



STUDYING THE METHODOLOGY FOR DEVELOPING DIAGNOSTIC THINKING IN PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS

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Annotation: *The research titled “Studying the Methodology for Developing Diagnostic Thinking in Primary School Teachers” focuses on identifying effective approaches to enhance teachers’ abilities to assess, analyze, and interpret pupils’ learning processes. Diagnostic thinking is considered a crucial professional competence that enables teachers to detect learning difficulties, determine their causes, and select appropriate pedagogical strategies.*

The study examines modern methodological tools such as formative assessment techniques, pedagogical observation, learning analytics, reflective practices, and problem-based learning activities that contribute to the development of diagnostic thinking. It also highlights the importance of systematic teacher training, practical workshops, micro-teaching, and case analysis in strengthening analytical and decision-making skills. The results emphasize that improving diagnostic thinking in primary school teachers increases the effectiveness of instruction, supports individualized learning, and enhances overall educational quality.

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His study examines the methodology for developing diagnostic thinking in primary school teachers as an essential component of professional competence. Diagnostic thinking enables teachers to accurately identify pupils’ learning difficulties, analyze their causes, and make informed pedagogical decisions. The research highlights the effectiveness of formative assessment techniques, pedagogical observation, reflective practice, problem-based tasks, and learning analytics in strengthening teachers’ diagnostic abilities. The proposed methodological approach emphasizes structured professional training, micro-teaching, case studies, and collaborative analysis. The findings show that enhancing diagnostic thinking leads to improved lesson planning, more individualized instruction, and higher overall learning outcomes in primary education.

The study explores effective methodological approaches for developing diagnostic thinking skills among primary school teachers. Diagnostic thinking is understood as a teacher’s ability to systematically analyze pupils’ learning processes, identify difficulties, determine their causes, and select appropriate instructional strategies. In modern primary



education, such competence is essential for ensuring individual learning trajectories and improving overall educational outcomes.

The research highlights several key components of diagnostic thinking: observation, analytical interpretation, prediction, decision-making, and reflective evaluation. Methodological tools such as formative assessment techniques, problem-based tasks, pedagogical observation, learning analytics, and reflective practices are shown to significantly enhance teachers' diagnostic abilities.

The study proposes a structured methodology for developing these skills through targeted professional training, micro-teaching, collaborative discussions, case analysis, and classroom action research. The findings indicate that integrating diagnostic thinking into teacher preparation leads to more effective lesson planning, personalized instruction, and timely interventions for struggling learners. Strengthening diagnostic competence in primary school teachers ultimately contributes to improving the quality of teaching and fostering student success.

Extended Information in English

Studying the Methodology for Developing Diagnostic Thinking in Primary School Teachers

The development of diagnostic thinking in primary school teachers is increasingly recognized as a fundamental component of modern pedagogical professionalism. Diagnostic thinking refers to a teacher's ability to observe, analyze, interpret, and evaluate pupils' learning behaviors, difficulties, and achievements in a systematic and evidence-based manner. In primary education—where children's cognitive, emotional, and social development is highly dynamic—effective diagnostic thinking ensures timely identification of learning challenges and supports the creation of individualized learning pathways.

The Importance of Diagnostic Thinking

Diagnostic thinking enables teachers to:

- Identify gaps in pupils' knowledge and skills
- Recognize early signs of learning difficulties or developmental delays
- Understand the root causes of academic problems
- Choose appropriate instructional strategies
- Monitor the progress of each learner
- Provide accurate feedback to pupils and parents

In this sense, diagnostic competence is directly connected to the quality of teaching and the effectiveness of the educational process.

Key Components of Diagnostic Thinking

Researchers generally highlight the following components:

1. **Pedagogical Observation** – Systematic monitoring of pupils' behavior, engagement, and performance.
2. **Analytical Interpretation** – Making sense of collected data, comparing it to expected learning standards.



3. **Prognostic Ability** – Predicting potential difficulties based on current learning patterns.

4. **Decision-Making Skills** – Choosing suitable teaching methods or corrective actions.

5. **Reflective Evaluation** – Assessing the effectiveness of instructional decisions and adjusting methods accordingly.

Methodological Approaches to Developing Diagnostic Thinking

Several approaches can be used to strengthen diagnostic skills among primary teachers:

1. *Formative Assessment Techniques*

Techniques such as questioning, feedback systems, peer assessment, self-assessment, learning journals, and checklists help teachers continuously monitor learning progress and adjust instruction.

2. *Pedagogical Observation and Learning Analytics*

Direct classroom observation, digital tracking tools, assessment data, and progress-monitoring software allow teachers to gather evidence for diagnostic conclusions.

3. *Problem-Based and Case-Based Learning*

Analyzing pedagogical cases, solving real classroom problems, and discussing scenarios significantly sharpen analytical and decision-making skills.

4. *Reflective Practice*

Regular reflection sessions, reflective journals, and discussion circles help teachers evaluate their actions, rethink their assumptions, and improve their diagnostic reasoning.

5. *Professional Development and Micro-Teaching*

Workshops, methodological trainings, peer observations, and micro-teaching sessions help teachers practice diagnostic strategies in controlled settings before applying them in real classrooms.

Expected Outcomes of Developing Diagnostic Thinking

Strengthening diagnostic thinking among primary school teachers results in:

- More individualized learning approaches
- Early detection of academic or developmental problems
- Increased student engagement and motivation
- More accurate instructional decisions
- Higher learning outcomes
- Improved communication with parents regarding pupil progress
- **Conclusion**

Studying and implementing the methodology for developing diagnostic thinking in primary school teachers is essential for improving the quality of early education. Teachers equipped with diagnostic competencies provide more effective, flexible, and student-centered instruction. As a result, pupils receive timely support, personalized guidance, and an educational experience that aligns with their individual developmental needs.



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