



PRIORITY OF CORE COMPETENCIES AND SKILLS

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ABSTRACT

One of the main tasks facing the education system today is developing core competencies in students necessary for their success in the modern world. Education now focuses not only on imparting traditional knowledge but also on forming individuals who can adapt to social, economic, technological, and cultural changes. Core competencies and skills are central in this process. This article analyzes the priority of core competencies, their role, and significance in the educational process.

KEYWORDS

Core competencies, skills, competency, communication.

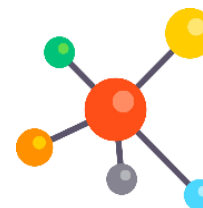
INTRODUCTION

The terms "core competencies" and "skills prioritization" are primarily used in the contexts of education and work. Each represents the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to accomplish tasks or achieve goals. Core competencies encompass general abilities essential for performing specific tasks, while skills refer to expertise gained through mastery of a profession or job. These two concepts are used together because skills begin to form after acquiring

competency. In other words, competency must come before skill acquisition.

Core competencies are a set of basic skills and abilities essential for students to operate successfully in various life situations. These competencies allow students to not only understand the knowledge presented by their teachers but also apply it in practice.

METHODOLOGY



There are several approaches to defining competencies:

- In the American approach, competencies are seen as behavioral models that demonstrate necessary skills and knowledge.
- In the European approach, competencies are viewed as descriptions of work tasks and expected outcomes in line with accepted standards.

RESULTS

Competence and professionalism are similar but have distinct meanings. Professionalism involves knowledge and a commitment to work, while competency also includes the ability to apply knowledge effectively. Each competency type includes a combination of skills, knowledge, and abilities that can be evaluated through observation of actions in fulfilling job responsibilities.

CONCLUSION

Core competencies and skills are among the main priorities of modern education. Developing competencies like critical thinking, communication, technological literacy, and problem-solving will help shape students into successful individuals. This process increases educational effectiveness and prepares the

younger generation to meet the demands and needs of a global society. Forming competency is a continuous, step-by-step process, starting in higher education institutions and continuing under the guidance of experienced mentors in the workplace.

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