

**METHODS OF ENHANCING THE PEDAGOGICAL POTENTIAL AND CREATIVITY
OF FUTURE TEACHERS**

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Abstract: This article highlights the theoretical foundations and practical directions for developing the pedagogical potential and creative abilities of future teachers. It analyzes the concept and components of pedagogical potential, the factors influencing the formation of creativity among future teachers, and the role of interactive and innovative methods. Additionally, it discusses effective ways to enhance pedagogical competence through modern technologies.

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One of the main tasks of the modern education system is to equip the younger generation with contemporary knowledge and to develop in them qualities such as independent thinking, creativity, and initiative. The success of this process largely depends on the teacher's professional mastery, pedagogical potential, and creative thinking. Therefore, improving the pedagogical potential and creativity of future teachers has become one of the key priorities of today's educational policy.

As stated in the Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On Improving the Quality of Education and Enhancing the Potential of Teaching Staff," a modern teacher is not only a deep expert in their subject but also a person capable of innovation and teaching students to think independently. Hence, higher education institutions must focus on preparing future teachers who meet modern requirements, shaping their professional competencies, and enhancing their creative potential.

The Concept of Pedagogical Potential and Its Components

Pedagogical potential refers to a teacher's ability to effectively organize professional activities, manage the educational process, take into account students' psychological characteristics, and guide them toward success.

Pedagogical potential consists of the following components:

1. Theoretical knowledge – a deep understanding of pedagogy, psychology, methodology, didactics, and educational technologies.
2. Practical skills – the ability to plan lessons, manage student activities, and effectively apply teaching methods.
3. Communicative competence – establishing positive communication with students, parents, and colleagues.
4. Reflective approach – the ability to analyze one's own work and draw proper conclusions from mistakes.
5. Creativity – the ability to develop innovative approaches in the learning process, stimulate students' interest, and find unconventional solutions to problems.

Pedagogical potential is a key indicator of a teacher's professional excellence and plays a decisive role in increasing the effectiveness of the educational process.

The Importance of Developing Creativity in Future Teachers

Creativity is the ability to generate new ideas, think innovatively, and find unconventional solutions to existing problems. Developing creativity in future teachers is crucial for their professional success, as creative teachers design lessons that are engaging, effective, and student-centered.

Creativity among future teachers is manifested in the following ways:

- Organizing lessons based on interactive methods;
- Using interdisciplinary connections creatively;
- Encouraging students' independent thinking;
- Applying innovative educational technologies;
- Integrating national and universal values creatively into the educational process.

Developing creativity helps teachers become open to innovation, think analytically, and approach their work with an imaginative mindset.

Effective Methods for Enhancing Pedagogical Potential and Creativity

To develop the pedagogical potential and creativity of future teachers, it is essential to employ the following methodological approaches in higher education:

Interactive Teaching Methods Methods such as "Brainstorming," "Debate," "Cinquain," "Insert," and "Case-study" encourage students to think actively, defend their viewpoints, and approach tasks creatively.

2. Problem-Based Learning

Students are given specific problem situations to analyze and solve, fostering their analytical and creative thinking.

3. Pedagogical Practice and Reflection

During teaching practice, students experience real school environments and test their knowledge in practice. Post-lesson reflection encourages them to analyze their performance and continuously improve.

4. Mentorship System

Guidance from experienced teachers, consultations, and joint lesson analyses serve as effective tools for professional growth.

5. Creating a Creative Environment

Organizing creative seminars, project competitions, and innovation festivals within educational institutions boosts students' creativity.

6. Use of ICT and Digital Technologies in Teaching

Employing modern technologies such as Google Classroom, Kahoot, Canva, Padlet, ChatGPT, and others helps future teachers enhance their digital competence and creative approach to education.

The Role of Innovative Pedagogical Approaches

In modern education, the use of innovative pedagogical technologies is one of the most important factors in enhancing pedagogical potential. For example:

- Project-Based Learning – directs students toward practical activities and teaches independent work.
- Constructivist Pedagogy – turns learners into active participants in the educational process.
- Digital Pedagogy – enables the use of artificial intelligence, virtual laboratories, and online platforms in teaching.

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