

# A Study on the High Quality Development Path of Vocational Education Services in Hubei Basin

Kong Peng\*, Shen Ling, Zhou Heng

Party and Government Office of Hubei Vocational and Technical College of Industry, Shiyan, Hubei Province, China

\*Email:4476515@qq.com

Abstract. The Hubei Basin, as an important component of the Yangtze River Economic Belt, its comprehensive governance and coordinated development are of great significance for promoting high-quality development of the Yangtze River Economic Belt and even the whole country. However, the current Hubei Basin still faces many challenges and problems in ecological environment, economic development, social governance, and other aspects. Among them, talent shortage and insufficient talent skills have become one of the key factors restricting the comprehensive management and coordinated development of river basins. This article explores the internal relationship between vocational education and watershed development, explores the mechanism and path of vocational education in watershed governance, and proposes targeted policy recommendations and practical plans.

**Keywords:** Hubei Basin; Comprehensive governance and coordinated development; Vocational education; Talent shortage.

#### 1 Introduction

In the current complex context of economic restructuring and industrial upgrading, the Hubei Basin is facing a more urgent need to better integrate vocational education resources to adapt to rapidly changing industrial demands. Firstly, there is an uneven distribution of vocational education resources in the Hubei Basin, and some regions may face problems such as insufficient teaching staff and outdated teaching facilities, resulting in uneven quality of talent cultivation. Secondly, due to the rapid upgrading of industries, the lack of timely updates in professional settings, subject construction, student ability structure, curriculum content, teaching strategies, and professional talent training models in vocational colleges are not in line with market demand and economic and social development<sup>[1]</sup>, and even seriously disconnected, resulting in a certain gap between graduates and actual employment demand, namely "coexistence of employment difficulties and labor shortages", "coexistence of unemployment and unemployment", and "coexistence of people, positions, and other phenomena".

# 2 Analysis of the Current Situation of Vocational Education in Hubei Province

In recent years, vocational education in Hubei region has shown a vigorous development trend. With the increasing emphasis of the country on vocational education, Hubei region continues to increase investment in vocational education, promoting the continuous improvement of the vocational education system. At present, Hubei region has a group of high-level vocational colleges, covering multiple industries and fields, providing strong talent support for local economic development.

In the Hubei Basin, the coverage of vocational education is gradually expanding. Vocational colleges at all levels in the watershed actively connect with the industrial development needs of the watershed through school enterprise cooperation, industry education integration, and other methods, cultivating a large number of high-quality skilled talents for enterprises and industries in the watershed. At the same time, vocational education in the Hubei Basin has also formed its own characteristics, emphasizing practical teaching and vocational skill cultivation, making graduates highly competitive in the job market. Vocational education still faces some challenges and problems in Hubei region. On the one hand, the recognition of vocational education in society still needs to be improved, and some parents and students still have biases against vocational education, believing that it is not as good as ordinary higher education. On the other hand, the teaching staff and resources of vocational education also urgently need to be strengthened to adapt to the rapidly changing market demand and technological innovation.

### 2.1 The Coverage and Characteristics of Vocational Education in the Hubei Basin

The coverage of vocational education in the Hubei Basin is becoming increasingly extensive, and a relatively complete education network has been formed. From urban to rural areas, from large enterprises to small and micro economies, vocational education has been involved in various fields in the Hubei Basin, providing a solid talent guarantee for the economic and social development in the basin<sup>[2]</sup>.

In terms of characteristics, vocational education in the Hubei Basin is closely integrated with local industrial characteristics, focusing on cultivating professional and skilled talents that meet market demand. For example, in the fields of automotive parts manufacturing, electronic information, modern agriculture, etc., vocational colleges in Hubei province have deep cooperation with enterprises to jointly develop curriculum systems and teaching methods, ensuring that graduates can quickly adapt to job requirements. In addition, vocational education in the Hubei River Basin also focuses on practical teaching and vocational skill cultivation. Through school enterprise cooperation and the construction of practical training bases, students can learn and grow in practice, improving their practical operation ability and employment competitiveness. This education model that closely aligns with the needs of industrial development not only enhances the social recognition of vocational education, but also injects new

vitality into the economic development of the Hubei Basin. In the future, with the continuous upgrading and transformation of industries in the Hubei River Basin, vocational education will continue to play an important role in providing stronger talent support for the economic and social development of the basin.

#### 2.2 Challenges and Problems Faced by Vocational Education

Although vocational education in Hubei Province has made significant progress in recent years, it still faces many challenges and problems. One reason is that the society's awareness of vocational education is still relatively low. In many people's minds, vocational education is regarded as "secondary education", and many parents and students are more inclined to choose the traditional path of higher education, which leads to certain pressure on vocational education in terms of enrollment and employment. Secondly, the teaching staff of vocational education is relatively weak. Compared with higher education, the teaching staff of vocational education is insufficient in both quantity and quality, lacking professional teachers with rich practical experience and industry background. This has to some extent affected the teaching quality of vocational education and the effectiveness of student cultivation. Thirdly, the practical teaching aspect of vocational education still needs to be strengthened. Although vocational education in Hubei region has made some progress in practical teaching, there are still problems such as insufficient practical teaching resources and disconnection between practical teaching and enterprise needs. This leads to some students having difficulty quickly adapting to job requirements after graduation, which affects the overall effectiveness of vocational education. The fourth is that the investment and guarantee mechanism for vocational education still needs to be improved. Although the investment in vocational education in Hubei Province is increasing year by year, compared to higher education, the investment in vocational education is still relatively insufficient. At the same time, the guarantee mechanism for vocational education also needs to be further improved, including policy support, financial support, employment services, etc., to ensure the healthy development of vocational education.

### 3 An Analysis of the Relationship Between Vocational Education and Comprehensive Management of Hubei River Basin

Vocational education provides strong talent support for the comprehensive management of the Hubei River Basin. By cultivating graduates with professional skills and environmental awareness, vocational education provides a continuous talent guarantee for ecological environment protection and resource utilization in the watershed. At the same time, based on the industrial characteristics and development needs of the basin, vocational education continuously adjusts and optimizes professional settings, cultivating a large number of high-quality skilled talents for enterprises in the basin<sup>[3]</sup>. These talents have played an important role in promoting industrial upgrading in the river basin and promoting high-quality economic development. Vocational education

has spread environmental protection concepts and cultural knowledge to residents in the watershed, enhanced their cultural literacy and environmental awareness, and laid the foundation for social harmony and civilized development in the watershed.

### 3.1 How Vocational Education Promotes the Protection and Restoration Of Ecological Environment In River Basins

Vocational education plays an important role in the protection and restoration of the ecological environment in the Hubei Basin. Firstly, vocational education has trained a large number of environmental protection talents with professional knowledge and skills by offering courses related to environmental protection and ecological restoration. These talents have played a crucial role in the environmental protection work of the watershed, providing technical support and intellectual support for the protection and restoration of the ecological environment. Secondly, vocational education emphasizes practical teaching, and by organizing students to participate in environmental protection practice activities, it enhances their environmental awareness and practical abilities. These practical activities include environmental monitoring, pollution control, ecological restoration, etc., effectively promoting the improvement of the ecological environment in the watershed. In addition, vocational education also collaborates with enterprises, communities, and others to carry out environmental protection publicity and education work, improving public awareness and participation in environmental protection, and creating a good social atmosphere for the protection and restoration of the ecological environment in the watershed.

# 3.2 The Role of Vocational Education in the Utilization of Watershed Resources and Industrial Development

The promoting role of vocational education in the utilization of resources and industrial development in the Hubei Basin cannot be ignored. On the one hand, vocational education sets up relevant majors and courses based on the resource characteristics and industrial development needs of the watershed, cultivating a large number of high-quality skilled talents for enterprises and industries in the watershed. These talents have played an important role in resource development and utilization, industrial transformation and upgrading, and promoted the sustainable development of the basin economy. On the other hand, vocational education promotes deep integration of industry, academia, and research through school enterprise cooperation, industry education integration, and other means. The joint research and development of new technologies and products by schools and enterprises has promoted innovation and upgrading of industries within the watershed. At the same time, vocational education also focuses on cultivating students' innovation awareness and entrepreneurial ability, encouraging them to start businesses and innovate within the watershed, injecting new vitality into industrial development.

# 3.3 The Contribution of Vocational Education to the Construction of Social and Cultural Heritage in River Basins

Vocational education has played a positive role in the social and cultural construction of the Hubei Basin. Firstly, vocational education enhances the cultural literacy and skill level of residents in the watershed by disseminating advanced cultural and technological knowledge. This helps to enhance the overall cultural image of the watershed and enhance the cultural confidence of residents. Secondly, vocational education focuses on cultivating students' sense of social responsibility and civic consciousness. By organizing various social practice and volunteer service activities, students can feel social responsibility and responsibility in practice. These activities not only help cultivate students' sense of social responsibility, but also promote the harmonious development of social culture in the watershed<sup>[4]</sup>. In addition, vocational education actively participates in cultural inheritance and innovation within the watershed, inheriting and promoting excellent cultural traditions within the watershed through traditional cultural courses, organizing cultural festivals, and other means, contributing to the social and cultural construction of the watershed. As shown in Figure 1.

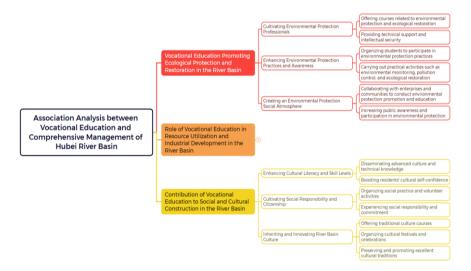


Fig. 1. Association Analysis between Vocational Education and Comprehensive Management of Hubei River Basin

# 4 Strategies for the Coordinated Development of Vocational Education Services in the Hubei Basin

The key to the coordinated development of vocational education services in the Hubei Basin lies in optimizing the layout, deepening the integration of industry and education, innovating models, and building interactive mechanisms. Optimizing the layout can improve service efficiency and ensure that educational resources match the development needs of the watershed. Deepening the integration of industry and education helps to transform scientific research achievements and cultivate talents, promoting industrial innovation and upgrading. Innovating educational models and cultivating high-quality talents with practical abilities and innovative spirit is an inevitable requirement to adapt to the development of the times. At the same time, building a positive interactive mechanism between vocational education and regional development, achieving resource sharing and complementary advantages, and jointly promoting high-quality economic and social development in the basin. The implementation of these strategies will provide strong talent support and intellectual security for the coordinated development of the Hubei Basin.

## 4.1 Optimize the Layout of Vocational Education and Enhance Service Capabilities

It is particularly important to optimize the layout of vocational education in order to better serve the coordinated development of the Hubei Basin. Firstly, the allocation of vocational education resources should be reasonably planned based on the economic development level and industrial structure characteristics of various regions within the basin, to ensure the efficient utilization of educational resources. Secondly, strengthen cooperation and communication among vocational education institutions, promote the sharing of educational resources and complementary advantages, and enhance the overall strength of vocational education. In addition, attention should be paid to the matching degree between vocational education and regional development, and professional settings and curriculum structures should be adjusted in a timely manner to meet the actual needs of economic and social development in the basin. By optimizing the layout of vocational education, the service capacity of vocational education can be effectively enhanced, providing strong talent support for the coordinated development of the Hubei Basin.

# 4.2 Strengthening the Connection Between Vocational Education and Industry, Promoting the Deep Integration of Industry, Academia, and Research

The close connection between vocational education and industry is the key to promoting the coordinated development of the river basin. To achieve this goal, it is necessary to establish a communication mechanism between vocational education and the industry, timely understand the development trends of the industry and the employment needs of enterprises, and provide targeted guidance and support for vocational education. At the same time, we encourage vocational schools and enterprises to engage in deep cooperation, jointly develop new technologies and products, and promote the transformation and application of scientific research achievements. In addition, it is necessary to strengthen the practical ability and professional competence cultivation of vocational school students, so that they can better adapt to the needs of industrial development. By strengthening the connection between vocational education and industry, it is possible to optimize the allocation and efficient utilization of

educational resources, promote the deep integration of industry, academia, and research, and inject new impetus into the coordinated development of the Hubei Basin.

### 4.3 Innovate Vocational Education Models and Cultivate High-quality Skilled Talents

Faced with the new situation and new requirements of coordinated development in the Hubei River Basin, vocational education needs to continuously innovate its educational models to cultivate more high-quality skilled talents. Firstly, emphasis should be placed on cultivating students' practical abilities and innovative spirit. By increasing practical teaching activities and conducting innovation and entrepreneurship education, students can enhance their overall quality and competitiveness. Secondly, strengthen the exchange and learning of advanced international vocational education concepts, introduce high-quality educational resources from abroad, and enhance the internationalization level of vocational education<sup>[5]</sup>. In addition, attention should also be paid to industry development trends and technological changes, and timely adjustments should be made to curriculum and teaching content to ensure the timeliness and foresight of vocational education. By innovating vocational education models, more high-quality skilled talents can be cultivated to meet the needs of the times<sup>[6]</sup>, providing strong talent support for the coordinated development of the Hubei Basin.

# 4.4 Building a Positive Interaction Mechanism between Vocational Education and Regional Development

To achieve a positive interaction between vocational education and the coordinated development of the Hubei Basin, it is necessary to establish an effective interaction mechanism. Firstly, establish a regular information exchange and communication platform to ensure that vocational education institutions, local governments, and enterprises can timely understand each other's needs and dynamics, providing a foundation for cooperation. Secondly, promote coordination and coordination at the policy level, formulate relevant policies and measures, and encourage and support the deep integration of vocational education and regional development. In addition, we will strengthen cooperation between vocational education and organizations such as communities and industry associations, jointly carry out various training, consulting, and service activities, and enhance the social influence of vocational education. By constructing a benign interactive mechanism, vocational education and regional development can mutually promote and jointly develop, injecting new vitality into the coordinated development of the Hubei Basin.

### 5 Conclusion

After in-depth analysis, we can clearly conclude that vocational education plays a crucial role in the coordinated development of the Hubei River Basin. Optimizing the layout of vocational education, deepening the integration with industries, innovating

educational models, and building a positive interactive mechanism have not only improved the service efficiency of vocational education, but also injected strong impetus into the sustainable development of the Hubei Basin.

At the same time, we should also see that the interactive relationship between vocational education and the coordinated development of the Hubei River Basin will become closer. By building a more comprehensive interactive mechanism and achieving deep integration between vocational education and regional economy and society<sup>[7]</sup>, it will provide more solid talent guarantee and intellectual support for the future development of the Hubei Basin.

### **Fund Projects**

The first Huang Yanpei Vocational Education Thought Research and Planning Project of the China Vocational Education Society (2021) titled "Research on Huang Yanpei's Vocational Education Thought Promoting High quality Development of County Economy" (Project No. 2021063).

#### Reference

- Cai Xia A Study on the Mechanism of Collaborative Development between Higher Vocational Education and Regional Industries in Hubei Province Based on the Perspective of High Quality Development in the Yangtze River Economic Belt of Hubei Province [J] Jiangsu Business Review, 2018, No. 410 (12): 133-134+139.
- Chen Zhang, Zhang Zhi, Jiang Yunlong Leading and Linkage: Construction of a Group based Vocational Education Model in the Three Gorges Reservoir Area China Vocational and Technical Education, 2012, No. 469 (33): 81-85+91.
- Ye Li, Zhang Fang The current situation, problems, and countermeasures of deepening the integration of industry and education in vocational education in Hubei Province Journal of Wuhan Vocational and Technical College, 2019, 18 (05): 20-24.
- 4. Liu Yi An Empirical Study on the Impact of Higher Vocational Education in Hubei on Regional Economic Development [J] Contemporary Economy, 2019, No.502 (10): 54-56.
- Liu Junli Exploring the Relationship between the Development of Higher Vocational Education and Regional Industrial Structure: An Empirical Study Based on Data from Hubei Province from 2011 to 2020 Technology and Economic Market, 2022 (05): 139-141.
- 6. Kotler, P., Bowen, J., & Makens, J. (2006). Marketing for Hospitality and Tourism (3rd ed.). Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson Prentice Hall.
- 7. Brunt, L., & Courtney, R. (2015). Higher Education and Regional Development: Tales from the UK Coalfields. London: Routledge.

**Open Access** This chapter is licensed under the terms of the Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial 4.0 International License (http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc/4.0/), which permits any noncommercial use, sharing, adaptation, distribution and reproduction in any medium or format, as long as you give appropriate credit to the original author(s) and the source, provide a link to the Creative Commons license and indicate if changes were made.

The images or other third party material in this chapter are included in the chapter's Creative Commons license, unless indicated otherwise in a credit line to the material. If material is not included in the chapter's Creative Commons license and your intended use is not permitted by statutory regulation or exceeds the permitted use, you will need to obtain permission directly from the copyright holder.

