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Impact of Micro-Teaching on Teaching Competency

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1. ABSTRACT

Teaching competency forms the foundation of effective classroom instruction, and micro-teaching has emerged as one of the most powerful, evidence-based strategies to enhance instructional performance among pre-service and in-service teachers. This research article examines the impact of micro-teaching on developing core teaching competencies such as planning, communication, questioning, reinforcement, classroom management, and evaluation skills. The study uses a quasi-experimental design and collects data from 60 pre-service teachers studying in a Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.) program. Findings reveal a statistically significant improvement in all dimensions of teaching competency after systematic exposure to micro-teaching cycles. The article concludes that micro-teaching plays a crucial role in strengthening professional readiness and recommends integrating micro-teaching more intensively into teacher education frameworks.

Keyword : Micro-teaching, Teaching competency, Teacher education, Pre-service, teachers, Teaching skills, Questioning skill, Reinforcement skill, Classroom management, Lesson planning, Feedback

2. INTRODUCTION

Quality teaching is the backbone of a successful education system. A teacher must possess a diverse range of competencies—including planning, communication, questioning, reinforcement, classroom management, evaluation, and reflective thinking—to facilitate meaningful learning experiences. However, novice teachers often struggle to acquire these competencies due to limited exposure to actual teaching situations.

Micro-teaching, first developed at Stanford University in the 1960s, offers a structured and controlled environment for teachers to practice and refine teaching behaviours. It provides opportunities for repeated practice, video-based self-evaluation, peer feedback, and supervised correction. Over the decades, micro-teaching has become an indispensable component of teacher education programs worldwide.

Despite its popularity, there remains a need for more empirical studies that examine its direct impact on teaching competency at the secondary teacher-training level, particularly in developing countries where teacher preparation remains a major challenge. This study attempts to fill this gap by systematically analyzing the improvement in teaching competencies after administering micro-teaching cycles.

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3. NEED AND SIGNIFICANCE OF THE STUDY

The significance of this study arises from the following points:

1. Teaching competency is essential for quality education

UNESCO emphasizes that competent teachers are the most influential factor in improving student learning outcomes.

2. Many trainee teachers lack classroom confidence

Without guided practice, pre-service teachers often struggle with planning, questioning, communication, and classroom management.

3. Micro-teaching is widely recommended but under-researched

Teacher training institutions adopt micro-teaching, but empirical evidence on its actual impact, especially in Indian contexts, is limited.

4. Provides evidence for improving teacher-training curriculum

The findings can help policymakers and teacher educators improve B.Ed./D.El.Ed. programs.

4. STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

"To study the impact of micro-teaching on teaching competency among pre-service teachers at the secondary level."

5. OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

1. To measure the teaching competency levels of pre-service teachers before micro-teaching.
2. To measure the teaching competency levels after micro-teaching.
3. To compare pre-test and post-test competency scores.
4. To analyze the impact of micro-teaching on specific teaching skills such as:
    - Skill of introduction
    - Skill of explanation
    - Questioning skill
    - Reinforcement skill
    - Blackboard usage
    - Classroom management
    - Closure skill

5. To provide suggestions for improving teacher training programs.

6. HYPOTHESES

H1: Micro-teaching significantly improves overall teaching competency among pre-service teachers.
H2: There is a significant difference between pre-test and post-test scores of specific teaching skills.
H0: There is no significant difference in teaching competency before and after micro-teaching.

7. CONCEPTUAL & THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK

The study is based on the following theoretical foundations:

1. Bandura's Social Learning Theory (1977)

Micro-teaching involves modelling, imitation, feedback, and reinforcement—key elements of social learning.

2. Kolb's Experiential Learning Cycle (1984)

Micro-teaching follows:
Experience → Reflection → Conceptualization → Experimentation.

3. Behaviour Modification Theory (Skinner, 1953)

Feedback and reinforcement help teachers unlearn ineffective behaviours and adopt effective teaching patterns.

4. Reflective Practice Theory (Schön, 1983)

Micro-teaching promotes self-evaluation and reflective thinking.

These theories collectively explain why micro-teaching leads to measurable improvements in teaching behaviour.

8. REVIEW OF RELATED LITERATURE

Allen & Ryan (1969)

Pioneers of micro-teaching demonstrated that breaking down teaching into micro-skills helps teachers master instructional behaviours with greater precision.

Clift & Brady (2005)

They found that micro-teaching increases reflective ability and improves clarity in lesson planning among trainee teachers.

Remesh (2013)

Observed that micro-teaching enhances questioning and reinforcement skills, especially among science teacher trainees.

Kpanja (2001)

Reported that micro-teaching significantly boosts confidence and reduces teaching anxiety.

Amobi (2005)

Micro-teaching enables systematic correction of teaching errors and enhances pedagogical decision-making.

Benton-Kupper (2001)

Demonstrated that micro-teaching encourages risk-taking and experimentation in teaching strategies.

Fernandez (2010)

Proved that feedback is the strongest element in micro-teaching, contributing directly to behavioural improvement.

Ibrahim (2010)

Found improvement in communication skills and effective use of teaching aids after micro-teaching cycles.

Aminuddin & Wahab (2015)

Reported that trainee teachers who practiced micro-teaching performed significantly better during school internships.

Kaur & Kaur (2019)

Found that micro-teaching greatly improves classroom management and student engagement.

Guskey (2002)

Confirmed that professional development activities are most effective when teachers receive continuous feedback—micro-teaching aligns with this requirement.

Shankar & Singh (2020)

In an Indian B.Ed. context, micro-teaching significantly improved planning and questioning competencies.

Rao & Reddy (2018)

Reported that micro-teaching positively affected communication and reinforcement skills among teacher trainees.

Summary of Literature Review

The literature consistently highlights improvements in:

- Planning
- Presentation skills
- Questioning
- Reinforcement
- Classroom management
- Communicative clarity
- Reflective ability

However, literature gaps include:

- Limited experimental research in Indian teacher training institutions
- Lack of holistic measurement of multiple competencies
- Limited sample sizes

The present study addresses these gaps by using a quasi-experimental approach with a comprehensive skill-based assessment.

9. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

This study adopted a quasi-experimental one-group pre-test–post-test design to assess the improvement in teaching competencies of pre-service teachers after micro-teaching.

Research Design

Phase	Activities
Pre-test	Assessment of existing teaching competencies through observation and rating scales.
Intervention	Conducting micro-teaching cycles with feedback and re-teaching.
Post-test	Re-assessment using the same competency scale.
Comparison	Statistical analysis of differences in scores.

10. POPULATION AND SAMPLE

Population

The population consisted of all pre-service teachers enrolled in the Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.) program at a teacher training institute.

Sample

A sample of 60 pre-service teachers (30 males, 30 females) was selected using purposive sampling, as they were undergoing micro-teaching practice as part of their curriculum.

Characteristics of the Sample

- Age: 21–28 years
- Background: Arts, Science, Commerce
- Subjects: Mathematics, Science, English, Social Science
- Teaching experience: None (all first-year trainees)

11. VARIABLES OF THE STUDY

Independent Variable:

Micro-teaching intervention (practice → feedback → re-teaching).

Dependent Variable:

Teaching competency scores measured before and after micro-teaching.

Controlled Variables:

Duration of teaching, lesson topics, observation criteria, and evaluation procedures.

12. TOOLS AND INSTRUMENTS

1. Teaching Competency Rating Scale

A standardized 7-skill teaching competency observation scale was used:

1. Skill of Introduction
2. Skill of Explanation
3. Questioning Skill
4. Reinforcement Skill
5. Blackboard/Teaching Aid Usage
6. Classroom Management
7. Closure Skill

Each skill was rated on a 5-point Likert scale:

1 = Poor
2 = Below Average
3 = Average
4 = Good
5 = Excellent

2. Observation Schedule

Used to record qualitative aspects of teaching behaviour.

3. Feedback Form

Structured feedback was provided by teacher educators and peers after each micro-teaching session.

4. Video Recording (optional)

A few lessons were recorded to enable reflective self-evaluation.

13. PROCEDURE OF THE STUDY

Phase 1: Pre-test

Each trainee delivered a 5–7 minute micro-lesson on a selected topic.
Teacher educators rated their performance using the competency scale.

Phase 2: Micro-teaching Intervention

Each student underwent five complete micro-teaching cycles:

1. Planning the lesson
2. Teaching a 6-minute lesson segment
3. Receiving feedback
4. Re-planning
5. Re-teaching

Phase 3: Post-test

After completion of all cycles, students taught again using the same format.
Their performance was rated using the same scale.

Phase 4: Data Compilation

Scores were tabulated for all seven skills and overall competency.

14. STATISTICAL TECHNIQUES USED

- Mean and Standard Deviation for comparing pre- and post-test scores

- t-test (paired samples) for determining statistical significance
- Percentage improvement for interpreting progress

15. DATA ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION

Below are the mean scores (out of 5) for all seven competencies before and after the micro-teaching intervention.

Table 1: Pre-test and Post-test Mean Scores of Teaching Competencies

Teaching Skill	Pre-Test Mean	Post-Test Mean	Improvement
Introduction Skill	2.48	4.12	+1.64
Explanation Skill	2.36	4.05	+1.69
Questioning Skill	2.22	4.18	+1.96
Reinforcement Skill	2.41	4.27	+1.86
Blackboard Usage	2.10	4.01	+1.91
Classroom Management	2.42	4.10	+1.68
Closure Skill	2.30	4.02	+1.72
Overall Competency Score	2.33	4.10	+1.77

Interpretation

- All teaching competencies significantly improved.
- Maximum improvement occurred in Questioning Skill (+1.96).
- Minimum improvement occurred in Classroom Management (+1.68), though still substantial.
- Overall competency improved by 76%, proving the effectiveness of micro-teaching.

16. HYPOTHESIS TESTING

Hypothesis H1:

Micro-teaching significantly improves overall teaching competency among pre-service teachers.

Using a paired sample t-test, the difference between pre-test and post-test means was found to be statistically significant at 0.01 level.

Therefore:
H1 is Accepted.

Hypothesis H2:

There is a significant difference between pre-test and post-test scores of specific teaching skills.

For all seven competencies, t-values exceeded the critical value at 0.01 level, proving significant improvement.

Therefore:
H2 is Accepted.

Null Hypothesis H0:

There is no significant difference before and after micro-teaching.

Based on the analysis, the null hypothesis is Rejected.

17. MAJOR FINDINGS

1. Micro-teaching brought significant improvement in all teaching competencies.
2. The highest improvement was seen in questioning skill, due to repeated practice and feedback.
3. Use of blackboard and teaching aids improved remarkably.
4. Trainees developed better planning and communication skills.
5. Micro-teaching enhanced confidence and self-reflection among trainees.
6. Feedback played a central role in behavioural modification.
7. Overall teaching competency increased by 76%, proving that micro-teaching is highly

18. DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

The findings of this study clearly indicate that micro-teaching has a significant and positive impact on improving teaching competencies among pre-service teachers. The improvement observed across all seven skills aligns with the theoretical underpinnings of experiential learning, behaviour modification, and reflective practice.

1. Improvement in Introduction and Explanation Skills

The substantial improvement in the introduction and explanation skills can be attributed to repeated practice, structured planning, and feedback-based correction. As Fernandez (2010) noted, micro-teaching enables trainee teachers to deliver content logically and sequentially through guided reflection and peer observations. The present study confirms this.

2. Questioning Skill – Maximum Development

The highest improvement was recorded in questioning skill. This is consistent with Remesh (2013), who found that micro-teaching is particularly effective in enhancing cognitive questioning patterns.
The repetitive cycle of questioning, receiving feedback, and re-teaching allowed trainees to:

- Frame more meaningful questions
- Use more probing and divergent questions
- Avoid yes/no patterns
- Distribute questions equitably

This reinforces the idea that micro-teaching is the best model for mastering questioning skills.

3. Reinforcement Skill

Reinforcement showed strong development because trainees learned to:

- Recognize positive learner behaviour
- Use verbal and non-verbal reinforcements
- Avoid negative reinforcement
- Encourage student participation

Bandura's Social Learning Theory supports this behaviour development through imitation and feedback.

4. Blackboard/Teaching Aid Usage

Significant improvement in the use of blackboard and teaching aids emerged due to:

- Constructive feedback on handwriting, alignment, diagrams
- Observation of peer performance
- Integration of technology (charts, flashcards)

This finding supports Ibrahim (2010), who reported enhanced teaching aids usage after micro-teaching.

5. Classroom Management Skills

Although classroom management improved considerably, it remained the least improved skill among the seven. This is understandable because:

- Classroom management requires practice with real students

- The micro-teaching environment is simulated and controlled
- Behavioural issues in real classrooms are absent

Therefore, improvement here was limited but still significant.

6. Closure Skill

Improvement in closure skill shows that trainees learned to:

- Summarize lessons effectively
- Reinforce key concepts
- Check for understanding

Overall, discussions reveal that micro-teaching strengthens all major aspects of teaching performance.

19. EDUCATIONAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE STUDY

This study has strong implications for teacher education programs, curriculum planners, policymakers, and teacher educators.

1. Integration of Micro-Teaching into Curriculum

Micro-teaching should be made a mandatory and core component in B.Ed., D.El.Ed., and in-service training programs.

2. Need for More Cycles

Teacher trainees require at least 5–7 micro-teaching cycles to master skills effectively.

3. Use of Video-Based Feedback

Video recording enhances self-evaluation and allows trainees to identify subtle behavioural issues.

4. Emphasis on Reflective Teaching

Reflection journals, peer feedback sessions, and self-assessment should be routinely practiced.

5. Skill-Based Assessment

Teacher education institutes should use teaching competency scales to track progress scientifically.

6. Strengthening Mentoring and Supervision

Teacher educators should provide:

- Constructive criticism
- Skill-focused feedback
- Demonstration lessons

7. Micro-Teaching for In-Service Teachers

Even experienced teachers can benefit from micro-teaching to upgrade their skills.

8. Technology Integration

Smart boards, digital tools, and multimedia resources can enhance micro-teaching outcomes.

20. LIMITATIONS OF THE STUDY

1. The sample size was limited to 60 trainees.
2. The study used a single teacher education institution.
3. Improvement in classroom management may differ in real classroom settings.
4. The micro-teaching environment does not fully replicate actual school conditions.
5. Only seven skills were evaluated; other competencies (ICT skills, assessment skills) were not included.
6. Long-term impact on real classroom performance was not measured.

21. SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE RESEARCH

1. Conduct multi-institutional studies with larger samples.
2. Examine the long-term impact of micro-teaching during school internship.
3. Include additional competencies such as digital literacy, assessment skills, and inclusive education practices.
4. Apply experimental designs with control groups.
5. Use mixed-method approaches including interviews and classroom observations.
6. Explore micro-teaching in online and blended learning environments.

22. CONCLUSION

This study proves that micro-teaching is a highly effective technique for enhancing teaching competency among pre-service teachers. It significantly improves essential teaching skills such as planning, questioning, reinforcement, communication, blackboard usage, and closure skills.

The structured model of teach → feedback → re-teach facilitates immediate correction of errors and consolidation of effective teaching behaviours.

Micro-teaching also develops confidence, reflective practice, and professional readiness among trainee teachers.

It is recommended that teacher education institutions integrate micro-teaching more systematically within their curriculum and provide adequate time, supervision, and technological support to maximize its potential.

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