

Social Media as an Educational Tool: The Role of Artificial Intelligence for Pre-service Teacher

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Abstract: This conceptual paper is about the integration of social media platforms extended range of artificial intelligence (AI) technologies as innovative educational tools for Bachelor of Education (Pre-service teachers). It examines how AI-driven social media can enhance pedagogical skills, providing learning environment and provide personalized educational experiences. The paper highlight the potential benefits, challenges, and role of leveraging AI-enabled social media in teacher education

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Introduction

Leveraging AI-enabled social media in teacher education means equipping educators with tools—such as intelligent, algorithm-driven, and interactive platforms—to personalize professional development, foster collaborative communities, and gain real-time insights into student engagement. It merges social learning with intelligent analytics to streamline lesson planning and enhance teaching pedagogy.

Important components of this approach include:

- **Personalized Professional Growth:** AI analyses learning patterns to offer tailored resources, adapting to the specific needs of teacher candidates.
- **Enhanced Collaboration and Networking:** Social media platforms powered by AI enable educators to connect globally, sharing best practices and resources to bridge the gap between theory and classroom reality.
- **Pedagogical Innovation:** It supports the creation of interactive, immersive learning experiences and helps educators differentiate, reflect, and reteach more effectively.
- **Decision Making:** AI analyses engagement and sentiment on social platforms to help educators identify and address learner needs in real-time.
- **Reframing the Teacher's Role:** It moves educators from being sole information providers to becoming facilitators and guides who use AI to streamline administrative tasks and amplify student creativity.

Effective implementation requires training teachers to use these tools ethically to mitigate biases and enhance, rather than replace.

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AI-enabled social media in teacher education transforms professional development from static, formal workshops into dynamic, personalized, and continuous learning experiences. It allows for the rapid sharing of best practices, personalized training pathways, and real-time collaboration among educators. The rapid expansion of social media has transformed communication and information sharing. At present artificial intelligence has advanced, offering personalized learning, intelligent tutoring, and data analytics. Merging these technologies presents new opportunities in education, especially for teacher training programs like B.Ed.

Social Media in Education:

Overview of how platforms like Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and What Sapp are used for educational purposes, collaboration, and resource sharing. ‘social media’ to refer to a wide range of technologies which store and transmit information in digital form. This includes computers, the internet and e-mail, mobile phones and other mobile devices and cameras, video games, and also ‘Web 2.0’ technologies, the label commonly applied to ‘participatory’ and interactive media which involve the user being able to generate and broadcast content (including blogs, wikis, and social networking sites). For a thorough review of the ‘optimistic’ literature of digital media and social change. -Selwyn. N (2009).

Artificial Intelligence in Education:

Artificial Intelligence (AI) in education refers to the use of intelligent computer systems to enhance teaching and learning, personalizing education through adaptive platforms, automating administrative tasks like grading, and offering 24/7 support. It benefits education by tailoring learning to individual needs, providing real-time feedback, and boosting efficiency, but faces challenges regarding data privacy, equity, and reduced critical thinking. Discussion of AI applications such as adaptive learning, chatbots, virtual tutors, and data-driven feedback. Exploration of current integrations, e.g., AI chatbots in social media, personalized content delivery, and intelligent discussion forums.

Benefits of AI in Education:

1. Personalized Learning: AI-powered systems adapt content, pace, and difficulty to match individual student needs, improving learning outcomes.
2. Intelligent Tutoring Systems (ITS): These tools simulate one-on-one human tutoring, offering customized, 24/7 feedback.
3. Reduced Teacher Workload: Automated grading and administrative task management free up educators to focus on student engagement.
4. Enhanced Accessibility & Inclusivity: AI supports students with special needs and provides tailored content, making learning more accessible.

Challenges of AI in Education

1. Security: Handling large volumes of student data poses significant security risks.
 2. Reduced Critical Thinking & Academic honesty: Over-reliance on tools like chatbots may lead to plagiarism and hinder independent thinking.
 3. Inequity & The Digital Divide: Unequal access to high-quality AI tools can worsen existing educational disparities.
 4. Technical & Ethical Concerns: Potential for bias in AI algorithms and the risk of generating inaccurate information.
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Impact on Teacher Education:

Summarize existing studies on social media's role in teacher training, the potential of AI to personalize learning, and challenges faced.- Personalized Learning & Data Analytics: Teachers are being trained to use AI-driven analytics to identify learning gaps

and provide targeted, real-time feedback to students.

1. Need for AI Literacy: Teacher preparation programs must integrate AI literacy to help educators distinguish between valid tool usage and academic dishonesty (e.g., ghost writing).

2. Social media for Development: Platforms enable the creation of communities of practice where educators share strategies and resources.

3. Ethical and Critical Thinking Challenges: There is a growing concern that over-reliance on AI may weaken critical thinking skills and introduce bias. Teachers must be trained to navigate ethical issues like surveillance and student privacy.

4. Shift in Role: The focus of teacher training is shifting towards fostering human connections—mentoring, coaching, and managing classroom climate—which AI cannot emulate.

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Conclusion :

To sum up, social media has a lot of potential as a teaching tool for aspiring educators, providing chances for professional growth, resource sharing, and group learning. This potential is further enhanced by the incorporation of artificial intelligence, which offers access to a wealth of instructional resources, real-time feedback, and individualized learning experiences. Pre-service teachers can use AI-powered social media platforms as future educators to broaden their knowledge, hone their digital literacy, and keep up with changing pedagogical trends. To optimize the advantages of AI-enabled social media in teacher education, however, issues including ethical concerns, digital literacy, and data protection must be addressed. All things considered, the combined use of social media and AI has the potential to revolutionize the training of capable, thoughtful, and creative educators for the digital era.

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