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## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND APPLICATION OF LATEST TECHNOLOGIES IN FOREIGN LANGUAGE TEACHING**

In today's world, characterized by globalized commerce, rapid technological advancements, and expanding subject knowledge, teachers must consistently acquire new competencies and, of course, adapt to changes. Teachers must keep pace with evolving pedagogical techniques, emerging educational theories, and innovative technologies.

The COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the importance of remote work skills. Technology-integrated education can prepare students for remote work environments, which are becoming increasingly common in various industries. Technologies in the education process that are important for us appear in global learning communities: more online platforms and social media may enable us to connect with peers globally, fostering the exchange of ideas and best practices. This global network enhances professional growth and exposes educators to a wider range of perspectives.

Firstly, these areas may include the pedagogy and methodology of teaching foreign languages. We must have a basic knowledge of how to teach our students a lesson and develop our skills in using new technologies and methods in teaching classes. For example, while online learning, we use new platforms to communicate with participants or use interaction applications. From interactive online platforms to virtual reality simulations, these tools help us find innovative ways to foster engagement, collaboration, and critical thinking among students. [1] However, of course, to harness the benefits of technology, we must become adept at using these tools. Being part of a global learning community encourages continuous learning. Educators are motivated to stay updated with the latest research, teaching techniques, and technology trends to remain competitive in this global network. Educators can access a vast repository of resources, such as lesson plans, educational materials, and research papers, shared by their global peers. This access enhances the quality of

teaching and enriches the learning experiences of students. This is where professional development becomes essential. So for this, in our university, we learn interesting and new subjects like digital competence, the implementation of interdisciplinary connections, and the knowledge of new digital technologies for conducting interactive classes for children.

The second influential aspect is knowledge of psychology, and it is important to know the peculiarities of children in terms of age psychology. This knowledge allows a better understanding of students' motives, behaviors, interests, and thinking in general. We, as teachers, may help motivate children to study and learn more foreign languages.

In an increasingly digital world, digital literacy is a fundamental skill. Technology integration in education equips students with the ability to navigate digital tools, software, and platforms. Also, weighty aspects appear in preparation for future careers: integrating technology into education equips students with crucial digital skills for the job market. Educators well-versed in these technologies can better prepare students for future careers or further lives. Also, new technologies provide tools for collecting and analyzing data on student performance. For example, knowledge testing platforms, interactive quizzes, and an online grading diary Educators can establish professional learning networks on platforms like Twitter, LinkedIn, or specialized education forums. Platforms offer educators unique opportunities to connect, collaborate, and grow professionally. Here, we'll explore the specific platforms used more in lessons with students: Vseosvita, Naurok, and Classtime. [2] Vseosvita is a widely recognized online platform that focuses on educational resources and professional development for teachers. Educators can share lesson plans, teaching materials, educational resources, forums, and discussions. The platform offers online courses and webinars that allow educators to expand their knowledge and skills. The next one is known for its vast collection of educational resources and interactive tools—Naurok. Naurok hosts a comprehensive library of educational materials, including lesson plans, quizzes, and multimedia content, and facilitates the formation of teacher communities. Finally, Classtime is a versatile educational platform that

supports formative assessment and interactive learning. Class Time offers collaborative workspaces where educators can share lesson plans, teaching strategies, and student activities. This encourages collaboration and the exchange of innovative teaching ideas. In general, these platforms facilitate resource sharing, collaborative discussions, and access to a wealth of educational materials and expertise, ultimately enhancing the quality of education in Ukraine and promoting continuous professional growth among educators.

In conclusion, professional development is an important aspect of our education, and in general, it is a fundamental aspect of an educator's journey. In an era defined by technological advancements, teachers must continuously learn and adapt to ensure that they are well-equipped to guide students toward success. By embracing new technologies and integrating them into their teaching practices, educators can enhance engagement, personalize learning experiences, and prepare students for the challenges of the future.

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