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Abstract

This paper will explore how the idea of being autonomous within the context of school experiences in teacher education can sometimes impede the teacher trainee from developing as a teacher. The concept of enriching oneself as a teacher through classroom observation and shadowing teachers/pupils can be challenging and sometimes confusing for teacher trainees as they do look for and want to be taught the 'right way' to teach.

Thus, this paper will endeavour to suggest and seek fresh and new concepts in developing autonomy within teacher education so that the teacher trainee does not merely equate autonomy with finding independent resources but with building lifelong developmental skills towards being a better teacher.

Biodata

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