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Unit III : Group Controlled Instructional Techniques/Methods

SEMINAR

Objectives : *After going through this topic, students will be able to understand:*

- Awareness of how to use values in improving one's own professionalism.
- Learning about personal and communication styles for team building.
- Learning from history, art and music from natural human life.

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1 Introduction

A seminar may be defined as a gathering of people for the purpose of discussing a stated topic. Such gatherings are usually interactive sessions where the participants engage in discussions about the delineated topic. The sessions are usually headed or led by one or two presenters who serve to steer the discussion along the desired path.

2 Purpose of seminar

- A seminar may have several purposes or just one purpose. For instance, a seminar may be for the purpose of education, such as a lecture, where the participants engage in the discussion of an academic subject for the aim of gaining a better insight into the subject.
- Other forms of educational seminars might be held to impart some skills or knowledge to the participants.
Examples of such seminars include personal finance, web marketing, real estate, investing or other types of seminars where the participants gain knowledge or tips about the topic of discussion.
- A seminar can be motivational, in which case the purpose is usually to inspire the attendees to become better people, or to work towards implementing the skills they might have learned from the seminar.

3 Types of Seminar

Seminars are conducted in various stages. Based on the size and organizational aspects the seminars can be classified into four types.

1. Mini Seminar.
2. Major Seminar.
3. National Seminar.
4. International Seminar.

4 Educational objectives of seminar

Objectives are mainly divided into two types.

4.1 Cognitive objectives

- To develops the higher cognitive abilities that is analysis, synthesis and evaluation.
- To develop the ability of responding that is valuing, organizing etc.
- To develop the ability of keen observation, experience, feeling and to present them effectively.
- To develop the ability to seek clarification and defend the ideas of other effectively.

4.2 Affective objectives

- To develop the feeling to tolerate the opposite ideas of other.
- To develop the feeling of cooperation.
- To develop the emotional stability among the participants of seminar.
- To acquire a good manner of putting questions and to answer the questions of other affective.

5 Characteristics of seminar

- Seminar use a small set of materials to help students develop skills critical to college success—information literacy, using evidence and source materials, early research skills, etc.
- Class time prioritizes discussion and active learning.
- Course and assignment design supports early and frequent feedback.
- Seminars provide exposure to experiential learning opportunities.

6 Disadvantages of seminar

Costs, time off and possible low quality are all disadvantages of seminars.

- A seminar is an extended discussion led by an expert on an educational topic that usually takes place over two or three days.
- Participants typically read research or literature in preparation, and each day's session involves teaching methods such as reading discussion, presentations and group activities.
- While seminars can help you make professional connections, renew participants enthusiasm for a topic and gain advanced knowledge, the decision to attend is also wrought with disadvantages.

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Self check questions

1. What is Seminar? Write brief notes on educational objectives of Seminar
2. Describe purpose and characteristics of Seminar.
3. Discuss types of seminar.

Topic for next class

Symposium and Conferences

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