

PEDAGOGY

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The development of soft skills (social skills) as a necessary condition for the education of an innovative personality

It is discussed the needs of the modern digital economy and the social sphere in innovations, which are impossible without the subject of these transformations – an innovative personality. The engine of personal change is soft skills, and the engine of social transformation is “soft” innovation. An innovative society is impossible without an innovative personality, and the formation of an innovative personality is the task of education. Pedagogical universities are centers of social innovation, so the training of teaching staff should be ahead of the curve, using the most advanced methods. The digital economy gives preference to “flexible” skills over professional ones, therefore, in the educational process, special attention should be paid to the development of these skills in future teachers. In this study, we have identified the most important skills and ways of their formation and development in the educational process of the university.

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