Russian State Vocational Pedagogical University (RSVPU) is the university with unique industrial traditions

At the end of the 70s RSVPU (at that moment – Sverdlovsk Engineering Pedagogical Institute) was established as an institution of higher professional education to train vocational teachers for the systems of initial and secondary vocational education. The university offers a breakthrough idea in education – graduates become not only qualified vocational teachers but they also acquire a high skill category as workers. Today RSVPU’s graduates of the vocational teacher training program may be occupied both as teachers and as workers in a certain vocation. This fact significantly provides for the enhanced opportunity of professional fulfillment of our graduates and allows them to be flexible and prompt in response to the actual needs of the economy.
RSVPU transforms into a modern university complex

RSVPU has the honorable status of a Russian state university. It is the only university in Russia which has such a status outside Moscow and St. Petersburg. RSVPU enrolls over 20,000 undergraduate and graduate students from Russia and CIS countries. RSVPU provides the ground for 11 leading Russian research schools and 7 research and education centers. RSVPU has 18 representative and branch offices in the Russian Federation.

The main areas of training are pedagogy, electrical power engineering and electrical technology, information systems, economics, management, business, sociology, psychology and design.

Research and development at RSVPU generates new learning solutions for vocational education institutions and universities. RSVPU offers top-quality education of teachers and managers of vocational education. With an enduring dedication to the pursuit of excellence, RSVPU offers unparalleled student experiences across a broad spectrum of academic environments.
RSVPU is the leader in the field of vocational training.

RSVPU is a base for the Russian Association of Vocational Pedagogical Education which includes 221 educational institutions (including 130 universities and 91 colleges).

RSVPU occupies the leading position in the field of vocational pedagogical education and initiates the processes of training high skilled workers in the Urals region and Russia. The University also participates in governmental activities aimed at the development of vocational education. RSVPU is a platform for turning ideas into new standards of vocational pedagogical education, innovative technologies and teaching methods.
The priority of RSVPU is the training of vocational teaching staff for all educational levels. According to the strategy of training skilled workers up to the year 2020 approved by the Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation, its results depend on educators in the field of vocational education.

As a research and methodological center RSVPU coordinates the development of educational standards of higher and vocational education in vocational pedagogics, sets norms for assessment and professional certification of vocational teachers.

At the federal level RSVPU is the coordinator of research on vocational pedagogical education carried out in different universities and research centers of Russia. At the regional level RSVPU coordinates research in the program «Education in the Urals region: scientific bases for development and innovation», and is involved in the forecasting of staffing in the regional economy.
The Student Employment Centre develops and implements programs of early employment. The main aim of the Centre is to organize interaction between employers and students. In order to do so they organize job fairs, career days, employers’ presentations, lectures, workshops, master classes on topical issues of employment, the labor market situation and the specific employment procedures.

The Centre has developed and successfully implements the Potential Personnel Reserve program. The employers participating in the program track prospective specialists from the first day of studies. Students acquire skills required by particular companies and are included in the personnel reserve through participation in specially organized seminars, workshops and training. Such students write term papers and graduate papers on applied topics proposed by the employer. The individual path of a student’s professional development is based on the employer’s specific demand.
The Research and Educational Center of Crafts and Trades Development was established in 2009 as an innovative form of integration of the educational and research potential of the university with governmental, educational and research institutions, non-government organizations and business companies for joint activities in the field of worker training for craft enterprises.

The founders of the Research and Educational Center of Crafts and Trades Development are the Russian State Vocational Pedagogical University, the Ural Branch of the Russian Academy of Education and the Eberhard Schöck Foundation (Germany).

In June 2011 RSVPU became a pilot site of the Federal Institute of Education Development for carrying out research on the topic “Prospects for the Development of Vocational Training of Workers in a Post-Industrial Society.” Currently the Research and Educational Center of Crafts and Trades Development works on the legitimization of craft activity types in Russia, on the identification of the specifics of training and on the development of professional education programs for prospective craft workers. Moreover, the Center studies the market demand for graduates of craft training programs in order to support the development of small-scale business.
The University cooperates actively with industrial enterprises distributing high technology equipment. This contributes to forming a practice-based educational environment that allows students to master their skills on automated equipment in modern laboratories for training metallurgists, power engineers and auto mechanics. An example of such cooperation is an education and exposition center of machinery created in collaboration with Pumoni-Engineering Invest Ltd. In autumn 2013, the center became a venue for the Russian competition of workers of engineering enterprises. Cooperation of this kind allows to build a strong professional community of engineering workers, as well as to assist in the early adaptation and socialization of graduates.

Moreover, the Institute of Arts employs the newest computer technologies to train composers and sound producers. With the help of these technologies they can prepare a score, create a sound file, use any timbre and imitate any existing musical instrument. The recording room set up at the Department of Sound Design is a specialized studio for film dubbing and post-synchronization similar to those which can be found only at Russia’s leading film studios.
The Confucius School is a most striking example of an educational and cultural international project which is implemented with the assistance of the government of China since December 6, 2007. The main objective of the project is to familiarize the peoples of Russia and other countries of the world with the Chinese language and culture as well as to develop friendly relations between China and the Russian community. Currently there are over 200 Confucius schools opened in 64 countries including Russia. The Confucius School at RSVPU is the first one in the Ural region. The School’s partner – China Radio International is a dynamically developing state-owned broadcaster distributing information about China all over the world. The Confucius School at RSVPU maintains close contact with the Chinese National Office for Teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language, with the Department of Education of the Embassy of China in Russia and with the Chinese Consulate-General in Yekaterinburg.

At the Confucius School students can study the Chinese language and take a proficiency test to get a certificate of a Teacher of Chinese as a Foreign Language. Furthermore, the School participates in conferences on language and culture, promotes the organization of internship, training and employment in China.
develops the intellectual potential

The journal Education and Science publishes the most significant works of Russian researchers in a wide range of areas related to the development of education. The mission of the journal is to develop the human potential of Russian science, bringing together different categories of researchers and bridging the gap between publications on the regional, federal and international levels. An interdisciplinary approach is the main policy principle of the journal. Many of the authors are well-known and respected in the education community, so the materials published in the journal are in great demand among specialists in the field of education. Full texts are published in the Russian Science Citation Index database and are available to its subscribers via the Internet. The journal’s official website provides free access to the information about the published works. Articles are published in the Russian and English languages.
The University successfully carries out research in a wide range of areas including psychology, pedagogy, humanities, natural sciences, technology, etc., as well as in the field of education and culture. RSVPU publishes annually over 40 monographs, more than 100 textbooks and training manuals, over 50 article collections.

At the federal level RSVPU is the coordinator of joint research within the Russian comprehensive research program “Development of Vocational Pedagogical Education: Scientific Bases and Innovation” (2011-2015).

RSVPU is a corporate member of the Ural Branch of the Russian Society of Sociologists, the Ural Branch of the Russian Academy of Engineering Sciences and the Sverdlovsk Branch of the Russian Psychological Society.