

Modern Methods of Pedagogical Potential Development of Researchers in Technical Universities

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Abstract: The article examines theoretically grounded modern methods for developing the pedagogical potential of master's students in technical universities. The focus is on integrative educational models, digital technologies, and project-based learning approaches that foster methodological, reflective, and digital competencies. The inclusion of pedagogical components in engineering education is justified as a key factor for enhancing the quality of higher education.

Keywords: Master's program, pedagogical potential, technical education, digital technologies, project-based learning, pedagogical competencies, engineering pedagogy, innovation, methodology, integration.

Introduction: The modern system of higher education is in the stage of intensive transformation, caused by the requirements of the digital economy, globalization of knowledge and rapid development of engineering and information technologies. In these conditions, the importance of training a new generation of scientific and pedagogical personnel, capable not only of generating and transmitting knowledge, but also of pedagogical activity based on an innovative approach, is increasing.

Master's degree programs in technical universities are traditionally focused on in-depth professionalization within the framework of engineering and applied disciplines. However, the formation of pedagogical competencies in future teachers of technical disciplines often remains in the shadows, which significantly reduces their readiness to fulfill the educational mission. Meanwhile, as international experience shows (Germany, South Korea, USA), the integration of pedagogical knowledge and skills into engineering training allows us to form full-fledged specialists capable of teaching and scientific-methodological activities in higher education 212.

The pedagogical potential of master's students in

technical fields is a set of personal and professional qualities that ensure the successful implementation of educational functions: design of the educational process, use of digital and interactive technologies, diagnostics of learning outcomes, motivation and support of students. The development of such potential requires the use of modern educational models, methods and tools that meet the tasks of interdisciplinary training and modern challenges of the university.

This article aims to identify effective methods for developing the pedagogical potential of researchers at technical universities, and to analyze existing practices and proposals for integrating the pedagogical component into engineering education. The focus is on the combination of digital educational technologies, problem-based learning, and project-based activities as the basis for developing the pedagogical readiness of future teachers of engineering disciplines 222.

METHOD

Modern research in the field of engineering pedagogy points to the need to rethink the traditional approach to training researchers in technical fields. Analysis of scientific works shows that the pedagogical potential of

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future teachers should not be developed in isolation from basic technical training, but on its basis and in an inseparable connection with it.

Thus, N.D. Galskova emphasizes the importance of a systematic approach to the formation of professional and pedagogical competencies, relying on the activity paradigm, within which the student masters not only the content, but also the methods of pedagogical interaction [1]. Her position is developed by E.N. Solovyova, noting that successful training of teachers is impossible without the integration of methodological knowledge, experience in organizing the educational process and the development of reflective ability [2].

Special attention in the research is paid to the use of interactive forms and digital tools in the educational environment. The works of M.R. Yuldasheva and G.N. Khamraeva reveal the potential of game exercises as a means of developing pedagogical skills and increasing students' motivation for teaching [3]. A similar vector is present in the studies of Sh.Kh. Rakhimova, where storytelling is considered not only as a method of conveying information, but also as an effective tool for developing empathy , creativity and communication flexibility, which are so necessary in the work of a teacher [4].

Digitalization of the pedagogical space is also becoming a relevant topic of modern research . U. T. Khakimov and G. A. Ismoilova draw attention to the need to develop digital literacy in teachers as one of the key components of their professional readiness [5][6]. This is especially important in the context of distance and hybrid learning, which have been actively developed in

recent years.

In foreign studies, the emphasis is an interdisciplinary approach. The concepts of engineering pedagogy within the CDIO and STEM education models suggest that a technical specialist must simultaneously master pedagogical tools, be able to design educational environments, evaluate learning outcomes and apply active learning methods. Such approaches are widely covered in the works of T. Baillie , R. Felder and other authors, where the importance of problem-oriented, project-based and competencybased learning is emphasized.

Summarizing the above, it can be argued that the focus of scientific interest is the transition from a subject-centric to a personal-activity model of training researchers. Modern educational practices require a new type of teacher - flexible, digitally literate, capable of reflection and interaction in a multidisciplinary environment. Consequently, the development of the pedagogical potential of master's students should be carried out through the implementation of integrative educational models covering both technical and pedagogical aspects.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

To identify effective methods for developing the pedagogical potential of master's students in technical fields, the following methods were used within the framework of the study:

Content analysis of curricula and educational modules of 12 master's programs in technical universities of Uzbekistan and the CIS (2021–2024);

Table 1 - Comparative analysis of approaches to the formation of pedagogical potential of researchers

Criterion	Uzbekistan	International practice
Educational model	Traditional model with elements of competency-based approach	Competency-based , CDIO, STEM models
Teaching methods	Lectures, seminars, practical classes	Problem-based, project-based, case-based learning, collaborative learning

Integration of pedagogy and engineering	Limited, often optional	Extensive integration with training courses and internships
Use of digital	Partially (introduction of	Wide use of EdTech (Moodle ,
technologies	LMS, online courses)	Canvas, Zoom, etc.)
Preparation for	Not all Master's programs	It is a mandatory element of
teaching activities	implement this systematically	training.
Competency assessment form	Certification, defense of master's thesis	Multi-level assessment: portfolio , pedagogical cases, feedback

Based on the analysis of theoretical sources, current master's programs, methodological developments and scientific publications in the field of engineering pedagogy, key areas and results of the application of modern methods for developing the pedagogical potential of researchers at technical universities were identified.[8]

Numerous studies (Galskova, Solovova, Baillie, Prince) prove that the pedagogical training of researchers in the context of technical education requires abandoning the traditional subject-centric model. It is being replaced by integrative educational strategies, in which pedagogical and engineering modules complement each other. For example, within the framework of the CDIO model, a future engineer not only masters project activities, but also acquires skills in planning and evaluating educational processes.

According to reviews of scientific publications of recent years, the widespread introduction of digital educational technologies (LMS, online courses, digital simulations, case platforms) contributes to the active inclusion of master's students in the educational process and the development of such components of pedagogical potential as:

- interactive methodological literacy (ability to select and use digital forms of material presentation);
- communicative flexibility (proficiency in various interaction formats: online discussions, multimedia tasks);

 reflexivity (the ability to evaluate the effectiveness of educational interventions through digital traces and feedback).[7]

The literature emphasizes that these components are becoming integral parts of a competent 21st century teacher, especially in the technical field, where the digital environment is not an alternative, but a necessity.

An analysis of curricula and methodological recommendations (including international programs) allows us to identify the most effective practices:

- project-oriented learning as a means of modeling real pedagogical situations;
- integration of pedagogical cases into technical disciplines, which allows for the development of educational logic through engineering tasks;
- introduction of disciplines in engineering didactics (for example, "Methodology of teaching technical disciplines");
- systematic implementation of digital platforms (
 Moodle , GoogleClassroom , Padlet), through which researchers learn to design and implement the educational process.[9]

These approaches improve the quality of training not only in terms of engineering qualifications, but also in terms of readiness for teaching. They ensure that researchers develop methodological, technological and personal readiness to teach students in the conditions of a modern educational environment.

Despite the proven effectiveness of the above methods, a number of universities show insufficient integration of the pedagogical component into

technical education. This is primarily due to the inertia of traditional programs, the lack of qualified teachers in technical universities, and limited methodological support. A number of countries (including Uzbekistan) have begun reforms aimed at developing integrated master's programs, but further dissemination of positive international experience is required.

CONCLUSION

Development of the pedagogical potential of researchers at technical universities is one of the most important aspects of training future teachers of engineering disciplines. Theoretical analysis of modern research in the field of engineering pedagogy, as well as a review of educational practices in the domestic and international context, showed that successful implementation of this task is impossible without the systematic implementation of integrative educational models.

The most effective approaches in this process are recognized as project-oriented and problem-based learning, case method, and active use of digital educational platforms. These methods allow master's students to develop a wide range of pedagogical competencies - from methodological and technological to communicative and reflective.

However, despite the existing positive trends, the training of pedagogically competent engineers requires further efforts from educational institutions. It is necessary to adapt master's programs to the requirements of the digital age, strengthen the role of pedagogical disciplines in technical education, and create conditions for the formation of sustainable professional motivation for teaching.

Thus, the formation of the pedagogical potential of researchers should be considered not as an additional, but as an integral component of high-quality training of specialists of the new generation. This requires not only methodological modernization, but also a rethinking of the role of the teacher in the engineering education system of the 21st century.

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