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REVIEW ON TEACHER KNOWLEDGE OF CHEMISTRY TEACHERS

Abstract. This research investigates the different aspects of chemistry teacher knowledge. These aspects include subject matter knowledge, pedagogical content knowledge, technological knowledge, assessment knowledge, classroom management knowledge, interpersonal knowledge, and reflective knowledge.

The study found that all of these aspects of knowledge are important for effective chemistry teaching. Teachers who have a deep understanding of chemistry content and pedagogy are more likely to be able to create engaging and effective lesson plans. They are also more likely to be able to use technology effectively to enhance teaching and learning.

Introduction

In recent years, there has been a growing recognition of the critical importance of providing students with a robust education in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). This acknowledgment arises from the realization that proficient expertise in these fields is essential for maintaining competitiveness in the global economy and addressing contemporary challenges such as sustainable resource management and technological advancement. Central to this educational imperative is the notion of STEM literacy, which goes beyond mere familiarity with subject matter to encompass a deep understanding of foundational principles and their real-world applications. Scholars and educators alike emphasize the need for students to grasp not only the core concepts within individual STEM disciplines but also their interconnectedness and relevance to everyday life. To achieve these goals, educators are increasingly turning to integrated STEM curricula, which offer students interdisciplinary learning experiences that foster critical thinking, problem-solving skills, and creativity. By breaking down traditional silos between subjects, integrated STEM approaches aim to provide students with a more holistic understanding of complex phenomena and better prepare them for the demands of a rapidly evolving technological landscape. Within this broader framework of STEM education, the role of chemistry teachers is particularly significant. As experts in their field, these educators are tasked with instilling in students a deep appreciation for the principles of chemistry and equipping them with the knowledge and skills needed to excel in this discipline. Understanding the various dimensions of Chemistry Teacher Knowledge is therefore essential for ensuring effective instruction and cultivating a new generation of scientifically literate individuals.

Literature review

Teaching chemistry requires a multifaceted knowledge base that includes content understanding, teaching skills, and practical experience. This article explores various aspects of chemistry teachers' knowledge and their implications for effective teaching.

Content knowledge refers to the teacher's deep understanding of the concepts and theories of chemistry that he is teaching. This allows them to explain concepts clearly, address student misconceptions, and

connect different topics coherently. Research shows that teachers with strong content knowledge demonstrate greater confidence in teaching and deliver more engaging lessons.

Pedagogical content knowledge includes an understanding of how to teach chemistry effectively. It includes knowledge about student learning, teaching strategies, and assessment methods. Teachers with deep knowledge of pedagogical content can make informed decisions about sequencing and connecting content, differentiate instruction, and use effective questioning techniques. This knowledge helps them create meaningful learning experiences that meet the diverse needs of students.

Practical knowledge includes the practical skills and experience needed to teach chemistry experiments safely and effectively. It includes knowledge of laboratory equipment, safety procedures, and troubleshooting techniques. Teachers with practical knowledge can confidently lead practical lessons to promote student engagement and understanding. They can also tailor experiments to

Given the importance of chemistry teachers' knowledge, it is important to explore strategies to improve it. This paper discusses professional development programs, teacher education institutions, and school-based initiatives that can assist teachers in developing a comprehensive understanding of chemistry and effective teaching practices.

Professional development programs provide teachers with the opportunity to deepen their content knowledge, improve their teaching skills, and gain practical experience. These programs may include workshops, conferences, online courses, and mentoring programs. Effective professional development programs are tailored to teachers' specific needs and provide ongoing support.

Teacher training institutions play a critical role in equipping future teachers with the necessary knowledge and skills. They should emphasize pedagogical content knowledge and practical skills in their curriculum. Teacher candidates should have ample opportunities to practice, conduct research, and collaborate with experienced teachers.

Schools can also contribute to improving the knowledge of chemistry teachers through initiatives such as peer observation, lesson study groups, and collaborative planning. Peer observations allow teachers to learn from each other's experiences and provide constructive feedback. In lesson study groups, teachers work together to develop and refine effective lesson plans. Collaborative planning promotes knowledge sharing and ensures that teachers are aligned in their instructional goals.

Purpose of the research:

The purpose of the research paper is to examine the Pedagogical Content Knowledge (PCK) of chemistry teachers. It aims to assess the current level of PCK among educators, identify factors influencing its development, and explore its implications on teaching practices and student learning outcomes. Additionally, the paper seeks to provide insights and recommendations for enhancing chemistry education by improving the pedagogical skills and knowledge of chemistry teachers.

Research questions:

1. What is the current level of Pedagogical Content Knowledge (PCK) among chemistry teachers?
2. What factors contribute to the development and acquisition of PCK among chemistry educators?
3. How does PCK influence the instructional practices of chemistry teachers in the classroom?
4. What are the effects of chemistry teachers' PCK on student engagement and learning outcomes?

Methodology

The methodology for reviewing the aspects of chemistry teacher knowledge began with a thorough literature search across various databases using specific keywords and search queries. Articles were screened based on predetermined inclusion criteria, including relevance and publication quality. Data extraction involved identifying variables of interest and developing structured forms for data collection from selected studies. The quality of each study was assessed based on established criteria, paying particular attention to research methodology and potential biases. Synthesis of results included organizing extracted data to identify patterns, trends, and gaps in the literature, utilizing methods such as thematic analysis and narrative synthesis. Critical appraisal was conducted to reflect on the strengths and weaknesses of the review and discuss any inconsistencies or contradictions in the findings. Methodological limitations, such as selective publication bias and language restrictions, were identified and addressed to ensure the integrity of the review process. The conclusion summarized the methodology used and reflected on its effectiveness in achieving the review objectives, providing insights for future research in the field. Finally, all references mentioned in the methodology section were listed to ensure transparency and scholarly integrity.

Sampling:

All identified research articles were compiled into a table, listing the authors' names, publication years, and brief descriptions of the studies' objectives and findings. The table provided an overview of the diverse research landscape concerning chemistry teachers' content knowledge, facilitating comparative analysis and identification of common themes and trends.

Article name (author, year of publication)	Description
Benjamin Sandlin, Jordan Harshman, and Ellen Yezierski (2011)	This study investigates the alignment between high school chemistry teachers' formative assessment goals and the items they use to assess student learning.
Marina Miyuko Akutagawa Tacoshi, Carmen Fernandez (2014)	This article investigates the importance of knowledge of assessment in the pedagogical content knowledge (PCK) of chemistry teachers.
A S Shidiq , A Permanasari, Hernani , and S Hendayana (2020)	This article explores the challenges and opportunities that chemistry teachers faced in creating innovative lab-work activities during the COVID-19 outbreak
Laura Teinholt Finne, Bente Gammelgaard, and Frederik Voetmann Christiansen (2022)	This article investigates students' perceptions of laboratory teaching for quality learning in the absence of traditional laboratory work
Paz B. Reyes, Rebecca C. Nueva España, Rene R. Belecina (2014)	This article proposes a model for teaching and learning in chemistry laboratory instruction based on best practices
Betül Demirdöğen, Deborah L. Hanuscin,	This case study investigates the early

Esen Uzuntiryaki-Kondakci , Fitnat Köseoğlu (2015)	development of preservice chemistry teachers' pedagogical content knowledge (PCK) for teaching the nature of science (NOS) through a two-semester intervention.
Bo Chen, Bing Wei (2015)	This article investigates how chemistry teachers' pedagogical content knowledge (PCK) influences their use of curriculum materials.
Onno De Jong, Jan H. Van Driel, Nico Verloop (2001)	This article presents the results of a study on the study of pedagogical content knowledge (PCK) of future chemistry teachers in the framework of a postgraduate teacher education program.
Daphna Mandler, Rachel Mamlok-Naaman, Ron Blonder, Malka Yayon and Avi Hofstein (2012)	This article argues for the use of environmentally oriented curricula in high-school chemistry teaching.
Fer Coenders, Cees Terlouw, Sanne Dijkstra, Jules Pieters (2010)	This article presents a case study of the effects of a chemistry curriculum reform on teachers' professional growth.
Oluwatosin Victor Ajayi (2017)	This article investigates the relationship between teachers' content knowledge, qualifications, experience, and students' achievement in chemistry, finding that all three factors are positively correlated with student achievement.
Marissa Rollnick, Judith Bennett, Mariam Rhemtula, Nadine Dharsey and Thandi Ndlovu (2008)	This article investigates the relationship between subject matter knowledge (SMK) and pedagogical content knowledge (PCK) in the teaching of chemistry.

The **data collection** process involved systematically gathering information from selected research articles identified through the literature search. Relevant data, including authors' names, publication years, study objectives, and key findings, were extracted and compiled into a structured database. Articles meeting predetermined inclusion criteria were meticulously reviewed to ensure accuracy and comprehensiveness of the collected data. Special attention was paid to identifying patterns, trends, and common themes across the selected studies. The data collection phase adhered to rigorous protocols to maintain the integrity and reliability of the gathered information.

In the **data analysis** section, various methods were employed, starting with a descriptive analysis of the main characteristics and data distribution. Following this, a comparative analysis was conducted to

identify common themes and differences among the selected articles. Thematic analysis and visual representation of data were utilized to uncover key themes and relationships. Interpretation of the results allowed for the identification of major findings and recommendations for further research in the field.

Result

In the results section, the findings from the data analysis were presented and discussed in detail. The section began with a summary of the characteristics of the selected articles, including publication years, authors, and research objectives. Key themes and patterns identified through the analysis were then outlined, highlighting commonalities and differences among the studies. Additionally, any significant findings related to chemistry teachers' content knowledge were elaborated upon, along with their implications for the field of education. Finally, the section concluded with a discussion of the overall trends observed and their relevance to the research objectives, providing insights for future studies.

Article (Author, Year)	Influences	Frequency	Percentage
A S Shidiq, A Permanasari, Hernani, and S Hendayana (2020) Laura Teinholt Finne, Bente Gammelgaard, and Frederik Voetmann Christiansen (2022) Paz B. Reyes, Rebecca C. Nueva España, Rene R. Belecina (2014)	Technological knowledge	3	25%
Marina Miyuko Akutagawa Tacoshi, Carmen Fernandez (2014) Benjamin Sandlin, Jordan Harshman, and Ellen Yezierski (2011)	Assessment knowledge	2	16,7%
Jan H. Van Driel, Onno De Jong, Nico	Content knowledge	7	58,3%

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