar of Companies and Official Receiver as a private non-profit limited liability company (HE395935) based in Nicosia (Cyprus). It operates either autonomously or in co-operation with other

entities, such as companies, research institutes, external researchers and academics. Its main objectives are:

- The independent conduct of mainly applied research (industrial research or experimental development) and the wide dissemination of research results through teaching, publication or transfer of knowledge.
- The continuous promotion of research and innovation within the Republic of Cyprus.
- The participation of Cypriot researchers in international research activities and the cooperation of Cypriot researchers with researchers from other countries.
- The preparation and submission of research proposals for funding by Cypriot, European, International or other agencies and institutions.
- The dissemination of research results to the general public.

KES College is actively seeking for additional collaborations with other entities, organisations or Universities in order to further expand their knowledge and expertise and create new academic opportunities for their students.

Key areas of interest:

- Education - MA in Education or Certificate/Diploma in a specific area (i.e autism or special educational needs etc)
- Media and Literacy
- Accounting, Finance and Logistics
- Tourism and hospitality degrees (BA degree or Master in the area) and Business Administration.