



METHODS FOR DEVELOPING THE PROFESSIONAL AND CREATIVE COMPETENCIES OF FUTURE FOREIGN LANGUAGE TEACHERS

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Abstract: This article analyzes the methodology for developing the professional and creative competencies of future foreign language teachers. A teacher's professional competence, encompassing knowledge and skills, is closely linked to creative competence, which reflects the educator's ability to use innovative and creative approaches in teaching students. The article explores modern methods and technologies, pedagogical approaches, and the significance of innovative methods in the educational process for enhancing the professional and creative competencies of foreign language teachers. Methodological approaches, interactive methods, and pedagogical strategies essential for improving teachers' professional and creative potential are discussed, along with ways to utilize them effectively.

Keywords: foreign language teacher, professional competence, creative competence, pedagogical methodology, educational process, innovative technology, pedagogical competence, teaching methods, professional development.

INTRODUCTION

In Uzbekistan, special attention is given to developing students' creative abilities and encouraging their independent search for new knowledge. Chapter 3, Section 1 of the "Concept for the Development of Higher Education in the Republic of Uzbekistan until 2030," titled "Expanding Coverage of Higher Education and Improving the Quality of Training Highly Qualified Specialists," emphasizes increasing the share of independent learning hours, fostering independent learning, critical and creative thinking, systematic analysis, and entrepreneurial skills among students. It also highlights the necessity of implementing methodologies and



technologies that strengthen core competencies, directing the educational process toward practical skill development, and integrating advanced pedagogical technologies, curricula, and educational materials based on international education standards.

In recent years, growing attention has been paid to introducing new teaching methods in the education system of Uzbekistan to enhance the quality of future specialists' training. The ability of prospective teachers to apply new methods in schools, their creative and critical thinking skills, and their competence in identifying effective teaching techniques significantly influence the modern educational environment.

Thus, the Uzbek education system faces the task of preparing future teachers with strong professional competence, analytical thinking, developed creative and critical thinking skills, experience, and readiness to apply promising teaching methods. Consequently, there is an urgent need to train future foreign language teachers in professional pedagogical activities oriented toward innovative educational models reflecting modern socio-cultural realities.

METHODS

Modern education requires not only knowledge transmission but also the development of students' independent thinking and creative approaches. A foreign language teacher must not only teach the language but also help students understand its cultural and social aspects. Therefore, the development of professional and creative competencies in teacher training is of particular importance, encompassing professional knowledge and creative thinking skills.

A teacher with professional and creative competence can not only teach a language but also present its creative and cultural elements in context. Consequently, the methodological approaches used in training future foreign language teachers must be innovative and include pedagogical strategies aimed at fostering creative competence.

The concept of professional and creative competence involves applying a creative approach in pedagogical activities, enhancing students' motivation in



language acquisition, and establishing effective communication with students. The importance of creative approaches in developing professional competence lies in their ability to encourage teachers to introduce new ideas, use interactive methods, and stimulate independent thinking among students.

The core components of professional and creative competence include:

- **Pedagogical knowledge:** Understanding teaching methods, didactic approaches, and classroom management techniques.
- **Creative skills:** Employing creative approaches to engage students and ensure their active participation in language learning.
- **Innovative competence:** Readiness to apply new pedagogical technologies and methods while supporting students' independent learning.

To develop the professional and creative competencies of future foreign language teachers, several innovative methods and technologies are employed, including:

- **Interactive methods:** These ensure active student participation and foster creative thinking skills. Examples include group work, problem-solving tasks, and role-playing games.
- **Blended learning:** This method combines online and traditional teaching formats, allowing teachers to encourage students' independent work.
- **Project-based learning:** Students develop projects on selected topics, enabling them to apply their knowledge practically while enhancing creative and analytical thinking.

RESULTS

The application of innovative pedagogical technologies plays a crucial role in developing the professional and creative competencies of future foreign language teachers. Interactive whiteboards, mobile applications, online platforms (such as Google Classroom, Zoom, Quizlet), and other technologies actively engage students in lessons while enabling teachers to manage the educational process effectively. Additionally, gamification techniques have proven effective in fostering teachers'



creative approaches, increasing students' interest in learning, and making lessons more engaging.

In developing professional and creative competencies, pedagogical strategies should be based on the following principles:

- **Creativity and innovation-oriented approaches:** Training teachers in new methods and pedagogical technologies while encouraging them to apply creative approaches in education.
- **Personal development:** Encouraging teachers to independently develop their professional skills, continuously acquire new knowledge, and stay updated on the latest pedagogical technologies.

Enhancing the professional and creative competencies of future foreign language teachers contributes to improving the efficiency of the educational process. By employing innovative pedagogical technologies, interactive methods, and creative approaches, teachers can introduce students to new ways of learning a language. Developing professional and creative competencies enables teachers to not only impart language skills but also cultivate independent and creative thinking among students.

CONCLUSION

The development of professional and creative competencies in future foreign language teachers is a crucial factor in enhancing the overall quality of language education. By implementing innovative teaching methods, interactive strategies, and modern technologies, educators can create an engaging and effective learning environment. Professional and creative competence allows teachers to guide students toward a deeper understanding of language and its cultural context, ultimately fostering their intellectual and creative potential.

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