

THE IMPORTANCE OF INNOVATION IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION

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Teaching strategies are used by the teachers to facilitate teaching and learning process. Some strategies are tested and proven effective, and some are not effective in a given set of students. That is why teachers are continuously reflecting on their teaching practice, find ways to improve instruction, and look for new and innovative strategy to help learners improve their performance.

Innovation is one of the strategies that teacher should implement in their classroom. Now the question is: what is the importance of using an innovation or innovative learning material? Innovative learning materials are learning resources that are flexible and in accordance with the needs of the learners (Atlantis Press, 2023). Certainly, it considers the needs of the students. Innovation can be a strategy with a clear plan of activities or a learning resource that is intended for a specific competency or lesson.

Innovation allows teacher to reflect on their teaching practice. The teacher used several teaching strategies, but still there are practices that can be explored and used to the classroom. Teachers should look for possible strategies suited for each lesson. They can create new material or make a learning resource that can be used in the classroom discussion.

Innovation allows a smooth delivery of the lesson. Teachers can use the product of innovation or strategies to deliver the lesson every day. These learning resources and strategies can help teachers in the process of teaching and learners in the process of

grasping information. There are innovative materials like the use of multimedia, video-based learning resources, and among others as well as strategies like the use of collaboration and volunteerism, peer-assisted learning strategy, and other projects which have clear plan of activities for implementation.

Innovation improves students' performance. Sutiani et al. (2017) emphasized that innovation is utilized to improve students' competence. Innovative teaching and learning materials and projects with program of activities aid students in holding knowledge and acquiring skills. That is why students can have an improved performance in a specific learning competency or area where the innovation was tested. In addition, innovative materials encourage students' participation and establish collaboration among learners and teacher.

Innovation encourages other teachers to invent or make their own innovative materials and think of a possible project. By sharing one's innovation, others are motivated and inspired to do their own. Teachers, who made an innovation, are also stirred with their project and performance. Since there is an ease of using a strategy or project, teachers are stimulated to make new materials.

Innovation offers new data and ideas on the education system. Innovation project has a result or outcome that the Department of Education can be used as a baseline data for formulating another intervention program for the learners. It can also be served as a basis for evaluating teachers' teaching practice to send them in seminar and trainings.

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