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**THE HISTORY OF PHYSICAL CULTURE IN SOCIO-CULTURAL  
CONTEXT (FROM ANTIQUITY TO THE PRESENT DAY)**

**Summary**

In the article it is marked that physical education is peculiar to all public structures, where each of them had the features. Alteration of folk education in Ukraine put the task of native and comprehensive improvement of professional preparation and physical education of future specialists before higher school. In the article in the chronological order the contribution of the prominent European and home scientists and teachers is illuminated to development of physical culture in a sociocultural context.

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