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A PRAGMATIC-BASED APPROACH TO ENHANCING PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE IN TRANSLATOR EDUCATION

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Annotation. The article examines methodological ways of enhancing the professional competence of future translators through a pragmatic-based approach in translator education. Modern translation training requires not only linguistic knowledge but also the ability to interpret meaning within communicative contexts, cultural frameworks, and discourse situations. Therefore, the pragmatic dimension of language becomes an essential component in the formation of translators' professional competence. The study analyzes theoretical foundations of pragmatics in translation studies and highlights its role in developing communicative, intercultural, and strategic competencies. Particular attention is given to teaching methods that integrate pragmatic awareness into translation practice, including contextual interpretation, discourse analysis, and authentic text processing. The article proposes methodological recommendations aimed at improving translator training by incorporating pragmatic-oriented tasks and communicative translation activities in higher education programs.

Keywords: pragmatics, translator education, professional competence, translation training, pragmatic competence, intercultural communication, translation methodology, discourse analysis, translator training.

Introduction. In contemporary language education, the training of professional translators has become increasingly complex due to the growing demands of intercultural communication, globalization, and the expansion of multilingual information exchange. Modern translator education no longer focuses solely on linguistic equivalence but also emphasizes the ability to interpret meaning within specific communicative contexts. In this regard, pragmatic competence has emerged as one of the central components of professional translator competence. Pragmatics studies how meaning is constructed and interpreted in context, considering factors such as speaker intention, cultural norms, discourse conventions, and situational

variables[1]. Therefore, the integration of pragmatic awareness into translator training is essential for preparing specialists capable of producing contextually appropriate and communicatively effective translations.

In translation practice, a translator must not only transfer lexical and grammatical meanings but also convey implied meanings, pragmatic intentions, and culturally embedded references. Failure to recognize pragmatic nuances may lead to misinterpretation of the source message and distortion of the communicative purpose of the text. Consequently, the development of pragmatic competence plays a crucial role in ensuring translation adequacy and communicative accuracy[2]. Researchers in translation studies emphasize that translators should possess the ability to analyze discourse structures, identify implicit meanings, and adapt the translation to the sociocultural expectations of the target audience[3]. Despite the growing recognition of the importance of pragmatics in translation studies, methodological approaches aimed at developing pragmatic competence in translator education remain insufficiently elaborated. Many translator training programs still focus predominantly on linguistic and textual aspects of translation, paying limited attention to pragmatic interpretation and communicative strategies. Therefore, it is necessary to reconsider methodological principles of translator training and incorporate pragmatic-oriented teaching methods that facilitate the development of professional competence in future translators.

The formation of professional competence in future translators requires the integration of linguistic, communicative, intercultural, and strategic skills. Within translator education, a pragmatic-based approach plays an important role in ensuring that translation is not limited to the transfer of lexical meanings but also reflects communicative intentions and contextual factors of the original message. Pragmatics allows translators to interpret the implicit meaning of utterances, identify speaker intentions, and consider sociocultural norms that influence communication. In the educational process, the pragmatic-based approach can be implemented through several methodological strategies[4]. First, students should be trained to analyze discourse context, including the communicative purpose of the text, the relationship between participants, and the situational conditions in which the message is

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[2] Hatim B., Mason I. Discourse and the Translator. – London: Routledge, 2014.
[3] Nida E.A., Taber C.R. The Theory and Practice of Translation. – Leiden: Brill, 2003.
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produced. Such analysis helps future translators understand how meaning is shaped by pragmatic factors rather than by linguistic structure alone. Second, the use of authentic materials in translation training enables students to observe how pragmatic elements function in real communication. Authentic texts such as media reports, political speeches, and public statements provide valuable examples of implicit meanings, cultural references, and discourse conventions.

Furthermore, task-based translation activities contribute to the development of pragmatic awareness[5]. Through contextual interpretation tasks, discourse comparison exercises, and communicative translation practice, students gradually acquire the ability to adapt translations according to pragmatic norms of the target language and culture. In order to illustrate how a pragmatic-based approach can be systematically integrated into translator education, it is useful to present the key components of professional competence together with the pragmatic skills that should be developed during the training process. The following table summarizes the main competence areas of future translators and the corresponding pragmatic abilities that support effective translation performance.

Table 1. Components of professional competence in translator education within a pragmatic-based approach.

Competence Component	Pragmatic Focus in Translation Training	Pedagogical Implementation
Linguistic Competence	Understanding lexical meaning, grammatical structures, and semantic relations in both source and target languages	Exercises on semantic analysis, lexical equivalence tasks, comparative grammar activities
Pragmatic Competence	Interpreting speaker intention, implicature, presupposition, and contextual meaning	Contextual interpretation tasks, pragmatic analysis of dialogues, speech act identification

[5] Pym A. Exploring Translation Theories. – London: Routledge, 2014.

Discourse Competence	Analyzing discourse structure, coherence, and communicative purpose of the text	Discourse analysis of authentic texts, genre-based translation tasks
Intercultural Competence	Recognizing cultural references, social norms, and communicative conventions	Cultural comparison activities, translation of culturally bound expressions
Strategic Competence	Selecting appropriate translation strategies according to context and communicative goals	Problem-solving tasks, translation strategy discussions, reflective translation practice

The table demonstrates that translator competence is multidimensional and requires the integration of several interconnected abilities. A pragmatic-based approach allows students to move beyond literal translation and develop sensitivity to contextual meaning, discourse structure, and cultural nuances[6]. As a result, future translators become capable of producing translations that maintain both linguistic accuracy and communicative effectiveness in diverse professional situations.

The analysis demonstrates that integrating a pragmatic-based approach into translator education significantly contributes to the development of professional competence among future translators. By emphasizing contextual interpretation, discourse analysis, and intercultural awareness, this approach enables students to understand not only linguistic forms but also communicative intentions embedded in texts[7]. As a result, translator training becomes more practice-oriented and communicatively grounded. The systematic use of pragmatic tasks and authentic materials helps future translators develop the ability to produce contextually appropriate and culturally sensitive translations.

Conclusion. The study highlights the significance of incorporating a pragmatic-based approach into translator education as an effective way to enhance the professional competence of future translators. Contemporary translation practice requires specialists who are able not only to transfer linguistic meaning but also to interpret communicative intentions, contextual nuances, and sociocultural implications

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embedded in discourse. Therefore, the integration of pragmatic awareness into translator training becomes an essential methodological direction in modern language education.

The analysis demonstrates that professional competence in translation is a multidimensional construct that includes linguistic, pragmatic, discourse, intercultural, and strategic components. Among these elements, pragmatic competence plays a particularly important role because it allows translators to identify implicit meanings, understand speaker intentions, and adapt the translation to the communicative expectations of the target audience. Without the development of such competence, translation may remain formally accurate but communicatively ineffective.

The implementation of pragmatic-based teaching strategies, including contextual analysis, discourse interpretation, authentic text processing, and task-based translation activities, contributes to the development of students' ability to perform translation tasks in real communicative situations. These methods help learners gradually acquire the analytical and interpretative skills required for professional translation practice.

Overall, the integration of pragmatics into translator education improves the methodological foundation of translation training and prepares future translators for the challenges of intercultural communication in a globalized environment. Such an approach ensures that translation teaching aligns with contemporary professional demands and contributes to the formation of competent and contextually aware translation specialists.

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