

CALL FOR PAPERS

***Cuadernos de Investigación Educativa* invites submissions for the special issue titled “Contemporary Perspectives on In-Service ESOL Teacher Development: Connecting Theory and Practice”.**

Context and justification

The field of ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) education is in a state of continuous evolution, highlighting the need for ongoing professional development (Diaz Maggioli, 2020). This need stems from various factors, including the increasing diversity of student populations, specific challenges in both rural and urban educational settings (Coady *et al.*, 2023), the lasting impact of the pandemic (Cardozo-Gaibisso *et al.*, 2024), and the emergence of alternative pathways for teacher certification.

In this ever-changing environment, it is essential to bridge the gap between theoretical pedagogical frameworks and practical teaching methods for the professional growth of ESOL educators as well as for the enhancement of student learning. Indeed, effective professional development requires thoughtful planning that considers the local context and addresses the specific needs of teachers (Cirocki *et al.*, 2023).

In many cases, educators often face classrooms with increasingly linguistically diverse learners, which call for the development of strategies that support both content learning and English language development. Thus, it is imperative for teachers to develop the expertise and skills required to effectively support student learning progress (de Oliveira & Jones, 2023; Nieto, 2003).

Aim

The special issue aims to explore contemporary perspectives on the professional development of in-service ESOL teachers. It will focus on innovative approaches, research outcomes, and practical insights that effectively link theory with practice, ultimately enhancing language learning for all students.

Topics

We invite original research articles, case studies, and conceptual papers that address one or more of the following topics:

- **Place-based Professional Development Programs:** papers that examine the design, implementation, and outcomes of professional development initiatives specifically tailored for ESOL teachers working in distinct rural or urban contexts. This includes studies that assess the unique challenges and opportunities presented in these contexts, the development of program content to address local needs, and the impact of such programs on teacher effectiveness, student outcomes, and/or community engagement.
- **Professional Development for Teacher Certification:** papers that analyze the effectiveness of professional development programs used as alternative routes for in-service teacher certification. This includes a detailed exploration on how these programs are structured, the criteria for certification, and the support mechanisms in place.
- **Communities of Inquiry and Communities of Practice:** papers that explore the application of theoretical models and frameworks such as Communities of Inquiry (CoI) and Communities of Practice (CoP) into practical teaching strategies. This includes examining the principles of these models, how they can be effectively integrated into professional development programs for educators, and the impact on teacher collaboration, reflective practice, and continuous professional growth.
- **Culturally and Linguistically Sustaining Professional Development:** papers that present strategies for fostering culturally responsive teaching practices among in-service ESOL teachers through professional development. This includes exploring professional development programs that emphasize cultural and linguistic diversity, and social justice education to better equip teachers to address the diverse needs of their students.

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Article submission

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