

Empowering Students of A Pre Service Teacher Training with TEYL Entrepreneurship

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Introduction

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Our graduates have become teachers in elementary schools although many of them are teachers in junior and senior high schools. Some equipped with their knowledge and skills have become English teachers in elementary schools. Therefore, training English teachers who will teach

children has significantly made our graduates more competitive because it has opened the gate to teaching jobs not only in junior and senior highschools but also in elementary schools and kindergartens which offer English.

Due to the government's most recent policies which now put English at the corner of our elementary school curriculum. In one hand, teaching jobs for teachers of elementary schools get fewer and fewer in the school formal systems. Due to the policy, English teachers in the elementary schools have been forced to say good bye to the teaching. Some have to turn themselves into home teachers and it means that they now teach all elementary school subjects. In addition, they can no longer be called as English teachers because they might not teach English at all. We have no idea about what is going to happen in the future about English in the elementary schools.

The society, on the other hand, as represented by parents, has an increasing need and want for English for their children. It can be seen from their interest to send their children to English language shools and courses all over the country

The training takes the form of an optional package of courses which are distributed to three consecutive semesters.

Entrepreuner is someone who starts their own business, especially when this involves seeing a new opportunity. Therefore, Teaching English to Young Learners entrepreneurship is awareness, knowledge and skills which can encourage students to start their own business related to their expertise that is teaching English to young learners when seeing a new opportunity. The entrepreneurship in TEYL might cover how to set up a language school for children and other businesses related. In the paper it is discussed how to train students to be able to set up their own language school for children in Indonesia

Courses developed in the optional packages of courses English for children

The teacher training is part of the curriculum in the English education study programme which is offered as an optional but compulsory package of concentration. It is one of the packages the students should choose among other choices. The package consists of 4 subjects namely

Children language acquisition

The course is meant to provide students with adequate theoretical knowledge on how children learn language whether it is the first, second or foreign languages.

Children language teaching methodology

Program development

The course has the aim of providing students with the awareness, the knowledge, the skills in developing

Surveying the existing language program for children

Analyzing the program

Presenting what a program should have

Learning about SWOT analysis

Doing swot analysis on EFH

Developing own language program

ASSIGNING STUDENTS FOR THEIR ROLE

PREPARING THE NAME, THE LOGO

EACH STUDENT IS HAVING A PROJECT

Presenting the project and its component

Discussing the timeline

Practicum

Working on publication

Recruiting participants