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Presentation Title: Multi-dimensional Co-teaching/reflection Model for On-the-Job Teacher Training

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Abstract

This presentation will introduce a teacher training program that implements a multi-dimensional co-teaching/reflection model. This model pairs young American, college graduate, native English speakers with experienced non-native English speaking local teachers in public schools of Yilan, Taiwan. In order to facilitate this co-teaching model, our program adopts a series of training procedures starting with a pre-service orientation in the summer and followed by bi-weekly workshop during the semesters. During workshops, teachers are engaged in reflecting on and sharing their teaching experiences. In addition, classroom observations conducted by TESOL experts provide positive feedback to each of the co-teaching teams. Through the implementation of a variety of activities of personal and co-teaching reflection, this model creates a diverse support system, both individually and as a group. Teachers participating in this group receive constant support and reinforce their autonomy in their teaching environment. Examples from interviews will illustrate how this multi-dimensional co-teaching/reflection model with a sufficient support system breaks the isolation and enhances the autonomy of teaching.

Biodata

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