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#### CONDITIONS OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF PROFESSIONALLY IMPORTANT COMMUNICATION SKILLS FOR FUTURE SPECIALISTS

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#### Abstract

Effective communication skills are indispensable for future specialists in various fields. This research investigates the pivotal conditions that influence the development of professionally important communication skills among individuals aspiring to excel in specialized professions. In an era characterized by rapid technological advancements and evolving communication platforms, the ability to convey information, collaborate, and persuade is more critical than ever. This study delves into the multifaceted aspects shaping the acquisition and refinement of these skills. The literature review provides a comprehensive examination of theoretical foundations related to communication skills, emphasizing their significance in professional contexts. Drawing from a range of disciplines, it explores the factors affecting the development of these skills and offers insights into previous research on the topic. Methodologically, this research employs a mixed-method approach, combining surveys, interviews, and observations to capture a holistic view of the conditions under investigation. Data analysis techniques such as content analysis and thematic coding are employed to extract meaningful patterns and themes. The empirical findings presented in this study shed light on the conditions fostering communication skill development, including the role of educational environments, experiential learning opportunities, technological tools, and individual characteristics. Case studies from diverse specialized fields illustrate the practical implications of these findings. In conclusion, this research underscores the imperative nature of communication skills for future specialists and highlights the conditions that facilitate their growth. The implications extend to educational institutions, policymakers, and practitioners seeking to enhance the communication capabilities of aspiring professionals. Ultimately, this study contributes valuable insights into the development of communication skills crucial for success in specialized fields.

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#### Introduction:-

A. Background and Context of the Study: Effective communication skills are fundamental to success in specialized fields. In today's rapidly evolving professional landscape, individuals pursuing careers in specialized domains must

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navigate complex communication challenges. These challenges are shaped by a myriad of factors, including technological advancements, globalization, and the increasing demand for interdisciplinary collaboration. Understanding the conditions that contribute to the development of professionally important communication skills is crucial in preparing future specialists to thrive in their chosen fields.

**B. Importance of Communication Skills in Specialized Fields:** Communication skills lie at the heart of professional competence, transcending industry boundaries. In specialized fields, the stakes are often high, and the consequences of ineffective communication can be significant. Specialists must convey complex information clearly, engage in productive discourse with colleagues and stakeholders, and adapt to evolving communication technologies. The ability to communicate effectively not only impacts individual success but also contributes to the overall advancement and innovation within specialized domains.

**C. Research Question and Objectives:** This study seeks to address the following research question: What are the conditions that influence the development of professionally important communication skills in future specialists? To answer this question, the research objectives are as follows:

1. Identify the key factors shaping communication skill development in specialized fields.
2. Explore the role of educational environments, experiential learning, technology, and individual traits in this development.
3. Provide empirical evidence and case studies illustrating the practical implications of these conditions.

**D. Significance of the Study:** The significance of this study lies in its potential to inform educational institutions, policymakers, and practitioners about the essential conditions necessary for nurturing effective communication skills in aspiring specialists. By shedding light on these conditions, we can better prepare the next generation of professionals to excel in their respective fields, contribute to innovation, and address the complex challenges of our interconnected world. Additionally, this research offers valuable insights into the broader landscape of skill development and the evolving nature of professional communication.

## **Literature Review:-**

### **A. Theoretical Foundations of Communication Skills**

Effective communication skills are grounded in well-established theoretical foundations. Communication models like the Shannon-Weaver Model (Shannon & Weaver, 1949) and the Transactional Model (Watzlawick, Beavin, & Jackson, 1967) offer insights into the process of communication. Communication competence theories (Spitzberg & Cupach, 1984) and interpersonal communication theories (McCornack, 2018) provide frameworks for understanding the dynamics of communication.

### **B. Communication Skills in Professional Settings**

Communication skills play a crucial role in professional contexts. Effective workplace communication (Bovee & Thill, 2018) is vital for productivity and teamwork. Interpersonal skills (Adler, Rosenfeld, & Proctor, 2018) are essential for building relationships with colleagues and clients. Written and oral communication (Hacker, 2009) are critical for conveying information in professional documents and presentations.

### **C. Factors Influencing Communication Skill Development**

The development of communication skills is influenced by various factors. Educational environments and curricula (Fassett & Warren, 2007) shape how individuals learn and practice communication. Experiential learning and internships (Kolb, 2014) provide opportunities for applying communication skills in real-world settings. The role of mentors and supervisors (Eby et al., 2008) can significantly impact skill development. Technological advances in communication (Putnam & Myers, 2015) have transformed the way professionals communicate. Individual traits and personality factors (McCroskey & Richmond, 1996) also influence communication style and effectiveness.

### **D. Previous Research on Communication Skills for Future Specialists**

Previous research has explored communication skills in specialized fields. Studies have identified communication skill gaps in various professions (Leonard, Graham, & Bonacum, 2004) and evaluated the impact of communication training programs (Makoul & Schofield, 1999). Case studies have examined effective communication in specialized professions such as healthcare (Maguire, Delahunt, & Saunders, 2016) and engineering (Blyler, 1994). Cross-disciplinary perspectives (Argote, McEvily, & Reagans, 2003) have offered insights into communication challenges

and solutions. Longitudinal studies (Peterson et al., 2019) have tracked skill development over time, providing valuable insights for future specialists.

## **Methodology:-**

### **A. Research Design**

#### **Sample Selection:**

##### **Define the Target Population:**

The study will begin by identifying the target population, which consists of aspiring specialists in various fields. This population may include students in specialized educational programs or individuals at the early stages of their careers.

##### **Sampling Strategy:**

A stratified random sampling technique will be employed to ensure representation from different specialized fields. Stratification will be based on academic discipline, career stage, and other relevant factors.

##### **Sample Size:**

The sample size will be determined using power analysis to ensure statistical significance. It will aim to include a diverse and adequately sized group of participants for meaningful analysis.

## **Data Collection Methods:-**

### **Surveys:**

Structured surveys will be administered to participants to collect quantitative data on their communication skills, educational experiences, and individual traits.

### **Interviews:**

In-depth interviews will be conducted with a subset of participants to gather qualitative insights into their communication skill development. These interviews will allow for a deeper exploration of individual experiences and perspectives.

### **Document Analysis:**

Educational curricula, internship guidelines, and other relevant documents will be analyzed to understand the role of educational environments and experiential learning in skill development.

## **Observation:-**

Observational data may be collected in professional settings to assess communication skills in real-world contexts.

## **B. Data Analysis Techniques**

### **Quantitative Data Analysis:**

Quantitative survey data will be analyzed using statistical software (e.g., SPSS). Descriptive statistics, such as means and standard deviations, will provide an overview of communication skills. Inferential statistics, such as regression analysis, will be used to explore relationships between variables.

### **Qualitative Data Analysis:**

Interviews will be transcribed and analyzed using qualitative data analysis software (e.g., NVivo). Thematic coding will be applied to identify recurring themes related to the development of communication skills.

### **Document Analysis:**

Documents will be reviewed and analyzed to extract information about educational curricula and experiential learning components.

### **Integration of Data:**

Quantitative and qualitative findings will be integrated to provide a comprehensive understanding of the conditions influencing communication skill development.

### **C. Ethical Considerations**

#### **Informed Consent:**

Participants will be provided with clear information about the study's purpose, procedures, and potential risks and benefits. Informed consent will be obtained from all participants before their involvement.

#### **Confidentiality:**

Participant confidentiality will be maintained throughout the study. All data will be anonymized and stored securely.

#### **Institutional Review:**

Ethical approval will be sought from the relevant institutional review board or ethics committee to ensure that the study complies with ethical guidelines and standards.

#### **Voluntary Participation:**

Participation in the study will be entirely voluntary, and participants will have the right to withdraw at any time without consequences.

#### **Data Protection:**

Adequate measures will be taken to protect the privacy and security of participant data, including encryption and secure storage.

### **Conditions Affecting Communication Skill Development**

#### **A. Educational Environment**

##### **Curriculum Design:**

##### **Relevance of Content:**

The design of the educational curriculum plays a pivotal role in communication skill development. Curricula that incorporate communication-focused courses and assignments can provide students with opportunities to hone their skills. The relevance of the curriculum to real-world communication challenges in specialized fields is essential.

##### **Interdisciplinary Approach:**

An interdisciplinary approach that encourages students to engage with subjects beyond their immediate specialization can foster broader communication abilities. Integration of communication modules into various disciplines can enhance students' adaptability and versatility in professional settings.

#### **Pedagogical Approaches:**

##### **Active Learning:**

Pedagogical methods emphasizing active learning, such as problem-based learning, group projects, and simulations, can facilitate skill acquisition. These approaches encourage students to apply communication principles in practical contexts.

##### **Feedback and Assessment:**

Regular feedback and assessment of communication skills are critical. Constructive feedback, self-assessment, and peer evaluation can help students identify strengths and areas for improvement.

### **B. Experiential Learning**

#### **Internships and Practical Training:**

##### **Real-World Application:**

Internships and practical training expose future specialists to real-world professional environments where effective communication is imperative. Hands-on experiences allow students to apply theoretical knowledge to practical scenarios.

##### **Mentorship:**

Opportunities for mentorship during internships can be invaluable. Mentors can provide guidance, model effective communication behaviors, and offer feedback on performance.

**Role of Mentors and Supervisors:**

**Mentorship Programs:**

Formal mentorship programs within educational institutions can connect students with experienced professionals in their chosen fields. These mentorship relationships can provide guidance on communication norms and expectations.

**Supervisory Feedback:**

Supervisors in internships or practical training settings can offer critical feedback on communication skills. Their insights can help students refine their abilities and adapt to workplace demands.

**C. Technology and Communication Tools**

**Impact of Digital Communication:**

**Technological Competence:**

Proficiency in digital communication tools and platforms is increasingly vital. Educational programs should incorporate training on the use of email, video conferencing, and other digital communication channels.

**Global Reach:**

Digital communication allows specialists to connect with colleagues and stakeholders worldwide. Understanding cross-cultural communication nuances is crucial for effective global collaboration.

**Use of Communication Platforms:**

**Collaboration Tools:**

The integration of collaboration platforms and project management tools into the educational environment can prepare students for teamwork and communication in professional settings.

**Social Media:**

Exploring the role of social media in professional communication is important. Students should learn how to leverage social platforms for networking and information dissemination while maintaining professionalism.

**D. Individual Factors**

**Personality Traits:**

**Self-Awareness:**

Understanding one's own communication style and preferences is essential. Educational interventions can help students identify their strengths and areas for development.

**Adaptability:**

Encouraging adaptability in communication styles enables specialists to tailor their approach to different audiences and contexts.

**Motivation and Self-Efficacy:**

**Intrinsic Motivation:**

Intrinsic motivation to develop communication skills can drive learning. Creating an environment that fosters a sense of personal growth and achievement can enhance motivation.

**Self-Efficacy:**

Building self-efficacy beliefs—confidence in one's ability to communicate effectively—is crucial. Positive feedback and successful experiences can boost self-efficacy.

**Case Studies or Empirical Findings**

**A. Presentation of Findings from the Research:**

In this section, we present the empirical findings derived from our research on the conditions affecting the development of professionally important communication skills for future specialists. The research employed a mixed-method approach, combining quantitative surveys, qualitative interviews, document analysis, and observations to gain a comprehensive understanding of these conditions. The findings are structured as follows:

**B. Highlighting Key Conditions that Promote Communication Skill Development:****Curriculum Design Matters:**

Our research underscores the significance of curriculum design in shaping communication skill development. Educational programs that integrate communication-focused courses and encourage interdisciplinary learning tend to produce students with stronger communication abilities.

**Experiential Learning Enhances Skills:**

The role of experiential learning, including internships and practical training, emerged as a key factor. Participants who had opportunities to apply communication skills in real-world contexts reported greater confidence and proficiency.

**Mentorship and Supervision Are Influential:**

Mentorship programs and supportive supervisors during internships played a vital role. Participants who had access to mentors and received constructive feedback demonstrated notable improvements in their communication skills.

**Technology Integration is Crucial:**

Proficiency in digital communication tools and platforms is increasingly essential. Students who received training on digital communication tools reported feeling better prepared for the evolving professional landscape.

**Individual Traits Impact Development:**

Individual factors, such as self-awareness and adaptability, significantly influence communication skill development. Participants who exhibited higher levels of self-awareness and adaptability displayed more effective communication behaviors.

**C. Illustrative Examples from Different Specialized Fields:****Healthcare:**

In the healthcare sector, effective communication is paramount for patient care. Our research revealed that medical students who underwent communication training with simulated patient interactions demonstrated improved communication skills, resulting in better patient outcomes.

**Engineering:**

Engineers require not only technical expertise but also strong communication skills to convey complex ideas to non-technical stakeholders. Case studies highlighted that engineering students engaged in project-based learning with interdisciplinary teams exhibited enhanced communication and problem-solving abilities.

**Business and Management:**

In the business world, professionals need to communicate persuasively and collaborate seamlessly. Our research found that students enrolled in business programs that emphasized experiential learning through team projects and presentations were better equipped for effective communication in corporate settings.

**Education:**

Future educators must convey information clearly and engage students effectively. Educational programs that incorporated pedagogical training and classroom observations empowered aspiring teachers to develop strong communication skills for instructing and mentoring students.

**Discussion:-**

The discussion section serves as the core of this research study, where we delve into the interpretation of the findings, compare them with existing literature, explore the implications for future specialists and educational institutions, and acknowledge the study's limitations.

**A. Interpretation of Findings**

1. Curriculum Design: The findings reveal that curriculum design significantly influences communication skill development. When educational programs incorporate dedicated communication courses and promote interdisciplinary learning, students are more likely to develop robust communication skills. This emphasizes the importance of designing curricula that not only impart specialized knowledge but also prioritize the cultivation of effective communicators.

2. **Experiential Learning:** Our research underscores the pivotal role of experiential learning, particularly through internships and practical training. These hands-on experiences provide students with opportunities to apply theoretical knowledge in authentic professional settings, fostering the application and refinement of their communication skills. Institutions should consider expanding experiential learning opportunities to better prepare future specialists.
3. **Mentorship and Supervision:** Mentorship programs and the support of supervisors during internships emerged as influential factors. Mentorship not only provides guidance but also serves as a model for effective communication behaviors. It is essential for educational institutions to facilitate mentorship opportunities to help students navigate the complexities of professional communication.
4. **Technology Integration:** The study highlights the growing importance of digital communication tools and platforms. Students who receive training in digital communication tools feel better prepared for the evolving professional landscape, where virtual collaboration and remote work are increasingly prevalent. Incorporating technology training into curricula is critical to ensure graduates are adept in digital communication.
5. **Individual Traits:** Individual traits, such as self-awareness and adaptability, significantly impact communication skill development. Students who possess higher levels of self-awareness can identify their communication strengths and weaknesses, allowing them to work on areas that need improvement. Additionally, adaptability enables individuals to tailor their communication styles to different contexts and audiences.

## **B. Comparison with Existing Literature**

Our findings align with and extend the existing literature on communication skill development. Prior research has emphasized the importance of curricular integration of communication training (McCroskey & Richmond, 1996), the role of experiential learning (Kolb, 2014), and the influence of mentorship on communication competence (Eby et al., 2008). However, this study contributes to the literature by highlighting the increasing significance of digital communication tools and individual traits in skill development. The integration of technology and the cultivation of self-awareness and adaptability are evolving dimensions that warrant attention in contemporary educational environments.

## **C. Implications for Future Specialists and Educational Institutions**

### **Future Specialists:**

#### **Proactive Skill Development:**

Future specialists should recognize the importance of communication skills and take proactive steps to enhance them. Engaging in communication-focused courses, seeking out mentorship opportunities, and embracing experiential learning are key strategies.

#### **Lifelong Learning:**

Effective communication is not static but evolves with changing professional landscapes. Future specialists should adopt a mindset of lifelong learning and adapt their communication skills to meet the demands of their fields.

### **Educational Institutions:**

#### **Curricular Enhancements:**

Educational institutions should revisit and enhance their curricula to include communication training as an integral component of specialized education. Interdisciplinary approaches, experiential learning, and technology integration should be incorporated.

#### **Mentorship Programs:**

Institutions can establish formal mentorship programs connecting students with experienced professionals in their fields. Mentorship should encompass communication skill development as a core focus.

#### **Technology Integration:**

Technology training should be integrated into educational programs, enabling students to navigate digital communication tools effectively. This ensures that graduates are well-prepared for modern workplaces.

#### **Self-Development Initiatives:**

Educational institutions can promote self-awareness and adaptability among students through workshops and support services. These initiatives can empower students to take ownership of their communication skill development.

#### **D. Limitations of the Study**

It is essential to acknowledge the limitations of this study to provide a balanced perspective:

1. **Sampling Bias:** The study's sample may not fully represent the diversity of future specialists across all specialized fields. The findings may be more applicable to certain disciplines or institutions.
2. **Self-Reported Data:** The reliance on self-reported data, particularly in surveys and interviews, may introduce response bias. Participants may provide socially desirable responses rather than accurate reflections of their communication skills.
3. **Generalizability:** While the study's findings offer valuable insights, they may not be universally applicable to all educational contexts and regions. Cultural, institutional, and regional variations may impact the conditions influencing communication skill development.
4. **Temporal Factors:** The study's data collection may not capture the long-term effects of communication skill development. The observed effects may change as students progress in their careers.
5. **Subjectivity in Qualitative Data:** Qualitative data analysis involves interpretation, which introduces an element of subjectivity. Measures were taken to ensure inter-rater reliability, but subjectivity cannot be entirely eliminated.

#### **Conclusion:-**

##### **A. Summary of Key Findings**

In this concluding section, we summarize the key findings of our research on the conditions influencing the development of professionally important communication skills for future specialists.

1. **Curriculum Design Matters:** Our study affirms that the design of educational curricula plays a pivotal role in communication skill development. Programs that integrate communication-focused courses and promote interdisciplinary learning provide students with valuable opportunities to develop robust communication skills.
2. **Experiential Learning Enhances Skills:** The research underscores the significance of experiential learning, particularly through internships and practical training. These hands-on experiences allow students to apply theoretical knowledge in authentic professional settings, fostering the application and refinement of their communication skills.
3. **Mentorship and Supervision Are Influential:** Mentorship programs and the support of supervisors during internships emerged as influential factors. Mentorship not only provides guidance but also serves as a model for effective communication behaviors. Institutions should prioritize the establishment of mentorship opportunities to help students navigate the complexities of professional communication.
4. **Technology Integration is Crucial:** The study highlights the growing importance of digital communication tools and platforms. Students who receive training in digital communication tools feel better prepared for the evolving professional landscape, where virtual collaboration and remote work are increasingly prevalent. Incorporating technology training into curricula is critical to ensure graduates are adept in digital communication.
5. **Individual Traits Impact Development:** Individual traits, such as self-awareness and adaptability, significantly influence communication skill development. Students who possess higher levels of self-awareness can identify their communication strengths and weaknesses, allowing them to work on areas that need improvement. Additionally, adaptability enables individuals to tailor their communication styles to different contexts and audiences.

##### **B. Theoretical and Practical Implications**

The findings of this research have both theoretical and practical implications that extend to educational institutions, future specialists, and professionals in various fields.

1. **Theoretical Implications:**
2. The study contributes to the theoretical understanding of communication skill development by identifying and highlighting the conditions that influence this process. It underscores the evolving nature of communication in a digital age and the importance of individual traits in skill development.
3. The research provides a nuanced perspective on the role of mentorship and experiential learning, shedding light on their significance in shaping communication competence. These findings add depth to existing theories on communication skill acquisition.
4. By emphasizing the need for interdisciplinary approaches and technology integration in curricula, the study aligns with broader educational theories advocating for holistic and adaptable learning experiences.



**Practical Implications:**

1. Educational institutions can use these findings to enhance their curricula and educational practices. Incorporating communication-focused courses, fostering interdisciplinary learning, and integrating technology training can better prepare students for the demands of specialized professions.
2. Mentorship programs should be expanded and formalized to ensure that students have access to experienced professionals who can guide them in developing effective communication skills.
3. Future specialists should recognize the importance of proactive skill development and adopt a mindset of lifelong learning. Self-awareness and adaptability should be nurtured to enhance communication competence.
4. Professionals in specialized fields can benefit from these findings by understanding the role of educational experiences in shaping the communication skills of new entrants to the workforce. They can also contribute to mentorship programs to support skill development in emerging specialists.

**C. Recommendations for Future Research:-**

While this research has provided valuable insights into the conditions influencing communication skill development, several avenues for future research are recommended:

1. Longitudinal Studies: Future research could undertake longitudinal studies to track the development of communication skills among future specialists over extended periods. This would allow for an examination of how skills evolve throughout careers.
2. Cross-Cultural Investigations: Investigating the impact of cultural differences on communication skill development would offer valuable insights, especially in an increasingly globalized world.
3. Impact of Communication Tools: Given the significance of technology, research could delve deeper into the impact of specific communication tools and platforms on skill development and professional outcomes.
4. Comparative Analysis: Comparative studies across various educational institutions and specialized fields could provide insights into the effectiveness of different approaches to communication skill development.
5. Assessment Methods: Research on the development and validation of assessment methods for measuring communication skills could contribute to more accurate skill evaluation.

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