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I have worked as a vocational training teacher in the field of business since 1.999 and, now, I'm working at "ANTONIO CALVÍN" Secondary High School, in Almagro

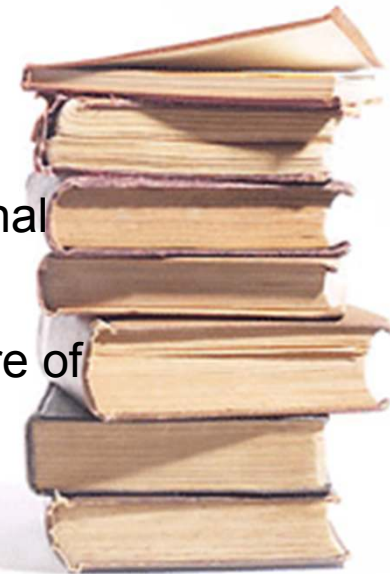


I would like to talk to you about Spanish Vocational Training,

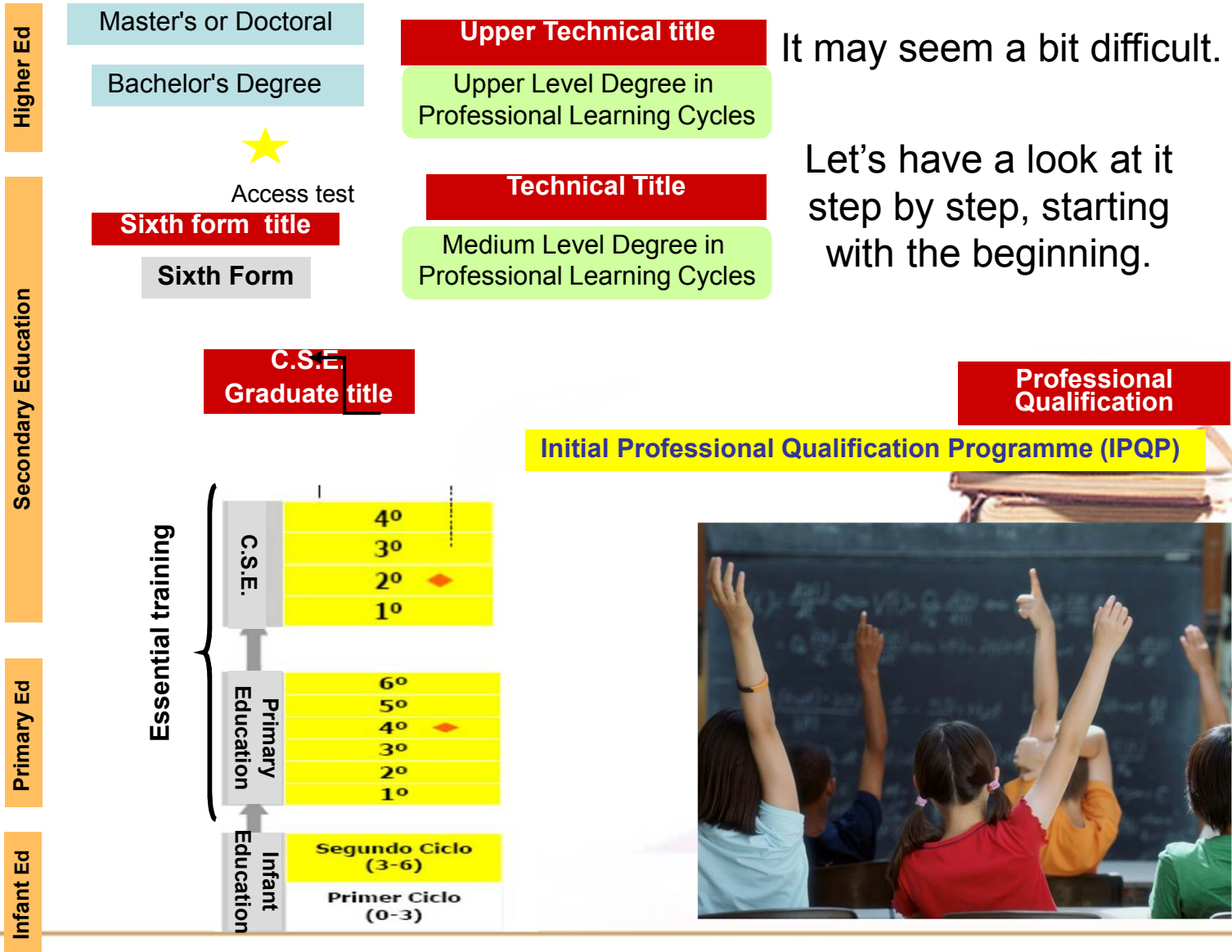
- How it works,
- How it is arranged,
- How it can foster students' education and professional skills

But, first of all, you should know the essential structure of our Educational System

Let's have a look to the following outline.



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It may seem a bit difficult.

Let's have a look at it step by step, starting with the beginning.

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The Spanish educational system is divided into four main groups

3 years

5 years

12 years

18 years

And then....

Infant Education:

Primary Education:

Secondary Education

Higher Education

When children begin their educational stage, and start relating with children at the same age.

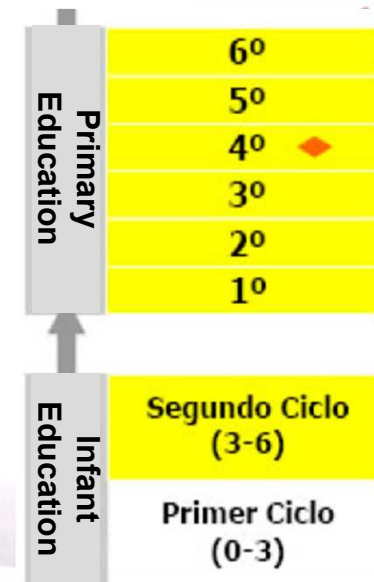


At this stage, students get the essential and basic knowledge and skills for their learning life.



The main subjects they learn are:

Maths, Spanish Language, Science, Music, English, Physical Education, Arts.



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And then....

Preschool education:

Primary education:

Secondary education

Higher education

This stage may be the most difficult for teachers and for students. But why?

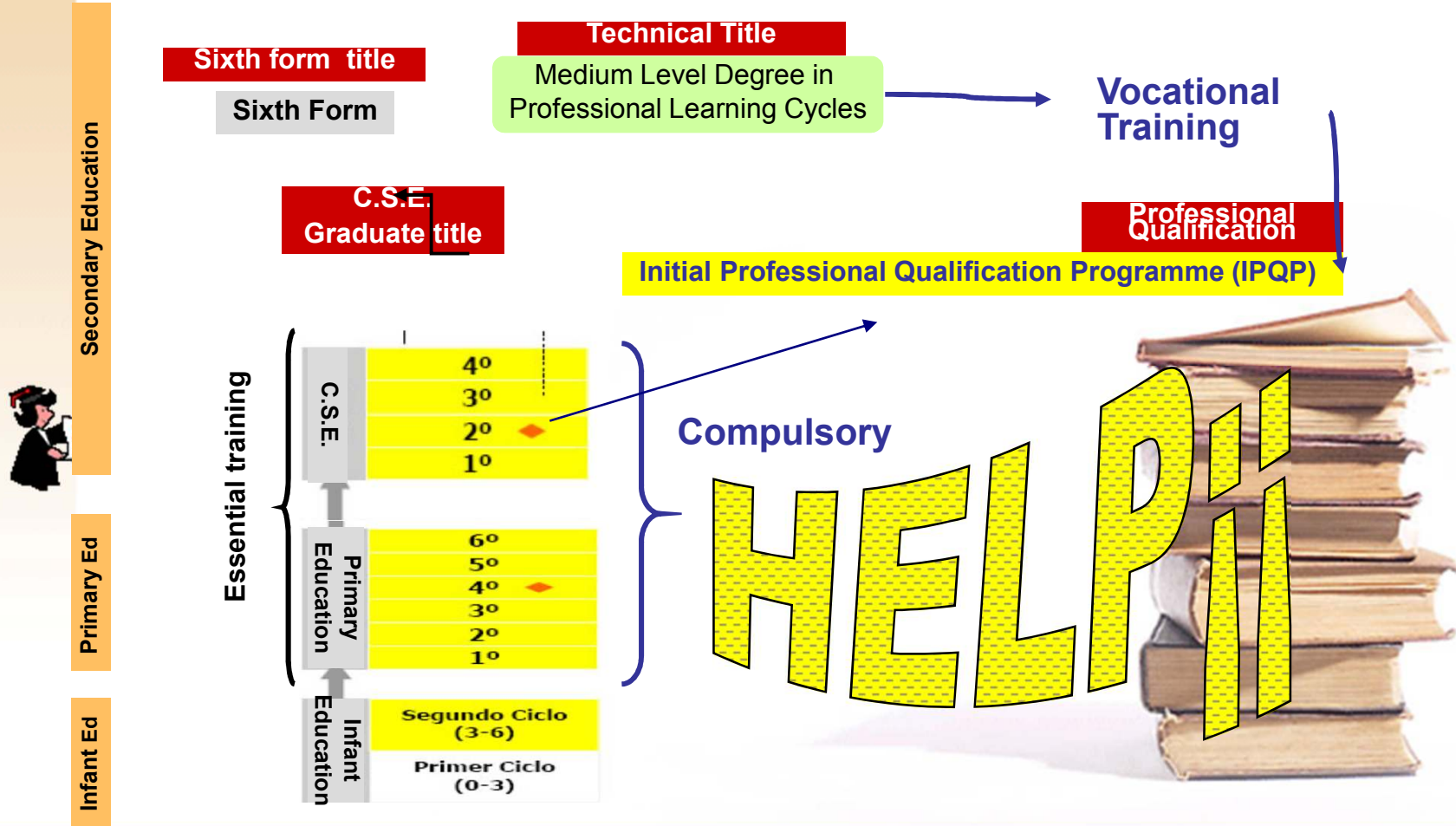
- For teenagers, it is a critical moment in their lives.
 - They may be demotivated if they cannot achieve specific aims.
 - They may not be used to working hard and constantly.
 - They may have problems at home.
 - Or, we may be doing something wrong
- This is what we are going to focus on...



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Here we have a partial outline of Secondary Education: part of them is compulsory, until Compulsory Secondary Education (CSE) is finished with the CSE Graduate Title.

But what happens with those student unable to reach the minimum CSE objectives?



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In Spain, the Initial Professional Qualification Programme (IPQP) aims at providing “these students with learning problems” with an opportunity to:

Obtain the
CSE Graduate Title
Or Certificate

Offer an easier access
to Medium Level Degree in
Professional Learning Cycles.

Receive professional
learning in a lot of fields:
Computers, Business,
Electronics, Carpentry....



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Who are these students?



- Students with a high risk to drop out of school without obtaining Compulsory Education Graduate Title
- Students between 16 and 24 years old, and
- Exceptionally, 15-year-old students with serious difficulties in reaching the minimum objectives of the second course of C.S.E., psycho-pedagogically evaluated and recommended by their teachers.



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How does Initial Professional Qualification Program (IPQP) work?

It has two different kinds of modules (or subjects)



Modules in Basic competencies

These modules provide the students with the skills to:

- get their self-fulfilment,
- become an active citizen,
- to promote employment and social integration.
- Obtain their CSE Certificate

Examples: Science, Maths, Spanish language, English, or Social Science.



Modules in Professional competencies

These are specific modules that pretend to give the students abilities and skills needed for each professional fields.

They are all practics module but the most popular one is the work-placement period



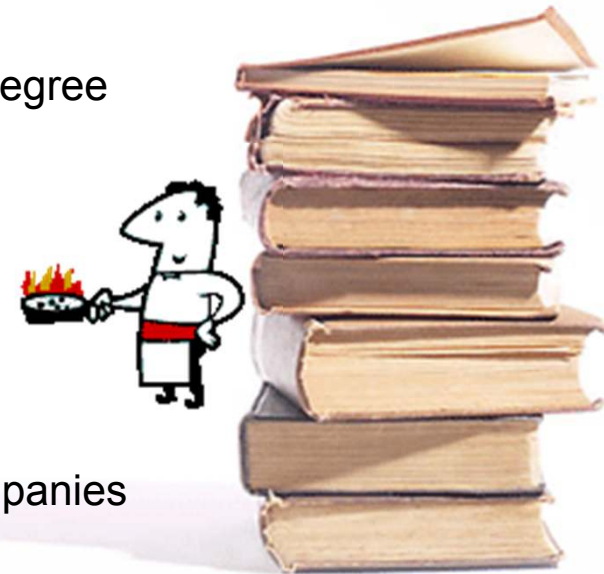
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How long does Initial Professional Qualification Program (IPQP) last?

Students take two academic courses to finish an Initial Qualification Professional Programme

And, What happens when they finish it?

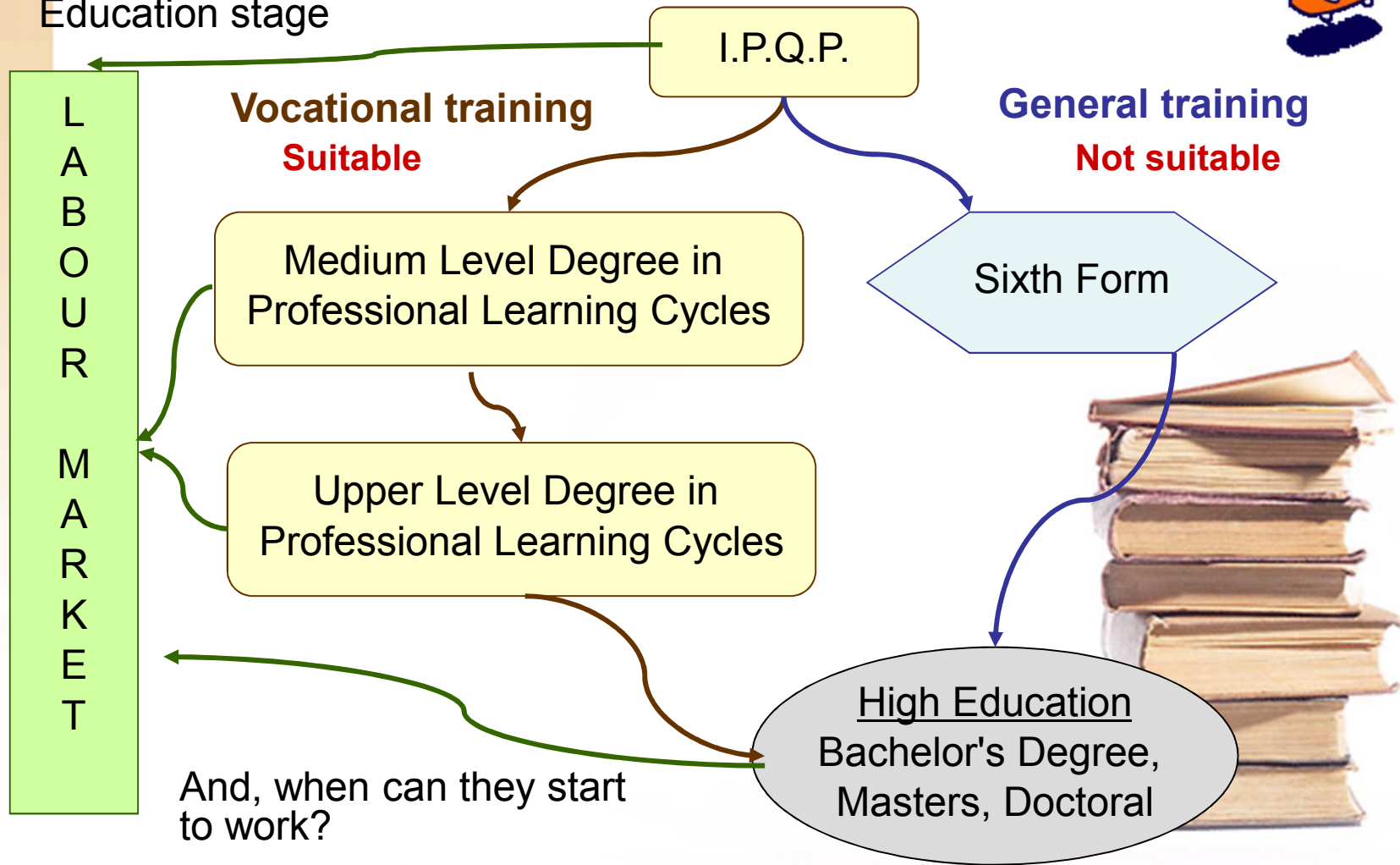
- They have the Compulsory Secondary Education Title
- They have the Title that IPQP gives: Professional Qualification, for example “Computer Assistant”
- They have an easier access to the Medium Level Degree in Professional Learning Cycles, and continues their professional learning on uppers Cycles
- They can access to the Labour market with better possibilities to find a good job, or
- They can turn into enterprising and create new companies in order to put their knowledge into practice.



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When These students finish their IPQP they are still in the Secondary Education stage



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So that, What are the advantages of the IPQP?

- It is an extraordinary opportunity for those students that have learning problems on Secondary Education.
- It is supposed to be another way to access to the labour market.
- It is a tool against to absenteeism from school.
- It puts students in contact with professional skills and knowledge, and
- It is an easy, slow and secure way to start a Vocational Training route.



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- Thank you very much for your attention.
- I hope you have enjoyed and have learnt something useful about The Spanish Education System.
- And, if you have any question or doubt don't hesitate to ask me.

