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## ABOUT MESOYIOS COLLEGE

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### **Cyprus:**

- As I am sure you know, Cyprus is one of the 27 member-states of the European Union and also member-state of the Euro-zone with euro as our national currency.
- Right now, Cyprus is the most developing EU country with about 3.8% development in 2024, which is expected to grow further due to the discovery of huge natural gas reserves in its Exclusive Economic Zone.
- Because of this, all industries and especially the tourist industry are rapidly developing to the point where there's a huge lack of labor hands, which are covered mostly by students from 3<sup>rd</sup> countries. Mesoyios College students are in great demand among all Cyprus Hotels, Casino & Resorts, for the reasons I will explain forth.

### **Limassol:**

- Mesoyios College campus is located in the very heart of the old city of Limassol, the second biggest city in Cyprus on the South Coast, the most cosmopolitan city, with 20 km of the most beautiful beach in Cyprus and one of the 100 best tourist destinations of the world according to the International Tour Operators Association
- Limassol is the center of student life, which became a legend.
- Within 2-10 minutes' walk from our campus students can visit the Limassol Luxury Marina, the magnificent Municipality Park by the sea, the legendary Limassol Castle, the Central Bus Station, the central marketplace and many other attractions and city facilities.
- Also, Limassol is one of the most modern European cities where students can find everything they need for a comfortable and enjoyable study and personal life.

### **Mesoyios College:**

- Mesoyios College is the most luxury and prestigious college in Cyprus. Despite our prestigious status we succeeded to keep our tuition fees to very affordable levels.
- Mesoyios College is the only one specializing in hotel, casino and resort management academic studies.
- Mesoyios College has luxury laboratories, such as fine dining restaurant, Bar, luxury apartment for housekeeping and cleaning, where students get all extra-curriculum hospitality hands-on training they need to become fully productive as soon as we place them in the hotels for practice.



- Mesoyios College is connected to the second biggest and most modern library in Cyprus, 5-minute walk from Mesoyios College campus.
- Mesoyios College is collaborated exclusively in Cyprus with 3 of the best hospitality Swiss universities in the world: Glion, Les Roches and Swiss Hotel Management School.
  - With our Swiss partners we have established special study pathways for our students to obtain a double degree (Mesoyios College graduates are accepted to study in Switzerland only 1 semester -6 months- and get the Swiss degree as well).
  - After the end of the 6 months in Switzerland students are placed by the Swiss university for 6-month internship with salary €2,000-€3,000 monthly).
  - Before the end of this 6-month internship students (through the Swiss university) get job offers from the most prestigious hotels and cruise ship companies from all over the world, for managerial positions and salaries starting from €3,000-€4,000 plus many other benefits.
  - Because of these partnerships, Mesoyios College introduced exclusively in Cyprus the Swiss Hospitality Education Model. What is this model? Our Swiss partners have their own hotel on campus where students pay a lot of money to stay in and practice for free during their 3.5 years of practice, so that upon graduation they have already 3.5 years of experience in luxury hotel operations.

Mesoyios College doesn't have its own hotel on campus, however, is collaborated with all luxury hotels in Limassol, where our Hotel, Casino & Resort and Business Administration with Hospitality Direction bachelor students are placed as from the 7<sup>th</sup> month of study for their mandatory practice throughout their studies. But, in contrary to the Swiss students, our students get paid for their practice, with earnings approximately €18,000 annually (13 salaries plus tips), plus some other benefits. Furthermore, employers upon graduation of the students (who have practiced in their hotel) keep them working for 1 year with the same status of visa, and after this year may offer them work permit for 4+4-years in supervisory positions with much higher salaries.

- Mesoyios College is the only Erasmus Plus Charter college in Cyprus, sending our students at least twice during their studies to other European countries for vocational and academic mobilities (all expenses -even pocket money- covered by European Union). We are the only college in Cyprus which succeeded in sending



Asian students to other European countries , due to the trust we have built with the European Embassies in Cyprus.

- So, in conclusion, comparing to the hospitality students in all other universities in Cyprus who get only academic theoretical classes, Mesoyios College students upon graduation have already a CV with 4 years of academic classes, 4 years of institutional hospitality training, 4+1 years of working experience in luxury hotels and at least 2 Erasmus vocational mobilities in other EU countries. Plus the opportunity to get a work permit in Cyprus for 4+4 years in supervisory positions to start a prosperous career in Cyprus. Plus the opportunity to follow one of our study pathways to Switzerland to get the double degree with only 1 semester extra studies and from there start an international career.

#### **About Admission process:**

- There are 3 intakes per year:
  - February for academic and foundation
  - June only for foundation, and
  - October for academic and foundation
- The step 1 is application and Acceptance Letter:
  - You send me the applicant's copies of passport, secondary school certificate, higher secondary school certificate and English proficiency certificate.
  - Along with these 4 basic documents you send me for assessment, we need you necessarily to send me also the Application Form with all required information in the form. Without this we shall not proceed with the assessment.
  - If applicant is eligible, we will issue an Offer Letter (instead of Acceptance Letter). In the Offer Letter (OL) we included a term that:
  - Student must pay 4,000 euros tuition fees within 2 weeks from receiving the OL.
  - student must pay directly to you the balance of 1,440 euros tuition fees (your commission), upon receiving the visa from you.
  - Once the 4,000 euros are cleared in Mesoyios College's bank account, we will proceed with the issuance of the official Acceptance Letter (which will guarantee the placement of the student) and the Receipt of the 4,000 tuition fees.
  - Once the visa (Entry Permit) is issued, we will send it to you and you should hand it over to student by receiving the balance of 1,440 euros (you give a receipt and keep the money for your commission). If you don't want to give a receipt, you should send an invoice to Mesoyios College for your commission, marked as "PAID", signed and stamped. In this case we will send a payment receipt to you to hand it over to student.

- In parallel, students should start preparing and attesting all documents required for student visa. The attestation should be done by the national Authorities, as well as the Cyprus Embassy or Consulate in your country (or the closer to your country).
  - Documents that require attestation/apostille:
    - Copy of Passport
    - Original PCC
    - Original Bank Statement (signed and stamped by the banker)
    - Original Medical exams for: 1) HBV or HBsAg or HBS; 2) HCV or AntiHCV; 3) AIDS – HIV; 4) VDRL or RPR and 5) X-rays or TPHA or Tuberculosis (valid for 4 months) from country of origin with validity of four months.
    - Copy of Secondary school certificate (will be returned to the student upon arrival)
    - Copy of Higher secondary school certificate (will be returned to the student upon arrival)
  - Documents that do not need attestation/apostille:
    - 2 Declarations that we will send you for just signing by the student.
      - STUDENTS' DECLARATION AND RESPONSIBILITY
      - DECLARATION FOR ASYLUM
    - Bank account certificate signed and stamped by the banker (duly certified by a notary office).
    - Swift transfer receipt
- Once the documents are attested, you send them by courier to Mesoyios College and our Officer of Migration Affairs prepares the application for visa and submits it to the Migration Department in Cyprus.
- The visa process takes 2-3 weeks. Once the visa is ready, we send it to you and student can fly to Cyprus.
- Refund Policy
  - Although so far, we have 100% success in visa issuing, in case of visa rejection, the transferred tuition fees for 1<sup>st</sup> academic year are refunded within 4 weeks from receiving the rejection letter from Migration, with a deduction of €250 (150 for the visa application fees we pay and 100 for administrative fees)
  - There are 2 reasons only that applicant is not eligible for any refund:
    - Fake documents found by either Migration or the Ministry of Education.
    - The applicant is Found by Migration in Interpol's Database with Criminal or Wanted record.
    - Please inform all applicants about this to avoid any misunderstandings on the way.



- After arrival to Cyprus, students should pay €330 for medical examinations, accident insurance and Immigration registration (pink slip) fees. Mesoyios College's Migration Office supports students throughout the registration process and escorts them to Immigration for their registration.
- Accommodation: Mesoyios College doesn't have student dormitory (as none of the academic institutions in Cyprus). What students usually do, they book a cheap hotel/motel for the first week of their arrival to Limassol, Cyprus and then they get together with other new or senior students and find an apartment for sharing. This is the easiest and cheapest way to find and share accommodation in Limassol.

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