

PRACTICAL FOUNDATIONS OF PREPARING STUDENTS FOR CREATIVE AND PEDAGOGICAL ACTIVITIES BASED ON THE ACMEOLOGICAL APPROACH

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Abstract: The article addresses the importance of integrating the acmeological approach into the preparation of students for creative and pedagogical activities. It examines how practical methodologies, grounded in acmeology, enhance students' professional and personal growth, facilitating the achievement of peak creative and pedagogical effectiveness. The study explores theoretical frameworks, presents practical methods, and discusses the impact of such training on student development.

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Introduction Preparing students effectively for pedagogical activities requires fostering not only theoretical knowledge but also practical skills that enable them to unlock and maximize their creative potential. The acmeological approach, deeply rooted in psychology and pedagogy, emphasizes the attainment of peak professional expertise and personal maturity. At the core of acmeology lies the principle of "acme," defined as the highest attainable level of personal and professional achievement. Practically, this involves structured interventions such as reflective journaling, scenario-based problem-solving tasks, interactive group discussions, and creative workshops designed to stimulate critical and creative thinking. For instance, students regularly participate in simulated classroom scenarios requiring innovative pedagogical responses, collaborative projects aimed at developing teamwork and adaptability, and reflective exercises promoting continuous self-assessment and improvement. This principle is especially pertinent for future educators who must navigate complex, rapidly changing educational environments. By cultivating qualities such as creativity, resilience, adaptability, and self-reflection through concrete, real-world oriented activities, the acmeological approach facilitates comprehensive personal and professional development, enabling educators to achieve sustainable success and continuous improvement throughout their careers.

Methods The study applied a comprehensive mixed-method research design combining qualitative and quantitative approaches. Qualitatively, extensive literature analysis was conducted on acmeology, encompassing both foundational texts such as Anisimov and Derkach (2020) and recent empirical studies by Karpov (2021) and Zinchenko (2019). Quantitatively, the research featured an experimental intervention involving 120 undergraduate students majoring in education, evenly divided into experimental (n=60) and control groups (n=60). This approach aligns with the views of Uzbek researchers, such as E.S. Mirzaeva, who highlights the importance of practical training methods in pedagogical education, emphasizing reflective practices and creativity enhancement as critical components in preparing competent educators capable of adapting to modern educational demands (Mirzaeva, 2022). The experimental group participated in structured training workshops designed specifically around acmeological principles, emphasizing reflective practice where students maintained detailed reflective journals documenting their growth, challenges encountered, and strategies employed. Project-based learning included collaborative, multi-week projects addressing pressing pedagogical challenges such as strategies for inclusive education, the integration of digital technologies in teaching, and innovative curriculum development. Additionally, creative problem-solving tasks involved

realistic classroom scenarios simulating diverse learner needs, requiring students to formulate inventive solutions. Regular formative assessments, peer-feedback sessions, and structured self-assessment activities provided continuous feedback, systematically measuring the development of competencies and facilitating ongoing refinement of skills. The control group, conversely, received conventional pedagogical instruction without these specific acmeological interventions, allowing for clear comparative analysis.

Results Implementation of practical activities based on the acmeological approach yielded significant improvements in students' creative and pedagogical abilities. Specifically, creativity assessments demonstrated an average increase of 25%, measured through standardized creative thinking tests, such as Torrance Tests of Creative Thinking. Pedagogical problem-solving capabilities showed an average improvement of 32%, assessed via scenario-based tasks evaluated by experienced educators using established rubrics. Additionally, qualitative analysis revealed substantial growth in students' abilities to articulate and justify their pedagogical decisions during peer and instructor feedback sessions. Reflective journal entries provided further evidence of students' enhanced self-awareness, motivation, and deeper engagement with learning processes. Structured interviews indicated students' improved capacity to critically evaluate their teaching strategies and identify areas for ongoing professional development. Participants also reported increased confidence in managing classroom dynamics and demonstrated greater initiative in applying innovative pedagogical techniques. Overall, feedback evaluations underscored heightened satisfaction with their preparedness for real-world educational settings and a strengthened commitment to lifelong learning and adaptability in teaching roles. Uzbek researchers, such as D.K. Mahmudova and N.M. Urinova, also support these findings, emphasizing that implementing an acmeological approach significantly boosts future teachers' innovative thinking and pedagogical adaptability, essential qualities for responding effectively to the dynamic needs of contemporary education systems (Mahmudova, 2022; Urinova & Yuldosheva, 2023).

Integrating the acmeological approach into educational practices has been shown to significantly enhance students' creative and pedagogical abilities. Studies indicate that such integration leads to notable improvements in creativity assessments and pedagogical problem-solving skills. For example, research demonstrates that students exhibit increased self-awareness, motivation, and a deeper engagement with learning processes when acmeological principles are applied. Structured interviews reveal that students develop a heightened capacity to critically evaluate their teaching strategies and identify areas for ongoing professional development. Additionally, participants report greater confidence in managing classroom dynamics and show increased initiative in applying innovative pedagogical techniques. Overall, feedback evaluations underscore heightened satisfaction with their preparedness for real-world educational settings and a strengthened commitment to lifelong learning and adaptability in teaching roles.

These findings are supported by various studies emphasizing that implementing an acmeological approach significantly boosts future teachers' innovative thinking and pedagogical adaptability, essential qualities for responding effectively to the dynamic needs of contemporary education systems. For instance, research highlights the importance of practical training methods in pedagogical education, emphasizing reflective practices and creativity enhancement as critical components in preparing competent educators capable of adapting to modern educational demands. Furthermore, studies on the development of creative competence of future teachers based on the acmeological approach provide educational and methodological guidelines aimed at improving creative abilities, offering a scientific and theoretical interpretation of factors that ensure their effectiveness.

Discussion The findings confirm the effectiveness of the acmeological approach in educational contexts, particularly emphasizing the practical aspect of training. The methodologies implemented encouraged students to transcend theoretical knowledge, actively engaging with pedagogical and creative tasks that mirror real-world challenges such as managing diverse classrooms, integrating digital tools, and developing inclusive curricula. This practical

orientation aligns closely with acmeological theory, which underscores personal growth and professional excellence as mutually reinforcing elements.

Moreover, structured reflective practices were instrumental in enhancing students' self-awareness and critical self-assessment abilities. Reflective journaling enabled students to systematically evaluate their progress, identify strengths and areas for improvement, and develop personalized strategies for addressing pedagogical challenges. These reflective methods not only fostered individual growth but also promoted peer-to-peer learning through structured feedback sessions, encouraging collaborative problem-solving and innovation.

Additionally, Uzbek scholars Mahmudova (2022) and Urinova and Yuldosheva (2023) corroborate the positive impact of practical acmeological interventions. Their research highlights that such interventions significantly bolster students' reflective capacities, creative problem-solving skills, and adaptability to modern educational demands. The observed increase in students' pedagogical competence and creative thinking is consistent with previous studies emphasizing the importance of practical, real-world-oriented training methods in preparing educators.

Furthermore, the development of cognitive flexibility and adaptive thinking skills reported in this study is particularly noteworthy. These competencies are essential for navigating complex educational environments, responding effectively to unexpected challenges, and innovating within pedagogical practices. By promoting a dynamic interplay between creativity, critical reflection, and practical experience, the acmeological approach fosters sustained professional and personal development, preparing educators to continuously evolve and effectively meet the needs of diverse learner populations.

Thus, integrating acmeological principles into educator preparation programs represents a robust strategy for developing highly competent, reflective, and innovative educators. Educational institutions are encouraged to adopt such methodologies systematically to ensure comprehensive, sustainable development in teaching professionals.

Conclusion The integration of the acmeological approach into educator training programs significantly enhances creative and pedagogical competencies, fostering comprehensive personal and professional development among future educators. Practical methodologies such as reflective journaling, project-based learning, scenario-based problem-solving, peer collaboration, and structured feedback effectively bridge theoretical knowledge and real-world pedagogical applications. The observed improvements in students' creativity, adaptive problem-solving, cognitive flexibility, and self-awareness demonstrate the acmeological approach's potential to prepare educators effectively for dynamic educational environments.

Further, by emphasizing reflective practice, educators develop an ongoing capacity for critical self-assessment and lifelong learning, crucial for adapting to evolving educational trends and challenges. The alignment of acmeological principles with contemporary educational needs ensures that educators are not merely proficient but also innovative and resilient in their professional practice.

Educational institutions are encouraged to systematically incorporate acmeological principles into their curricula and professional development programs. By doing so, they can create a sustainable pathway for educators to achieve continuous professional growth, enhance teaching effectiveness, and ultimately contribute to improved educational outcomes for diverse learner populations. This approach not only addresses immediate pedagogical demands but also equips educators with enduring skills necessary for long-term professional success.

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