Pedagogical Technologies for Competent Training of Teachers in Ukrainian Professional Education

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Abstract—In recent decades, technological advances have revolutionized all areas of society, including the teaching resources and methodologies used in education. The relevance of pedagogical technologies in vocational education cannot be overemphasized, since technologies are constantly changing in today's environment, thus creating new challenges for modern education in globalization. The research aims to establish patterns for promoting the implementation of pedagogical technologies in educational institutions for providing quality competent training of specialists in professional education. Research methods: comparative analysis; survey; systematization, generalization. As a result of the survey was established that pedagogical technologies positively influence the provision of competent training of specialists in Ukrainian professional education (89.7%), a smaller number of students (7.5%) were not sure about the quality of competent training of specialists in Ukrainian professional education with modern pedagogical technologies. It was determined that the students of educational institutions are most familiar with such pedagogical technologies as mobile learning (100%), e-learning (98%), independent learning (90%), virtual classroom (85%), and massive open online courses (MOOC) (71%). The study found that teachers need to improve digital competency from technologies such as Gamification and Next Generation Digital Learning Environment (NGDLE). Based on statistical data, it was found that the need for competent specialists in vocational education in the labor market is increasing every year, while those willing to study at vocational education institutions are decreasing every year. According to the negative trends, it has been determined that vocational education institutions should improve the educational process to increase the number of future competent specialists for the labor market.

Keywords—educational institution, professional education, pedagogical technologies, specialist.

I. INTRODUCTION

INFORMATION and communication technology (ICT) is becoming the leading for the international education system since they transmit information and knowledge in various areas of professional development for the vocational education system. Modern education is the main mechanism that responsible for the dissemination of knowledge and ICT. According to the rapid ICT development, all professional education staff and future professionals in vocational education must be ready to meet the new culture of teaching and learning, based on the requirements of the 21st century on pedagogical technology [1], [2], to develop and increase the number of knowledgeable and qualified students, lead the economic development [3].

As part of the application of pedagogical technologies, educational institutions that should prepare professionals for life in the “knowledge society” should integrate pedagogical technologies in Ukrainian vocational education [4]. Together with the preparation of future professionals for the current digital era, teachers are seen as key players in the application of pedagogical technologies in their curricula, explained by the ability of educational technologies to provide dynamic and active teaching and learning environment [5], [6].

Pedagogical technologies in Ukrainian vocational education are an objective requirement for the sustainable development of the social economy [7]. Providing the process of informatization of vocational education is a key approach for Ukraine to increase the international competitiveness of vocational education in Ukraine, strengthen the connotation of
the development of vocational education, and promote the
reform of models of teaching vocational education [8].
Currently, the application of pedagogical technologies in
Ukrainian vocational education faces such problems as a weak
information concept of vocational education, teachers' information literacy, which has yet to be improved, imperfect
information protection mechanism, and weak internal and
external conditions for the application of pedagogical
technologies [9].

The progressive development of pedagogical technologies
in the educational process requires teachers to use learning
models integrated with information and communication
technologies. The use of pedagogical technologies in
Ukrainian vocational education should be proportional and
correspond to the needs of learning [10].

Understanding technology's importance becoming more and
more significant in the workplace of modern academic staff,
competing with students' knowledge and needs in the 21st-
century simply necessitates the need for pedagogical
technologies finesse. But innovations can be a source of
challenges for teachers and students as well.

The research aims are to establish patterns for promoting the
implementation of pedagogical technologies in educational
institutions for providing quality competent training of
specialists in professional education.

The research tasks are:
1. To carry out an analysis of professional (vocational)
education in Ukraine from 1990 to 2020.
2. To survey students and teachers about the ability of
educational institutions to provide knowledge and quality
competent training of specialists in Ukrainian vocational
education based on the application of pedagogical
technologies.
3. To propose a model of pedagogical technologies
implementation in vocational education institutions.
4. To analyze the frequency of teachers' application of
pedagogical technologies for the competent training of
specialists in Ukrainian vocational education.
5. To conduct a comparative characterization of students'
awareness of pedagogical technologies used in an educational
institutions and the types of pedagogical technologies used by
teachers in the curriculum.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

The current economy is characterized by a growing role of
information and human capital in the organization of modern
businesses and services. Knowledge and technology have
expanded limited economic resources, offered customers
radically new types of goods and services, and enabled the
growth of public companies that are dynamically innovating
globally [11]. Several factors are contributing to these trends.
First and foremost are globalization and the digitalization of
economic relationships. Digitalization allows the
interconnection of knowledge, education, business, and the
market to come closer, and globalization erases the boundaries
of national economies [12].

The political, social, and economic changes that have
recently occurred in Europe have led to some transformations
and changes in the educational sphere. Since Ukrainian
education is on its way to enter the European educational
space, there is a need for significant changes in the whole
system of professional education and its significant renewal
[13]. The modern stage of world pedagogical science
development is characterized by the adoption of innovation as
an important factor of social reproduction, which can ensure
sustainable economic development based on achieving
competitiveness of the country. Therefore, the main task of
public policy in Ukraine is the formation of institutional
mechanisms and infrastructure of innovative ways of strategic
modernization of professional education. The implementation
of strategic tasks of competent training of specialists in
Ukrainian vocational education requires new approaches for
the transition of quantitative level indicators to qualitative
ones. Of particular importance is the use of appropriate
strategies for training specialists in Ukrainian vocational
education in the competitive labor market, based on the
principles of pedagogical technologies [14].

Rapid political, economic, and social changes in society
have gained such a pace that the system of training specialists
faced difficulties in meeting the requirements of the constantly
changing environment. The impact of globalization processes
and the rapid development of technology require an immediate
response from the education system to train competitive
professionals in vocational education. The traditional role of
the academic educator (transmission and reproduction of
instructional materials) is being changed by several new roles.
The modern teacher should be able to choose and use
electronic resources, pedagogical technologies for teaching
students; organize cooperation and communication between
participants of the educational process; develop an electronic
implementation of pedagogical technologies in educational
resources and educational electronic environment; be a
facilitator and helper for students, understand and consider
their needs and characteristics in the learning process,
cognitive learning styles, new services and tools for effective
cooperation.

The Future Institute in its 2020 study, identifies 10
important skills for future success: understanding meanings;
social intelligence; the ability to think outside the box and
rules; adaptive thinking; intercultural competence;
computational thinking; media literacy; interdisciplinarity;
design thinking; information management; and the ability to
work remotely. At the end of 2020, the Institute of the Future
added three core skills to its list: self-motivation, time
management while managing your income sources, and online
recruitment management [15].

According to the Organization for Economic Cooperation
and Development [16] and Gbenga [17], the effectiveness of
pedagogical technologies for competent training in Ukrainian
vocational education forms the following advantages: they can
be used to teach students the skills they will require in further education, throughout their lives, and for their future work; they can provide access to information and communication outside the classroom of the educational institution; the ability to use to support pedagogical development of the faculty.

Jones and Preece noted that teachers must be confident and competent in using a variety of pedagogical technology tools to provide competent training in professional education [18]. Without the competence and skill of teachers to integrate pedagogical technology that meets their needs, pedagogical technology could not be used appropriately for learning. In this regard, teachers must have some different technical and communication skills, which include the use of chat rooms, word processing skills, web page creation, and the use of different types of pedagogical technology tools [6].

The modern stage of development of human civilization makes rather high demands on their professional competence. The effectiveness of the pedagogical process in some institutions of higher education remains low because some teachers use traditional methods, not adapted to the existing conditions of the educational process. A small number of scientific and pedagogical staff have innovative pedagogical technologies that solve only a few learning objectives. However, some teachers do not have innovative technologies that comprehensively and effectively solve modern pedagogical tasks, as pointed out by many researchers [19]-[24].

Because of the low effectiveness of pedagogical technologies implemented by teachers, the quality of competent training of specialists in Ukrainian vocational education remains low, as evidenced by the level of final and intermediate results of some educational organizations. One of the important ways to improve the effectiveness of the pedagogical process in the education system is the integration of pedagogical technologies, the introduction of flexible integrated pedagogical technologies that can adapt to different levels of pedagogical conditions and effectively solve modern educational problems [25]-[27].

Research confirms that the implementation of pedagogical technologies and digitization in the educational sector is a rather heterogeneous process in all countries and lags behind other sectors [28]-[30]. The main goal of continuing professional education development is to benefit from providing the curriculum with digital tools, through pedagogical technologies (Köhler, Drummer, 2018). In this regard, the role of pedagogical technologies in lifelong learning has recently been affirmed in the Incheon Declaration on Education 2030 [31].

To meet the needs of today’s economy and labor market, education must go beyond tradition. The new concept of Education 3.0 focuses entirely on the student, which provides a personal trajectory for each student and pays attention to the new skills and abilities acquired by students, rather than simple grades as proof that a particular subject has been learned [32]. To successfully implement Education 3.0, the use of pedagogical technologies and digital tools within the learning process becomes a necessity rather than a fad [33].

To facilitate the process of application of pedagogical technologies in Ukrainian vocational education, it is necessary to pay attention to the main works of informatization of vocational education, guarantee the implementation of software and hardware, improve the level of information of teachers, create quality information about vocational education, promote the construction of information resources, implement a balanced development of informatization, innovative models to promote informatization of vocational education.

So, the problem of implementation of pedagogical technologies of competent training in Ukrainian vocational education and research obstacles and prospects for student learning is widely reflected in scientific publications in the form of theoretical studies and practical research. However, the issues of promoting the application of pedagogical technologies in vocational education institutions remain relevant and open for further research.

### III. METHODS AND MATERIALS

The implementation of the goal of this exploration involves the use of research methods such as:

- systematization – for developing the model of implementation of pedagogical technologies in vocational education institutions, to ensure effective training of specialists in Ukrainian vocational education;
- systematic and logical analysis, method of synthesis – for information search and setting the frequency of pedagogical technologies for the competent training of specialists in Ukrainian vocational education
- summarizing – for investigation the latest scientific publications and statistical data published by the government and reporting organizations on the state of vocational (vocational) education in Ukraine from 1990 to 2020 based on statistical information of the State Statistics Service of Ukraine;
- comparison method – to distinguishing the characteristics of students' awareness of pedagogical technologies used in the educational institution and the application of pedagogical technologies by teachers in the curriculum.

To determine teachers' and students' perceptions of the ability of educational institutions to provide knowledge and quality competent training of specialists in Ukrainian professional education through the use of pedagogical technologies a survey was conducted. An online survey was conducted from January 20 to July 30, 2021 among 5,000 students and 500 faculty from different Ukrainian educational institutions: Educational and methodological center for professional and technical education (Dnipropetrovsk region), Mariupol construction college, Lviv college of tourism, and restaurant service, State professional and technical educational institution “Chernihiv Higher Professional School”, communal institution “Zaporizhzhya region institute of postgraduate...
pedagogical education” (Zaporizhzhya region), the Nadbuzsky professional agrarian lyceum, the State professional education institution “Shostka higher professional college”, the Higher professional shipbuilding school in Mykolaiv, Poltava professional lyceum, and Rivne professional lyceum.

The participants answered questions about their learning experiences, motivation, expectations, and overall satisfaction with pedagogical technology. The following research questions were addressed in the online survey:

1. What are students’ perceptions of pedagogical technologies to ensure effective training in Ukrainian professional education?

2. What is students’ perception of the ability to assimilate information in the context of the application of pedagogical technologies to ensure effective training of specialists in Ukrainian vocational education?

3. Are there any shortcomings in the application of pedagogical technologies to provide effective training of specialists in Ukrainian vocational education?

4. Which of the pedagogical technologies do you know?

5. List the pedagogical technologies that you use in your curriculum.

6. Where do you find the main information for the professional purpose?

7. Do you constantly use pedagogical technologies for the competent training of specialists in Ukrainian vocational education?

Determining of pedagogical technologies features was conducted using descriptive statistics, the data of which were provided by a survey using MS Forms Pro.

IV. RESULTS

According to the statistical data of the State Statistics Service of Ukraine for the period from 1990 to 2019. Figure 1 shows a downward trend in the number of institutions of vocational (vocational and technical) education; pupils, trainees in institutions of vocational (vocational and technical) education; persons admitted to study at institutions of vocational (vocational and technical) education and persons released from institutions of vocational (vocational and technical) education. This process is negative because every year there is a growing demand for competent professionals in the labor market.

![Fig. 1 The state of professional (professional-technical) education in Ukraine in 1990-2020th](source: Compiled by the authors based on official data of The State Statistics Service of Ukraine [34].)
To evaluate the effectiveness of the use of pedagogical technologies for the competent training of teachers in Ukrainian vocational education in 2021. Students of the Educational and methodological center for professional and technical education in Dnipropetrovsk region, Mariupol construction college, Lviv college of tourism and restaurant service, State professional and technical educational institution “Chernihiv Higher Professional School”, The communal institution “Zaporizhzhya region institute of postgraduate pedagogical education” of Zaporizhzhya region administration, the Nadbuzsky professional agrarian lyceum, the State professional education institution “Shostka higher professional college”, the Higher professional shipbuilding school in Mykolaiv, Poltava professional lyceum, and Rivne professional lyceum. Most of the respondents (89.7%) indicated that educational technology has a positive impact on ensuring the competent training of teachers in the Ukrainian vocational education (89.7%), a smaller number (7.5%) were not convinced about the quality of the competent training of teachers in Ukrainian professional education by modern pedagogical technologies, and the students stated, that modern pedagogical technologies of competent training of teachers in Ukrainian professional education have some shortcomings (2.8%) (see Fig. 2).

![Fig. 2 Analysis of pedagogical technologies trends for competent training of teachers in Ukrainian professional education in 2021](source: Compiled by the authors.)

To the question: “Which of the pedagogical technologies listed below are familiar to you?” respondents noted that they are the most familiar with: Mobile learning (100%), e-learning (98%), self-study (90%), virtual classroom (85%), and Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) (71%), and least familiar with LCMS (learning content management system) (1%), Course Management System (CMS) (2%), Next Generation Digital Learning Environment (NGDLE) (4%), Personnel Integrated Education System (PIES) (4%) (see Fig. 3).
Thus, we can say that students are aware of modern digital technologies. To the question “List the pedagogical technologies you use in the educational program?” respondents noted that the following pedagogical technologies are used the most: E-learning (100%), mobile learning (99%), self-study (95%), blended learning (93%), and learning content management system (LCMS) (91%), and the least used are technologies of gamification (27%) and Next Generation Digital Learning Environment (NGDLE) (29%). Therefore, digital technologies are generally known to teachers, but not all of them are used in their professional activities (see Fig. 4).
To the question “Do you constantly use pedagogical technologies for competent training of teachers in Ukrainian professional education?” (see Fig. 5a) respondents said “yes” (95%), and 5% said “no”. To the question “Where do you find the main professional information?” (see Fig. 5b) respondents used Internet resources (88%), and textbooks (12%).

The theoretical and predictive model of implementation of pedagogical technologies in vocational education institutions (see Fig. 6) is based on general scientific methodology, taking into account external and internal factors that affect the ability of educational institutions to provide knowledge and competent training of teachers in Ukrainian vocational education based on pedagogical technologies.

This model ascertains interconnected conceptual and design, process, and organizational-technological blocks that
coordinate all elements of pedagogical technologies of the educational process of vocational education institutions. The conceptual and design block represents the initial methodological and psychological and pedagogical positions of the pedagogical technologies’ implementation process. The process block defines the specific characteristics of educational institutions’ activities due to the conditions of pedagogical technologies application. The third block of the model demonstrates the material, technical, and educational-methodological base of pedagogical technologies of vocational education institutions.

V. DISCUSSION

The results of the study of pedagogical technologies for the competent training of specialists in Ukrainian vocational education have led to the following conclusions.

The planning and implementation of pedagogical technologies and information resources that would provide targeted and competent training of specialists in Ukrainian professional education are in high demand. Eslami and Ahmadi (2019), noted that educational institutions are increasingly required to use the potential of pedagogical technologies to provide quality knowledge and skills of students.

The findings indicate that despite significant advances in this area and the development of the problem in general [19]-[24], the possibilities of optimizing the training of qualified specialists through the use of pedagogical technologies have not been studied enough, no comprehensive analysis and classification of relevant educational software and other electronic learning tools have been conducted, there are no clear methods for assessing the quality of information resources and technologies used in Ukrainian vocational education.

The problem of using pedagogical technologies to ensure effective training of specialists in vocational education is widely spread among scientific works of modern scientists [36]-[37]. The current state of information provision of vocational education does not fully meet the expectations of users of educational services, so it requires a scientific reorientation of educational goals and pedagogical technologies [35].

The development of vocational education is directly related to changes in the worldview and mindset of teachers and students, who are the main participants in the educational process. Teachers must provide a learning process in which each student needs to have a strong motivation for their chosen specialty, as well as a strong motivation to succeed in life or the need to achieve success [38]. Competent training of specialists in Ukrainian professional education is to create certain socio-pedagogical conditions based on the application of pedagogical technologies in the educational institution to influence the activation of the potential of future professionals, to develop professional motivation and motivation to succeed in the process to ensure the quality of professional training [27]. In an environment constantly changing, teachers must develop and implement new educational programs that take into account the latest scientific advances, systematically self-improvement, constantly update knowledge, update methods, organizational forms, and means of work to prepare students for the vital challenges in future professional activities [39].

The implementation of the proposed model contributes to the process of optimization and structuring of information learning, by selecting appropriate pedagogical technologies, developing methodological support for the educational process, and coordinating the efforts of teachers [35]. The management of the educational process in a globalized and digitalized educational environment presents its efficiency and effectiveness through indicators that are not directly related to learning activities, such as the availability of plans, procedures, number and qualifications of the staff, the ratio of students to staff or different results on employment rates, their salary levels, etc. [40].

So, teachers and students will face new problems, because the potential of pedagogical technologies for the competent training of specialists in the educational information technology space is high enough, but not enough realized, in-depth research, which will lead to increased attention to improving the training of specialists in professional education.

VI. CONCLUSION

The results of the study of pedagogical technologies for competent training of specialists in Ukrainian vocational education have led to the following conclusions. The use of pedagogical technologies in managing the educational process undoubtedly requires the development of technological infrastructure of professional educational environment: the introduction of computer equipment, network support, information terminals, educational and methodological techniques, and technical support of information technologies, as well as developing a strategy to equip educational institutions with the necessary educational software.

Pedagogical technologies should be used in all cycles of vocational training. The administration of educational institutions should develop a long-term program for the implementation of pedagogical technologies aimed at the introduction of automation of the management of the educational process. This makes it possible to increase management efficiency, students' learning productivity, competence training of future specialists, due to providing powerful feedback in the educational system.

The results obtained in the course of the study allow us to identify directions for further exploration of scientific and methodological foundations for the development of teachers' digital competence to ensure the professional training of competent specialists. Continuous improvement in the level of digital competence, allows the teacher to use pedagogical technologies for search, logical selection, systematization, use of educational material, and organization of the successful educational process.
The practical significance of the conducted research lies in the fact that the conclusions and recommendations developed by the author and offered in the article can be used for avoiding interference in the implementation of pedagogical technologies for the competent training of specialists in vocational education. Further research can be aimed at improving the curriculum using pedagogical technologies in vocational education institutions to train students, which will stimulate the educational sphere and improve teaching activities in the educational information and technological space, which will ensure quality vocational education. Expanding the opportunities and wide application of innovative, research-based approaches to ensure competent training of specialists in professional education, which can become the basis for the improvement of educational programs.

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