

Enhancing Faculties Performance Through Training and Development – An Empirical Study

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Abstract

Faculties have a crucial role in providing high-quality education to children. They enhance students' learning and guarantee their exceptional academic achievement to completely realise their potential and secure fulfilling employment. Faculty training is necessary, particularly given the current conditions, to adapt to the evolving requirements of the profession. Faculties that have received extensive training are more skilled in instructing students. Training can enhance an individual's understanding of a specific subject, teaching methods, and related areas. Nevertheless, faculties in numerous underprivileged nations receive minimal or nonexistent preparation prior to commencing their teaching positions and may lack opportunities for ongoing professional growth. The primary goal of faculty professional development is to enhance faculty members' knowledge, expertise, and commitment so that they can become better at creating lessons, utilising various effective teaching methods, assessing students' progress, and meeting additional college and community responsibilities.

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Introduction

The exceptional success of any institution relies on its essential human capital. While there are various other elements that contribute significantly to its success, the presence of competent educators is vital for every educational establishment to enhance the intellectual abilities, competencies, and overall achievements of its pupils. Teacher education, training, and development refer to the processes and activities aimed at improving and maintaining the professional skills and knowledge of teachers. The calibre of educators employed within a particular educational framework contributes significantly to the achievement of favourable educational outcomes in colleges (Shah, et.al., 2016). The performance of faculties is partially contingent upon their preservice training, as well as the in-service training provided to them. Training programmes are critical for reorienting educators towards new goals and principles, providing them with new pedagogical tools, preparing them to adjust to changes in the curriculum, and granting them the knowledge and skills to teach new subjects (Al'Zoubi et al., 2010). Teacher professional development (T&D) encompasses structured processes aimed at improving the knowledge,

skills, and attitudes of educators, with the main goal of enhancing student learning results. Teacher preparation curriculum must include T&D as crucial elements, particularly for the practical aspects of teaching that necessitate specialised skills. However, there are specific important aspects of teaching that can only be developed through reflective methods and experiences (Rahman, et al, 2011).

Positive Potentialities

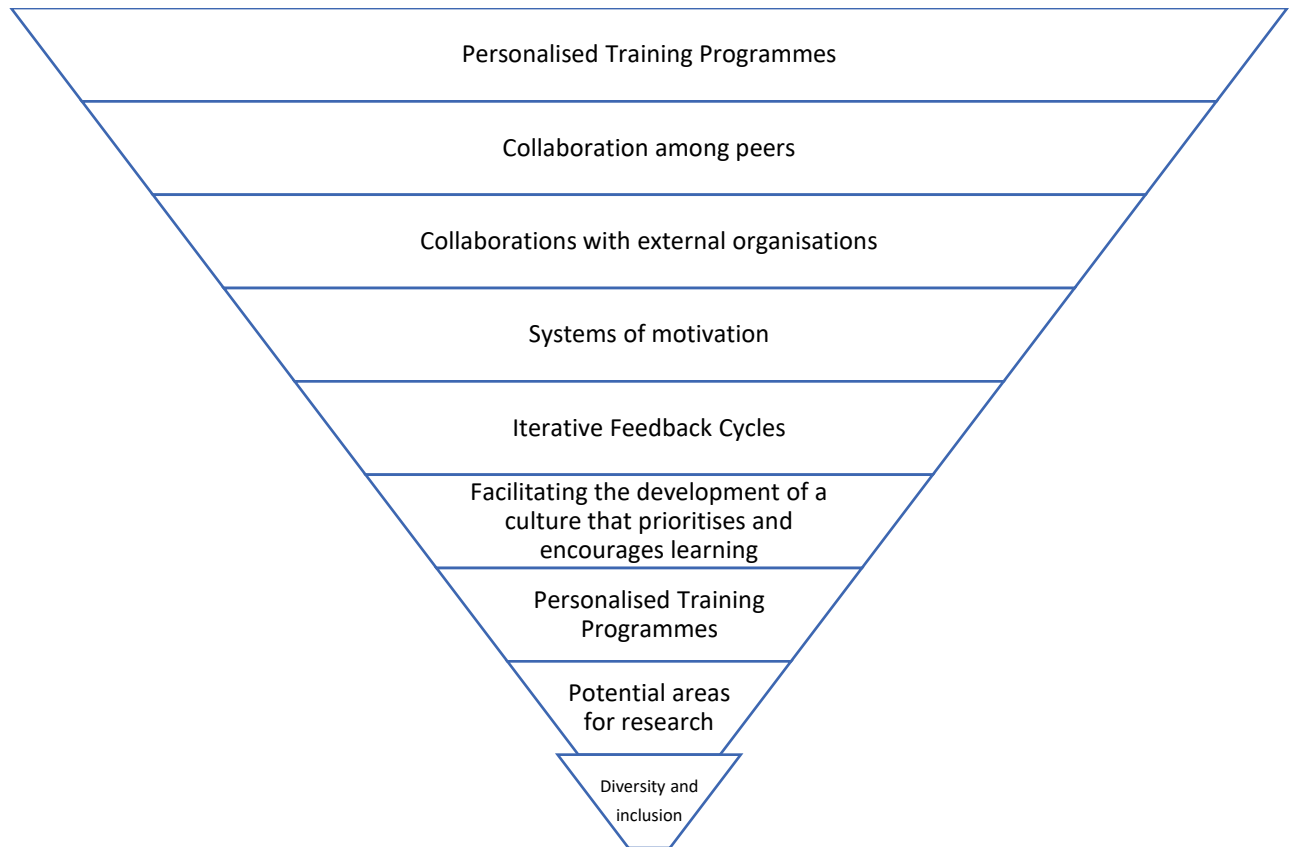


Figure 1: Positive Potentialities of T&D to Enhance FP

- Customize training programs to align with the distinct requirements and inclinations of each faculty member, guaranteeing pertinence and involvement (Dung., et.al., 2014).
- Utilise online platforms to maximize the benefits of flexible and easily available training, enabling faculty members to acquire knowledge at their own speed and convenience.
- Cultivate a culture of peer collaboration, wherein seasoned faculty members serve as mentors and provide assistance to their colleagues, thereby establishing a community of ongoing learning.
- Engage in partnerships with external organizations, industry experts, and other educational institutions to facilitate the provision of varied and specialized training options for faculty.
- Create a resilient incentive framework that acknowledges and compensates faculty members for their dedication to training and development, while also connecting it to opportunities for career progression and financial advantages.
- Leadership that provides encouragement, assistance, and guidance to individuals or teams.
- Foster a nurturing leadership style that appreciates and promotes the advancement of teachers, establishing a setting where professional development is regarded as essential for personal and career progression.
- Implement systems for ongoing feedback, enabling faculty to provide their insights on the efficacy of training programs and propose enhancements.
- Foster a culture of continuous learning where faculty members perceive training and development as an essential and ongoing component of their responsibilities.

- Incorporate research possibilities within training programs, enabling faculty to improve their research abilities and make valuable contributions to the academic community (Kieu Trang, et.al., 2015).
- Ensure that training programs effectively cater to the varied requirements of faculty, considering their distinct teaching methodologies, academic fields, and cultural contexts (Thanh., et.al., 2015).

Faculty Performance Enhancement Strategies through T&D

Enhancing faculty performance through training and development is essential for high-quality education and educational institution expansion and flexibility.

Here are key strategies to achieve this:

1. **Determine areas requiring further training:** Perform routine evaluations to detect any deficiencies in the expertise of faculty members and determine their need for further training. Take into account input derived from performance reviews, student comments, and modifications in instructional technologies or curriculum.
2. **Formulate a Comprehensive Professional Development Strategy:** Create a detailed strategy that outlines the objectives for training and development of faculty members. Ensure that the plan is in accordance with the strategic goals of the institution and the personal career goals of the faculty members.
3. **Provide a wide range of training programmes:** Offer a diverse range of workshops, seminars, online courses, and conferences to cater to different learning preferences and methods. Incorporate instruction on pedagogical methodologies, integration of technology, research aptitude, and other pertinent domains.
4. **Training on the integration of technology:** Ensure that faculty members has a high level of proficiency in utilising contemporary instructional technologies. Provide instruction on online teaching platforms, learning management systems, and other tools that improve the teaching and learning process.
5. **Promote and support research and the dissemination of findings through publication:** Assist faculty members in their research endeavours by offering resources and guidance. Promote submission of research articles to esteemed academic journals and participation in conferences as a means to remain informed about the most recent progressions in their respective areas of expertise.
6. **Programmes for mentorship:** Implement mentorship initiatives whereby seasoned faculty members provide guidance and assistance to their less experienced counterparts. Promote a culture of cooperation and dissemination of knowledge inside the organisation.
7. **Feedback mechanisms :** Establish and integrate systematic feedback methods for faculty to evaluate the efficacy of training programmes. Promote transparent dialogue to tackle issues and consistently enhance the calibre of training programmes.
8. **Acknowledgment and Incentives:** Acknowledge and incentivize faculty members who actively participate in training and development endeavours. Establish a direct correlation between the effectiveness of training programmes and the opportunities for professional progression and financial remuneration.
9. **Foster an environment that encourages and supports continuous learning:** Promote a culture that emphasises ongoing learning, motivating faculty members to actively pursue new information and abilities. Establish an environment that fosters support and places high importance on continuous professional growth.
10. **Assess the Effectiveness of Training:** Consistently evaluate the influence of training programmes on faculty performance and student results. Utilise data such as student success rates, teacher satisfaction surveys, and academic achievements as indicators of efficacy.

Review Literature

Training and development are now recognised as essential components in today's organisational environment since they can improve the productivity and effectiveness of both individuals and the company (Raja., et.al., 2011). The role of employee training and development is vital in determining the economic performance of any institution. Educational institutions should give priority to the cultivation of a proficient workforce that can effectively support both manufacturing and service industries (Sarheng, 2013). (Shaheen., et.al., 2013) defined training as a systematic process aimed at improving employees' knowledge, skills, and behaviour to effectively carry out a specific task or job. According to the research conducted by (Amin et al. in 2013), training is the act of gaining knowledge and skills to improve one's performance in their current job. The objective of employee

development is to equip individuals with the requisite competencies and aptitudes to thrive in forthcoming job roles and duties. (Sims, 2002) emphasizes that training focuses on the present job responsibilities, while development strives to prepare employees for prospective future positions. Effective teaching can be defined as the process of delivering instruction that leads to the achievement of successful learning outcomes. This refers to the thorough and long-lasting acquisition of knowledge, skills, and values that the instructor or institution seeks to transmit. The education literature offers a variety of efficacious pedagogical approaches, substantiated by empirical investigations carried out by (Campbell., et.al., 1997). Studies have shown that the calibre of educators has a substantial impact on pupils' development, even when taking into account their prior educational attainment and family background characteristics. In order to evaluate the impact of these strategies on students' academic performance, the following methods would be advantageous.

In contemporary society, training is indispensable and pivotal in augmenting the calibre of schooling. In-service training can augment the roles and capabilities of trainees to meet the institutional needs in terms of skills and knowledge. (Pintrich., et.al., 2002) argue that only teachers who have undergone training possess the ability to create educational objectives and develop tactics to attain them. Skilled educators have efficient strategies for aiding children (Bockerts., et.al., 2000). Training serves as a catalyst that triggers a significant metamorphosis in a teacher, redefines their role, broadens their outlook, and enhances their capabilities. In-service teacher training improves instructors' capacity to embrace a more systematic and logical approach in their teaching methods (Kwadwo., 2013).

Objective of the study

- To analyze the impact of T&D on faculties performance
- To suggest findings & conclusion

Research Methodology

The study is based on both primary as well as secondary data. The primary data has been gathered from structured questionnaire where 120 total faculties from different domain has been randomly selected from private colleges. The theoretical framework & review literature has been captured from online available resources such as website, published papers, journal websites & so on. Descriptive research design has been used & for analysis SPSS has been utilized to conclude results.

Table 1: Demographics

Demographic Analysis			
Gender		Frequency	Percent
	Male	75	62.5%
	Female	45	37.5%
Age	Less than 25	14	11.67%
	25-30	67	55.83%

	30-35	20	16.67%
	Above 40	19	15.83%
Marital Status	Married	92	76.67%
	Unmarried	28	23.33%
Education Level	Graduation	13	10.83%
	Post-Graduation	59	49.16%
	Ph.D & Others	48	40.00%

Table 2: Reliability Statistics

Reliability Statistics	
Cronbach's Alpha	N of Items
.818	8

Based on dependability data, the projected value of Cronbach's Alpha was .812 (N=8), above the minimum acceptable value of .60 as indicated in Table 2. Therefore, there is a sense of consistency and logical connection among the variables. As a result, additional statistical methods can be employed.

Table 3: Descriptive Statistics with T-Value

	N	Mean	S.D.	t	Sig. (2-tailed)
Technological Barriers	120	2.794	0.278	1.003	0.721
Diversity of Faculty Needs	120	2.547	0.367	0.412	0.546
Time Constraints	120	1.536	0.344	0.977	0.551
Lack of Incentives	120	1.679	0.299	0.734	0.378
Limited Resources	120	2.433	0.301	0.079	0.079

Resistance to Change	120	2.446	0.310	0.615	0.569
Inadequate Evaluation Metrics	120	3.459	0.423	1.764	0.714
Limited Access to Training Opportunities	120	2.998	0.411	1.045	0.702

Findings of the study

- Faculty members may exhibit reluctance in embracing novel pedagogical techniques or technologies, particularly if they are accustomed to conventional methodologies.
- Educational institutions may have financial limitations, which restrict the availability of resources for extensive training programmes.
- Faculty members sometimes face rigorous schedules, which pose a challenge in finding enough time for training without compromising their teaching obligations.
- The diverse skill gaps and training needs of faculty members pose a challenge in creating a universally applicable programme.
- Insufficient acknowledgment and incentives linked to training and development can diminish faculty members' enthusiasm to actively engage in these programmes.
- Certain faculty members may lack proficiency in technology, which hinders the effective incorporation of technology into their teaching approaches.
- Assessing the influence of training on faculty performance can be difficult, particularly in the absence of suitable evaluation metrics.
- Faculty members located in remote or economically disadvantaged areas may face restricted access to training options, hence worsening educational disparities.

Conclusion

Through allocating resources towards the training and development of faculty members, educational institutions can bolster their overall performance, elevate the standard of education offered, and guarantee that faculty members stay up-to-date in their particular areas of expertise. In order to tackle these issues and take advantage of the opportunities, it is crucial to embrace a proactive and collaborative approach. This involves involving faculty, administrators, and external stakeholders to create a dynamic and supportive environment that encourages continuous improvement in faculty performance through training and development.

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