

The Centre for Continuing Education, ZWW (DE) is a central facility of the Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz (JGU), founded in the 70<sup>th</sup> of the last century.

In addition to teaching and research, JGU has a long tradition towards continuing education. It is a core area of its mission and JGU will respond to the ever-increasing need for Lifelong Learning (LLL).

With more than 36,000 students from about 130 nations, JGU is one of the ten largest universities in Germany. JGU is a research institution of national and international recognition and emphasizes the value of research-oriented teaching, i.e. the incorporation of research content into educational curricula. JGU lives the notion of the civic university closely collaborating with the community it is part of. This comprises in particular the areas of LLL, knowledge exchange, technology transfer, and the interface university/school.



ZWW benefits from being a central facility of this comprehensive structure and draws on the co-operation and resources of the research and teaching staff of the other university institutions. It offers further training measures for adult education in the form of seminars, contact studies with European Credit Points or study programmes with university degree options. Key activities are continuing education of school teachers, qualification of instructors in adult education, training of professionals in educational consultation and competence development. ZWW coordinates a German network of centres for the qualification of educational counsellors.

Since 2008 ZWW has developed educational projects in the penal system as one key area of work. It focuses on the qualification of civil servants in the penal system in Rhineland Palatinate.

In cooperation with the university's Department of Law the ZWW offers a qualification program for professionals in criminal justice to assess and compare individual case studies and integrate them with criminological theory.

In practical projects ZWW offers counselling to prison inmates on education and career related issues.

The ZWW cooperates with the Ministry of Justice and Customer Care Rhineland-Palatinate in advising and qualifying staff of correctional facilities.

