

Regional Campus

VILLARRICA CAMPUS

The Villarrica Regional Campus is located 750 km south of Santiago, in “La Araucanía” Region, where the density of the Mapuche population living in Chilean rural areas is the highest.

The main activity of this campus is the training of general Elementary Education teachers who attain a solid humanist emphasis, commit to Christian values, and have the competencies to conduct themselves in a globalized, culturally heterogeneous world that is marked by the use of new technologies.

This program has a special system which incorporates Mapuche youth who, in addition to general education, receive specific preparation in Mapuche language and culture.

In addition to the above-mentioned program, the Villarrica Regional Campus also develops graduate programs to form specialists in Rural Education, Education and Vocational Counseling, and Management of Education Centers. Degrees in Care of Children with Special Educational Needs, Adult Education and Rural Development, as well as an Intercultural Relations Certificate are also offered.

The research activities refer primarily to rural education, intercultural relations, intercultural

and bilingual education, learning in the area of communication and language, and management of educational centers.

In terms of extension, it offers a program in Adult Education and Development of Rural Sites of Mapuche Concentration. Its objective is to contribute to the improvement of the living conditions of Mapuche communities, their culture, attention to the necessities identified by them as most significant, and the strengthening of their community organization.

The Regional Campus has international cooperation agreements with the Universidad Pontificia de Comillas, University of Deusto, and Universidad de Navarra, Spain.

