



INCREASING THE CONNECTION OF THEORY AND PRACTICE IN PRACTICAL TRAINING: A TECHNOLOGICAL APPROACH.

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Received: 10 th May 2024 Accepted: 6 th June 2024	The integration of theory and practice is essential in educational settings, particularly in practical training programs. This article explores the importance of fostering a balance between theoretical concepts and practical application during practical training. We explore how technology can be used to bridge the gap between theory and practice, thereby enhancing the effectiveness of practical training programs. By combining technological tools and innovative approaches, educators can create immersive and interactive learning experiences that foster a deeper understanding of theoretical concepts and their real-world applications. This article provides insight into the advantages, challenges, and best practices associated with using technology to ensure a balance between theory and practice in practical training.

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INTRODUCTION:

Practices play a crucial role in preparing students for the demands of the workforce by providing them with practical experience and real-world skills. However, one of the common challenges faced by practicum programs is the disconnect between the theoretical knowledge acquired in the classroom and its practical application in real-life scenarios. Bridging this gap and ensuring the coherence between theory and practice is essential to maximize the learning outcomes of practicums. In this article, we will examine how technology can be used to enhance the coherence of theory and practice during practicums, thereby enriching the learning experience for students.

The Importance of Consistency in Practicums:

The coherence of theory and practice in practicums is important for several reasons. First, it helps students understand the relevance and application of theoretical concepts in real-world situations, thereby enhancing their learning and retention. Second, it allows students to develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills by applying theoretical knowledge to practical situations. Finally, the integration of theory and practice helps to deepen understanding of the subject and encourages students to actively participate in the learning process.

Integrating theory and practice in practical activities is crucial for several reasons.

First, it helps students understand the relevance and application of theoretical concepts in real-world situations, thereby enriching their learning experience and improving their retention. By bridging the gap

between abstract theories and concrete applications, students can better understand how the knowledge they have learned in the classroom can be used in practical scenarios.

Second, the integration of theory and practice allows students to develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills. By actively applying theoretical knowledge to real-life situations, students learn to analyze problems, evaluate different solutions, and make informed decisions. This practical approach not only enhances their problem-solving skills, but also prepares them for the challenges they may face in their future careers.

Finally, integrating theory and practice helps students gain a deeper understanding of the subject. When students engage in hands-on activities that require them to apply theoretical concepts, they retain more information and develop a holistic understanding of the subject. Such active participation in the learning process fosters curiosity, creativity, and a deeper appreciation for the subject.

Using technology to enhance relevance:

Technology offers many opportunities to enhance the integration of theory and practice in hands-on activities. For example, virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR) technologies can create immersive learning environments where students can simulate real-world scenarios and apply theoretical concepts in a practical setting. This hands-on approach not only increases student engagement, but also facilitates experiential learning and leads to a deeper understanding of the subject.



In addition, simulation programs and online platforms allow students to practice in a safe environment and receive immediate feedback. By incorporating game elements into practical curricula, teachers can encourage student participation and actively engage them in the learning process. In addition, collaborative tools such as online forums and video conferencing allow students to communicate with their peers and teachers, fostering a sense of community and collaboration in practical programs.

Challenges and Best Practices:

While technology offers many advantages in enhancing the integration of theory and practice in practical classes, there are also challenges that teachers may face. These include the initial costs of implementing technology, the need to train faculty in the effective use of new tools, and ensuring equitable access to technology for all students. Providing ongoing support and training for teachers, as well as ensuring the seamless integration of technology into the curriculum, is essential to address these challenges.

In conclusion, integrating technology into classroom programs can significantly enhance the coherence of theory and practice, leading to more effective learning outcomes for students. By using innovative technological tools and approaches, teachers can create immersive and interactive learning experiences that bridge the gap between theory and practice. It is critical for educational institutions to embrace technology and explore its potential to transform their classroom curricula and prepare students for success in the dynamic and competitive workforce of the 21st century. The integration of theory and practice in classroom activities is essential for improving student learning outcomes, building critical thinking skills, and engaging students in the learning process. By creating a consistent learning environment that combines theoretical knowledge with practical applications, teachers can help students apply their knowledge in meaningful ways and prepare them for academic and professional success.

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