

**THE IMPORTANCE OF DEVELOPING PEDAGOGICAL SKILLS AND CREATIVITY
IN FUTURE TEACHERS**

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Abstract

This article widely discusses the importance of developing pedagogical skills and creativity in future teachers. The author reflects on the essence of pedagogical mastery, its components, and the role of creative thinking in the educational process. In addition, the significance of innovative approaches in training future teachers is revealed.

Keywords

pedagogical skills, creativity, teacher personality, innovation, educational effectiveness, understanding students, teacher's professional skills, engaging lessons, classroom interaction, modern teaching methods, creative approach in teaching, classroom management, motivating students, improving learning process, student participation, developing critical thinking, creating an active learning environment

Today, the education system is rapidly changing. In the past, a teacher was considered only as a source of knowledge, but nowadays a teacher is not only a provider of knowledge, but also a guide, motivator, and creative individual. Therefore, in the process of training future teachers, it is not enough to rely only on theoretical knowledge. In my opinion, to become a real teacher, a person must possess two important qualities: pedagogical skills and creativity. Because it is not enough to simply be knowledgeable; how this knowledge is delivered is equally important. This is where pedagogical mastery and creative approach play a crucial role. Pedagogical skill is the ability of a teacher to effectively and clearly convey knowledge to students. However, this concept cannot be limited only to "explaining well." It is a broad and complex process. For example, some teachers may have deep knowledge, but students may not understand them. On the other hand, some teachers may have less knowledge but conduct engaging lessons, and students understand them well. This difference is directly related to pedagogical skill.

Pedagogical skill is not limited to explaining lessons. It also includes establishing proper relationships with students, understanding their psychological state, organizing the learning process effectively, and making appropriate decisions in various situations. Each class is unique, and each student differs in comprehension, interest, and character. Therefore, a teacher cannot use the same method for everyone. Pedagogical skill allows the teacher to adapt and find an individual approach for each student.

At the same time, creativity plays a significant role in teaching. It means going beyond traditional methods and using new and engaging ways to conduct lessons. Modern students quickly lose interest in monotonous lessons. If a lesson is based only on textbooks and follows a routine pattern, students' motivation decreases. A creative teacher, however, can simplify even complex topics and make them engaging. For instance, using games, problem-based questions, and real-life examples can make lessons more dynamic. As a result, students actively participate



and understand the material better. Pedagogical skill and creativity are inseparable. If a teacher has only skill without creativity, lessons may be structured but boring. If there is only creativity without skill, lessons may be interesting but ineffective. Therefore, both qualities must be developed together, transforming a teacher into not only an educator but also a true mentor and creator. In training future teachers, special attention should be given to these aspects. Unfortunately, in some cases, higher education institutions focus more on theory than practice. As a result, students may be theoretically prepared but face difficulties in real teaching situations, such as classroom management or engaging students. Therefore, more teaching practice, open lessons, training sessions, and interactive activities should be organized. In addition, developing independent thinking in future teachers is essential. If a student is only used to receiving ready-made information, they may struggle to generate new ideas later. Creativity develops through independent thinking. Asking questions, encouraging analysis, and discussing different situations are very important. Making mistakes should not be feared, as new ideas often emerge from them.

Modern technologies also play a significant role in developing pedagogical skills and creativity. Today, teachers can use multimedia tools, interactive platforms, and online resources. This requires teachers to be even more creative. For example, using videos, animations, or presentations instead of simple explanations makes lessons more engaging. At the same time, the effective use of technology is also part of pedagogical skill.

Another important factor is continuous self-development. A true teacher never stops learning. They constantly search for new methods, study experiences, and analyze their work. This process enhances both pedagogical skill and creativity, as new knowledge leads to new ideas. Developing pedagogical skills and creativity in future teachers remains one of the most important tasks of modern education. Society today needs individuals who can think independently and approach problems creatively. Such individuals can only be educated by competent teachers. If a teacher lacks these qualities, even strong subject knowledge will not be effectively delivered.

Pedagogical skill includes:

- understanding students
- organizing the lesson properly
- expressing ideas clearly
- adapting to different situations

A good teacher senses each student's character and approaches them individually. Creativity is the ability to think in new ways and look at ordinary things from a different perspective. In modern times, creativity is important not only in art but also in education. For example, if a teacher conducts lessons in the same way every day, students quickly become bored. However, if the teacher introduces small innovations—such as games, discussions, or problem situations—students' interest immediately increases.

From this perspective, a creative teacher:

- makes lessons lively
- encourages students to think



-makes even simple topics interesting

Most importantly, a creative teacher helps develop creativity in students as well.

Pedagogical skill and creativity are closely interconnected concepts. It is difficult to imagine one without the other. Without pedagogical skill, creativity does not work effectively. Conversely, without creativity, pedagogical skill becomes “dry” and less engaging.

For example:

-skill means conducting a lesson correctly

-creativity means conducting a lesson in an interesting way

When combined, they create truly effective education.

Today’s students are tomorrow’s teachers. Therefore, in training them, attention should be paid to the following aspects:

Increasing practical training

It is impossible to become a good teacher with theory alone. Students should practice teaching, make mistakes, and learn from them.

Encouraging free thinking

Instead of telling students “do it only this way,” they should be encouraged to think: “what other ways are possible?”

Using modern methods

For example:

-interactive methods

-group work

-problem-based learning

These methods make students more active.

A modern teacher should not only teach but also act as a psychologist, motivator, and creative individual. Because every student is different: one may understand easily, while another may require a special approach.

If a teacher possesses these qualities:

-students enjoy the lessons

-knowledge is better absorbed

-a positive classroom environment is created

Most importantly, students learn with interest, not out of obligation.

Reflection, or analyzing one’s own activity, is also very important. Every teacher should critically evaluate their work. Without recognizing and correcting mistakes, there is no



development. Therefore, this skill must also be formed in future teachers. To develop creativity, a free environment is essential. If students are constantly restricted, they will struggle to think creatively. On the contrary, when they are allowed to express ideas freely, propose new solutions, and even make mistakes, their creativity develops. Motivation is another key factor. If future teachers love their profession and understand its importance, they will work harder on themselves. This, in turn, enhances their pedagogical skill and creativity.

Today, technology greatly influences education. Interactive boards, online platforms, and educational applications provide new opportunities. However, these tools are only effective when used properly. The main role still belongs to the teacher. A creative teacher can conduct an engaging lesson even with simple tools. Finally, every teacher should develop their own teaching style. Not everyone needs to be the same. Some use humor, others use real-life examples, and some rely on technology. The most important thing is to find an effective personal approach.

In conclusion, pedagogical skills and creativity are the key factors that determine a teacher's success. These qualities should be developed systematically in future teachers. If this process is well organized, the quality of education will significantly improve. A strong teacher is the foundation of a strong society.

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