FEATURES OF DEVELOPING THE WORLDVIEW COMPETENCY OF FUTURE TEACHERS OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND FOREIGN LITERATURE

Abstract. In connection with modernisation processes taking place in the Ukrainian education and its transition to a competent paradigm, attention is paid to the competences and qualifications of education workers as they are to introduce new approaches to the development of education. Worldview competence is an element of educational competence that covers all three levels of competence development and is characterized by personal experience, values related to interaction with the environment. This competence implies planetary responsibility, noosphere thinking, a culture of civilisation, and a system of new values. The purpose of this article is to describe some of peculiarities of the process of developing the worldview competence of future teachers of English and foreign literature. The methods of research used: analysis and synthesis, comparison, systematisation and classification of philosophical, sociological, psychological and pedagogical scientific sources of literature in order to identify the theoretical foundations and the state of development of the problem under the study. The world-wide competence of a teacher of English and foreign literature is the competence in the world of thought associated with value orientations, the ability to see and understand the surrounding foreign world, to navigate within it, to realise its role and purposeful, creative orientation in the native and foreign language environment, the ability to choose target and meaningful parameters of teaching and learning process, making creative decisions.

Key words: worldview competence; general competence; educational competence; student's value orientations; micro-lesson; competency paradigm; competence approach.

Formulation of the problem. A competency paradigm is growing attention to competency and qualification characteristics of workers. In connection with the modernization processes taking place in the Ukrainian foreign education and its transition to the European standards of education since they are intended to implement the new approaches to the development of education. Competency approach is the most productive for carrying out strategic tasks of educating a person of the society of the noosphere era (Спирин, 2003). Instead of a three-component model of the content of education in the current paradigm, these foundations are asked by a four-component model: knowledge, skills, an experience of the creative activity, experience of value relation (Данилова, 2001). Educational competencies are differentiated into three levels: key, general-subject and substantive. Worldview competency is an element of educational competency that covers all three levels and characterizes the experience of value-related attitude to the environment. This competency implies planetary responsibility, noospheric thinking, civilization culture and a system of new values. The basis of education is the high level of spirituality of man, which is impossible without the formation of tolerance to the «otherness»: thinking, faith, culture, systems of new values (Нечинорук, 2010). Noospheric thinking is a new stage in the development of the biosphere, a stage of mental control of relations between society and nature when a human activity becomes a force that directs development and nature.

Analysis of recent researches and publications. There have been partly reflected the requirements for the formation of a world-view competency of a student in the process of obtaining education in a higher educational establishments, such as: in the National State Program «Education (Ukraine XXI Century)» (1993), «The National Doctrine of the Development of Ukraine's Education in the 21st Century» (2002), the Laws of Ukraine «On Education» (2016), «On Higher Education» (2014) «The Conception of National Education for Student Youth» (2009), the State Target Social Program «Youth of Ukraine» for 2016-2020 (2016).

A.O. Verbitsky offered a competent approach to learning in the concept of world-renowned competency is considered through a system of conscious knowledge: «in order to be theoretically and practically competent, the student needs to make a double transition: from the sign – to the thought, but from the thought - to the act, action. The transition from information to its use is mediated by the thought, which makes this information knowledge» (Krymskyi, 2010).

Consequently, this approach shapes the notion of professional competency as a system of knowledge and skills. V.O.Sukhomlinsky argued that the teacher should know and feel that, in his conscience, the fate of each child, and the mind, health, happiness of the person who is raised by the school depends on his spiritual culture and ideological wealth. Vasyl Oleksandrovych considered the education of children sensitivity, kindness, a subtlety of feelings, the desire to bring joy to others, as well as the ability to counterbalance all negative goodness, attention to the person. An outstanding teacher came from his own conviction that the school should be in a beautiful natural environment, where many greenery, water, and if the vegetation around it is poor, then it is necessary to create its green protection at least in the immediate surroundings (Antonets, 2010).

Identification of previously unsettled parts of the problem. There came to adopt two vital conceptual models related to learning and cognition which they integrated together to create the organizational structure (and hence dynamic and disparate functions) of a critical learning system:

(1) An experiential model of learning developed by

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The aim of this article has been involved the American organizational psychologist David Kolb which can be thought of a perpetual cycle between the four cognitive activities that flux between the concrete and the abstract, and between reflection and action (Kolb, 1984).

(2) A three-level model of cognitive processing developed by another American researcher, Karen Kitchener that discriminated between cognition, meta-cognition and epistemic cognition (Kitchener, 1981). The integration of these two models together led to a framework for developing learning practices that focused in turn on:

(a) learning about the matter to hand and how to transform that for the better,

(b) learning about the learning processes that are brought to bear on learning matter to hand (meta-learning), and how to improve them, and

(c) learning about the limitations to learning that are imposed by prevailing worldviews (epistememes) (epistemic learning), and how these can be appropriately characterized, challenged and, where indicated, transformed (Bawden, 2010).

The purpose of the article. The aim of this article is to describe some features of the process of developing the worldview competency of the future teachers of English language and foreign literature.

Methods of research. There has been involved the use of a system of research methods: theoretical methods: analysis and synthesis, comparison, systematization and classification of the provisions of philosophical, sociological, psychological and pedagogical scientific sources of literature in order to find out the theoretical foundations and state of development of the problem under study.

Presenting main material. Perhaps the most significant overall insight to emerge from this work in transformative development is captured by the following claim (Bawden, 2005): «Every systemic act of development in the material and social worlds demands the development of particular ways of «seeing» the world from a systems perspective along with a set of practical skills that reflect this particular systemic view of the world». At first sight, there would seem to be nothing particularly challenging about approaching matters from a perspective that appreciates the nature of wholeness and of the inter-connectedness of parts; or of a practice that continually places problems into their wider, more complex contexts as a key aspect of the problem-solving process. Nor would it seem to be that difficult, to approach changing problematic situations in such a manner that those changes would reflect an appreciation of the «whole picture», as it were, with respect to moral concerns as well as to the facts of the matter. We all know that each of us has certain moral principles and aesthetic ideals that we like to see played out in practice, just as we like to believe that we are rational in the ways that, as individuals and members of particular cultures alike, we «see» or perceive that world. In other words, our everyday actions in our environments, in the broadest sense of that word, are greatly influenced by the particular mental models or worldview perspectives or mindsets or epistememes that we rely on, to help us make sense out of our day-to-day experiences of what we hold to be the reality about us as well as what we consider to be the right and proper things to be doing. It is our worldviews that act as the «filters» to our understandings, our frames of mind as the contexts for our judgments, our fundamental beliefs as the foundations for our morality (Bawden, 2010).

Importantly the worldviews that we hold, as individuals and as social collectives, can be transformed to a greater or lesser extent. «The so-called Enlightenment Movement of 17th 18th century Europe for instance, where reason trumped tradition, represents such epistemic transformation on a very grand socio-cultural scale indeed» (Bawden, 2005). Other, much more modest transformations are represented by individuals «changing their own minds» about such matters as capital punishment, cigarette smoking, stem cell research, carbon emissions, animal welfare and a host of other epistemic positions that reflect changing beliefs and values. Such changes are often triggered by the arguments of others as well as by the sheer weight of previously ignored or newly generated evidence.

Given their significance, it is quite amazing that worldviews do not attract much attention from educators:
«Most of the time we are not even aware that our behaviour is a reflection of a particular set of essentially tacit assumptions that each of us holds about the world about us, about the universe, and about our own human characteristics and how we relate to the world and to the greater universe beyond» (Bawden, 2010). Succinctly, worldviews - or Weltanschauungen to use the German expression which is commonly employed in the systems literature – can be seen to comprise a set of personal presuppositions about:

(a) the nature of foreign and native surroundings (or ontology, philosophically speaking),

(b) the nature and origins of the universe, of life itself and, especially, of the spiritual essence of mankind (or cosmology),

(c) the nature of knowledge (or epistemology) and

(d) the nature of human nature especially as it relates to motivations, dispositions and values, especially ethics and aesthetics (or axiology) (Bawden, 2010).

Conclusions and perspectives for further research. Interacting together, these constituencies of beliefs greatly shape our personal perceptions and, when reflective of our particular culture, our collective views of the world about us. They are thus the major determinants of the decisions and judgments that we make and the actions that we take. They play a major role in defining the goals that we set for ourselves as well as the goals that we believe we could set for ourselves, and indeed should set for ourselves as expressions of what we hold to be good or bad, right or wrong, virtuous or vicious.

Let us demonstrated the micro-lesson which shows by what means and forms the worldview competency can be involved in the studying process.

Micro-lesson. Topic: «Worldview competency as an active-procedural component of specialist training».

Aim: to define the meaning of the notion «a teacher’s worldview competency» to practically apply means and forms of realization of worldview competency during studying English language and foreign literature.

The worldview competency of the teacher of English language and foreign literature is the competency in the world of thought, connected with value orientations, the ability to see and understand the surrounding foreign world, to navigate there, to realize its role and purposeful, creative orientation in the native and foreign language environment, the ability to choose the target and meaningful parameters of the process of teaching and learning, making creative decisions. The table 1. shows the forms and means of implementing the worldview competency into the educational process of training of teachers of English language and foreign literature.

| 1. Forms | 2. Means |
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| Discussion. | receptive-reproductive exercises (answer questions to the text that students have listened to, choose the right answer to the questions before listening audio or watching video) |
| Group work. | reproductive exercises (write an essay) |
| Interactive activities. | group exercises |

Table 1.

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Особливості розвитку міровоззренчеської компетентності будучих учителей англійської мови та іноземної літератури

Анотація. Мировоззренческа компетентность являється элементом образовательной компетенции, охватывающей все три уровня компетентностного развития и характеризуется личным опытом, ценностями, связанными с взаимодействием с окружающей средой. Эта компетентность предполагает планетарную ответственность, ноосферное мышление, культуру цивилизации и систему новых ценностей. Цель этой статьи – описать некоторые особенности процесса развития мировоззренческой компетентности будущих учителей английского языка и зарубежной литературы. Нами применены теоретические методы: анализ и синтез, сравнение, классификация положений философских, социологических, психологических и педагогических научных источников с целью выявления теоретических основ и состояния развития исследуемой проблемы. Мировоззренческая компетентность учителя английского языка и зарубежной литературы – компетентность в мире мысли, связанная с ценностными ориентациями, умением видеть и понимать окружающий иностранный мир, ориентироваться в нем, осознавать свою роль и целевое, креативное ориентирование в родном и иностранном языковом окружении, возможность выбирать целевые и содержательные параметры процесса преподавания и обучения, принятия творческих решений.

Ключевые слова: мировоззренческая компетентность; общие компетентности; образовательная компетенция; личностные ориентации студента; микро-урок; компетентностная парадигма; компетентностный подход.

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