

# FACTORS INFLUENCING THE FORMATION OF PEDAGOGICAL SKILLS OF CRITICS

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**Abstract.** *The development of pedagogical skills is crucial for critics who engage in the evaluation and analysis of educational practices. This scientific article explores the factors that contribute to the formation of pedagogical skills among critics. It examines the role of knowledge acquisition, practical experience, critical thinking, and continuous professional development in shaping the pedagogical expertise of critics. The article also highlights the importance of self-reflection, collaboration, and constructive feedback in enhancing pedagogical skills. Understanding these factors can guide the design of effective training programs and support the professional growth of critics, ultimately leading to more insightful and constructive educational critiques.*

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## 1. Introduction

Critics play a significant role in evaluating and analyzing educational practices, providing valuable insights and recommendations for improvement. To fulfill this role effectively, critics need to develop pedagogical skills that enable them to assess teaching methodologies, curriculum design, and educational policies with depth and precision. This article aims to explore the factors that contribute to the formation of pedagogical skills among critics, shedding light on the key elements that shape their expertise.

## 2. Knowledge Acquisition

Knowledge acquisition is a fundamental factor in the development of pedagogical skills for critics. Critics need a solid foundation in educational theories, research findings, and best practices to understand the complexities of teaching and learning. Acquiring knowledge about various pedagogical approaches, cognitive development theories, and assessment strategies equips critics with the necessary tools to evaluate educational practices accurately.

## 3. Practical Experience

Practical experience plays a pivotal role in the formation of pedagogical skills for critics. Engaging in teaching or instructional design allows critics to gain firsthand experience of educational practices, facilitating a deeper understanding of the challenges and dynamics within educational settings. Practical experience enables critics to bridge the gap between theory and practice, enhancing their ability to analyze and evaluate the effectiveness of teaching strategies.

## 4. Critical Thinking

Critical thinking is a crucial factor in the development of pedagogical skills for critics. The ability to analyze and evaluate educational practices objectively is essential for providing insightful critiques. Critics with well-developed critical thinking skills can identify strengths and weaknesses in teaching methodologies, assess the alignment between educational goals and outcomes, and propose constructive recommendations for improvement.

### **5. Continuous Professional Development**

Continuous professional development is indeed a critical factor in the ongoing growth of pedagogical skills among critics. Given the ever-evolving field of education, it is essential for critics to stay updated with the latest research, emerging trends, and advancements in pedagogy. Continuous professional development ensures that critics remain relevant, informed, and capable of providing accurate and insightful educational critiques.

One way to engage in continuous professional development is by attending conferences and workshops focused on education. These events provide opportunities to learn from experts in the field, gain new perspectives, and network with other professionals. Conferences often feature keynote speakers, presentations, and panel discussions on various educational topics, allowing critics to expand their knowledge base and stay informed about the latest research and practices. Workshops, on the other hand, offer a more interactive and hands-on approach to professional development. Through workshops, critics can engage in practical activities, collaborate with peers, and acquire new skills and strategies. These sessions often focus on specific pedagogical approaches, instructional techniques, or assessment methods, providing critics with practical tools that they can apply in their evaluations.

In addition to physical events, online courses and webinars have become increasingly popular avenues for continuous professional development. E-learning platforms offer a wide range of courses on subjects such as educational psychology, curriculum design, assessment strategies, and instructional technology. Critics can access these courses at their convenience, allowing them to engage in professional development regardless of their location or schedule.

Professional organizations and associations related to education also play a crucial role in supporting continuous professional development. These organizations often offer membership benefits, including access to resources, publications, and professional networks. They may organize webinars, forums, and virtual communities where critics can engage in discussions, share insights, and collaborate with colleagues.

Engaging in continuous professional development activities not only expands the knowledge base of critics but also provides opportunities for reflection and self-improvement. By staying updated with the latest research and emerging trends, critics can offer more accurate and relevant evaluations of educational practices. They can incorporate new theories, methodologies, and evidence-based practices into their critiques, ensuring that their assessments are grounded in current knowledge and best practices.

In summary, continuous professional development is a vital factor for the ongoing growth of pedagogical skills among critics. By actively participating in conferences, workshops, online courses, and engaging with professional organizations, critics can enhance their knowledge, refine their skills, and stay informed about the latest advancements in education. This commitment to continuous learning ensures that critics remain effective, relevant, and capable of providing valuable insights and recommendations for improvement in the field of education.

### **6. Self-Reflection**

Self-reflection is indeed a valuable factor in the formation of pedagogical skills for critics. It involves introspection and a thoughtful examination of one's own biases, assumptions, and limitations. By engaging in self-reflection, critics can develop a deeper understanding of their own pedagogical perspectives and enhance their evaluative skills. Here are some key points to consider regarding the role of self-reflection in the formation of pedagogical skills for critics:

Analyzing biases and assumptions: Self-reflection allows critics to examine their own biases and assumptions that may influence their evaluations of educational practices. Every critic brings their own background, experiences, and beliefs to their analysis. By critically reflecting on these factors, critics can identify potential biases that might affect their objectivity and fairness. This awareness helps them approach their critiques with a more balanced and unbiased perspective.

Recognizing limitations: Through self-reflection, critics can identify their own limitations in terms of knowledge and experience. They can acknowledge areas where they may lack expertise or have gaps in understanding. Recognizing these limitations enables critics to be more cautious and humbler in their evaluations, seeking additional information or consulting with experts when necessary.

Refining evaluative skills: Self-reflection provides an opportunity for critics to reflect on their own evaluative skills and improve them over time. By analyzing their past critiques, critics can identify strengths and areas for improvement in their approach. They can reflect on the effectiveness of their evaluation criteria, the clarity of their arguments, and the depth of their analysis. This reflective process helps refine their evaluative skills and enhances the quality and rigor of their educational critiques.

Continuous improvement: Self-reflection fosters a mindset of continuous improvement. Critics who engage in regular self-reflection are open to self-assessment and actively seek ways to enhance their pedagogical skills. They are willing to learn from their mistakes and are receptive to feedback from peers, educators, and other stakeholders. This commitment to continuous improvement ensures that critics remain adaptive, receptive to new ideas, and committed to delivering high-quality evaluations.

Enhancing effectiveness: Engaging in self-reflection enhances the overall effectiveness of critics in providing educational critiques. By critically examining their own perspectives and biases, refining their evaluative skills, and striving for continuous improvement, critics can produce more insightful, balanced, and constructive evaluations. Self-reflection helps critics go beyond surface-level analysis and delve deeper into the underlying principles, theories, and evidence that inform educational practices.

In conclusion, self-reflection is a valuable factor in the formation of pedagogical skills for critics. By analyzing biases, recognizing limitations, refining evaluative skills, and maintaining a commitment to continuous improvement, critics can enhance the effectiveness of their educational critiques. Self-reflection fosters a deeper understanding of one's own perspectives and biases, leading to more balanced, insightful, and constructive evaluations of educational practices.

## **7. Collaboration and Feedback**

Absolutely! Collaboration and constructive feedback play vital roles in the development of pedagogical skills for critics. Here are some key points to consider regarding the importance of collaboration and feedback in refining critical analysis and evaluation skills:

Professional communities: Engaging in professional communities allows critics to connect and collaborate with other educators, researchers, and experts in the field of education. These communities can take various forms, such as online forums, conferences, workshops, or local meetups. By participating in these communities, critics can expand their networks, share insights, and engage in discussions on educational practices, theories, and research. Collaborating with

professionals from diverse backgrounds helps broaden perspectives and fosters a deeper understanding of different pedagogical approaches.

**Exchange of ideas:** Collaborative environments provide opportunities for critics to exchange ideas and learn from the experiences and expertise of others. Through discussions, debates, and collaborative projects, critics can gain new insights and alternative viewpoints. Engaging in dialogue with educators, administrators, and other stakeholders in the education system helps critics develop a more comprehensive understanding of the complexities and nuances of educational practices. The exchange of ideas fuels critical thinking and stimulates the development of innovative approaches to evaluation.

**Learning from diverse perspectives:** Collaboration exposes critics to a variety of perspectives, including those of educators, researchers, and practitioners with different backgrounds, expertise, and experiences. This exposure to diverse perspectives enhances the depth and breadth of their knowledge and understanding of pedagogy. By learning from others, critics can challenge their assumptions, expand their horizons, and gain new insights into effective teaching and learning strategies.

**Constructive feedback:** Receiving constructive feedback is crucial for the growth and refinement of pedagogical skills among critics. Feedback from peers, educators, and experts helps identify blind spots, strengths, and areas for improvement in their evaluation practices. Constructive feedback provides valuable insights, alternative viewpoints, and suggestions for enhancing the quality and effectiveness of educational critiques. It encourages self-reflection and fosters continuous improvement in the critical analysis and evaluation skills of critics.

**Quality enhancement of educational critiques:** Collaboration and feedback contribute to the overall quality enhancement of educational critiques. By engaging in collaborative environments and receiving feedback, critics can refine their evaluation methods, argumentation, and the depth of their analysis. Collaborative input helps ensure that educational critiques consider a wide range of perspectives, are well-informed, and reflect a comprehensive understanding of pedagogical practices. The quality enhancement of educational critiques ultimately benefits educators, policymakers, and stakeholders in the education community.

In summary, collaboration and feedback are important factors in the development of pedagogical skills for critics. Engaging in professional communities, collaborating with educators, and receiving constructive feedback contribute to the refinement of critical analysis and evaluation skills.

Through collaboration and feedback, critics gain exposure to diverse perspectives, stimulate critical thinking, and enhance the overall quality of their educational critiques.

## **8. Conclusion**

Developing pedagogical skills is essential for critics to provide insightful and constructive evaluations of educational practices. Factors such as knowledge acquisition, practical experience, critical thinking, continuous professional development, self-reflection, collaboration, and feedback significantly contribute to the formation of pedagogical skills among critics.

Understanding and addressing these factors can guide the design of training programs and professional development initiatives that support the growth and expertise of critics, ultimately improving the quality of educational critiques and fostering positive change in educational practices.

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