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ICT in initial teacher training in OECD countries

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Is initial teacher training responding to the ICT challenge?

Recent data from the US show:

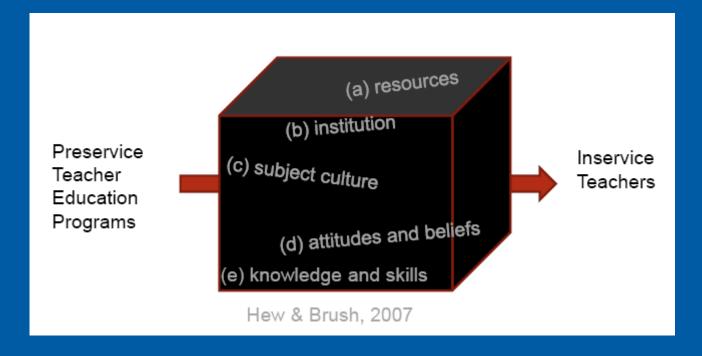
- 100% of TT institutions taught how to integrate technology into instruction, use of Internet resources and communication tools for instruction in all or some of their teacher education programmes.
- 93% taught educational technology within methods programmes
- 79% included technology in pre-service teachers' placements
- 85% offered stand-alone courses in educational technology





Is initial teacher training responding?

- ... It is widely known that:
 - Technology is hardly used in mainstream education





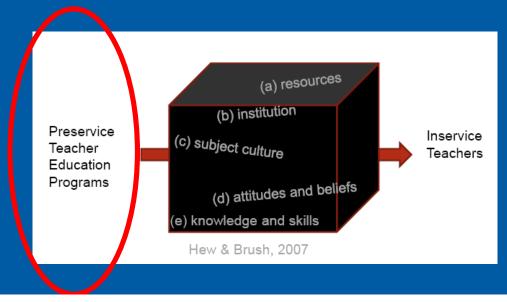


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A hard fact

 In the US, student teachers are ranked as the students who make the least use of the Internet.

Educause ECAR, 2008.







Objectives

- How far is technology used in initial teacher training across OECD countries?
- What prevents institutions from leading the way?
- What policies should be developed?





Student teachers

- When it comes to technology access student teachers are not different from the rest of the student population in the corresponding country
- Teacher training institutions provide facilities for access in a variety of ways, but not always in convenient ways.
- Technically speaking student teachers are highly qualified and confident.
- 4. In most countries, student teachers are expected to use Learning Management Systems (LMS) in support of their administrative and learning requirements.
- 5. Student teachers are unhappy about the lack of training and experience regarding technology use in the classroom.





Barriers and obstacles

- Personal level:
 - Technology is moving fast
 - There are too many new requests
 - Technology is perceived as an add-on instead of a means for changing teaching and learning:
 - Request for more time is confusing
 - Lack of significant pedagogical training emerges as a barrier





Barriers and obstacles

- Institutional level:
 - technical support, reliability or convenience of access to technology are mentioned as unresolved issues.
 - Lack of strategy and leadership





Barriers and obstacles

- Policy level:
 - Preference for in-service training
 - Mismatch curriculum reform and teacher training
 - Lack of definition of teacher competencies





Drivers, enablers and success factors

- Local level:
 - Exchange of good practice
 - Incentives: pedagogical training and time
- Institutional level:
 - Dedicated ICT departments
 - Reliability and convenience of support
- Policy level:
 - Beliefs and investments
 - Autonomy but pressure





Policy implications

- Long-term vision: competences and implications for TT
- Professional development for teacher trainers
- Knowledge base about TT practices
- Need for new frameworks for policy dialogue





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