Pre-Service and Beginning Teachers’ Professional Identity and Its Relation to Dropping Out of the Profession (EJ897501)

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Abstract: This study explores different perceptions of pre-service and beginning teachers’ professional identity in relation to their decisions to leave the profession. Teachers' professional identity was further broken down into six factors: value, efficacy, commitment, emotions, knowledge and beliefs, and micropolitics. This study employed mixed-methods which included 84 participant surveys, and 27 interviews from four groups of participants at different stages of teaching. The findings of this study showed that pre-service teachers tended to have naive and idealistic perceptions of teaching, and dropout teachers showed most emotional burnout. Implications for improvement of teacher education and retention of beginning teachers are discussed. (Contains
May I Be Excused? Why Teachers Leave the Profession (EJ891033)

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Abstract:
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Reform, Standards and Teacher Identity: Challenges of Sustaining Commitment (EJ697957)

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Abstract:
Teacher commitment has been found to be a critical predictor of teachers' work performance, absenteeism, retention, burnout and turnover, as well as having an important influence on students' motivation, achievement, attitudes towards learning and being at school (Firestone (1996). Educational Administration Quarterly, 32(2), 209-235; Graham (1996). Journal of Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, 67(1), 45-47; Louis (1998). School Effectiveness and School Improvement, 9(1), 1-27; Tsui & Cheng (1999). Educational Research and Evaluation, 5(3), 249-268). It is also a necessary ingredient to the successful implementation, adaptation or resistance reform agendas. Surprisingly, however, the relationship between teachers' motivation, efficacy, job satisfaction and commitment, and between commitment and the quality of their work has not been the subject of extensive research. Some literature presents commitment as a feature of being and behaving as a professional (Helsby, Knight, McCulloch, Saunders, & Warburton (1997). A report to participants on the professional cultures of Teachers Research Project, Lancaster University, January). Others suggest that it fluctuates according to personal, institutional and policy contexts (Louis (1998). School Effectiveness and School Improvement, 9(1), 1-27) and identify different dimensions of commitment which interact and fluctuate (Tyree (1996). Journal of Educational Research, 89(5), 295-304). Others claim that teachers' commitment tends to decrease progressively over the course of the teaching career (Fraser, Draper, & Taylor (1998). Evaluation and Research in Education, 12 (2), 61-71; Huberman (1993). The lives of teachers. London: Cassell). In this research, experienced teachers in England and Australia were interviewed about their understandings of commitment. The data suggest that commitment may be better understood as a nested phenomena at the centre of which is a set of core, relatively permanent values based upon personal beliefs, images of self, role and identity which are subject to challenge by change which is socio-politically...
without support for the development of leadership talents and the chance to climb the career ladder, many teachers will leave the teaching sector in search of other career opportunities that will provide an outlet for their interests and talents. Coaching is potentially a way to help teachers fulfill, support and encourage their leadership talents. Being able to employ management and leadership skills is said to be a major determinant of success or failure in education but those who believe that they can make a difference are more likely to see coaching as a
tool that can help them expand and strengthen their teaching skills. Although educational leadership has been extensively investigated over the years, educational coaching as a form of leadership development has not been as well researched. This raises the question: can coaching help to create a teacher-leader? The results from this case study have shown that the use of coaching workshops and one-on-one sessions may be an effective way for educational professionals to develop their leadership skills through continual professional development. (Contains 3 figures and 1 table.)

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finds herself isolated and frustrated, stuck between a societal push for standardized success and her own desire to nurture transformation among her students. In listening to Christina's experience, Carrillo grapples with his own responsibilities as a teacher educator.
departmental context encourages them to hold on to their existing identities as school teachers, rather than embrace new identities as academics.

**Abstract:**
This qualitative study examined mature student teachers in initial teacher preparation for primary schools in Greece. More specifically it sought to identify the profile of mature student teachers, their intentions to become primary school teachers, their academic needs, concerns and expectations as well as their coping strategies across private and public spheres in university departments preparing primary school teachers. Adapting an ethnographic research approach and a case study design, 15 mature student teachers were followed throughout the final year of their studies, investigating patterns of personal and academic identities developed in order to become primary school teachers. Mature student teachers consist of a limited number in the total higher education student population. However their skills and experiences can be regarded as significant in course completion and contributing to a high standard of education in both the university and primary schools.
### Disavowed: The Stories of Two Novice Teachers
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**Abstract:** This case study used narrative inquiry to explore two novice English teachers' experiences in the classroom and factors that caused them to leave the profession. Participants were one male and one female located in two southeastern (US) states. Data include transcripts of e-mails, spanning a 17-month period, between the participants and researcher and individual audio-taped interviews conducted by the researcher in May 2005. The teachers' narratives of disavowal reinforce the need for strengthening induction and mentoring programs, as well as the fostering of caring, healthy work environments.

### Transition to the School as Workplace: Challenges of Second Career Teachers
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**Abstract:**
This article details the transition of second career teachers to the workplace called "school". Post-baccalaureate students at a mid-size comprehensive state university completed surveys pre- and post-student teaching. Participants responded to the personal and professional challenges in changing careers. Issues faced by the non-traditional students emerged. An increasing number of adults are changing careers and entering teacher certification programs. The study was conducted to discover the special challenges graduate teacher certification students encountered when leaving a career field and becoming novice teachers. Forty graduate students in the study completed an extensive certification program of courses related to the art and science of teaching. Open-ended surveys were used for the students to reflect on personal and professional expectations prior to and following the student teaching semester. Teacher educators who address the needs of second career teachers, such as increasing field experiences, providing classroom management and time management strategies, may lead second career teachers to use the unique competencies they bring to the teaching-learning setting.

Reflection and Self-Efficacy: Enhancing the Retention of Qualified Teachers from a Teacher Education Perspective (EJ795226)

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**Abstract:**
Teacher retention has been the subject of much study, yet recent estimates of teachers who choose to leave the profession within the first three years to pursue other careers remains at an unacceptably high level of 33.5 percent. These figures are alarming in light of the fact that schools desperately need qualified teachers. Several authors maintain that in order to solve the teacher shortage problem, the focus should be on retaining already qualified teachers rather than encouraging alternative routes to certification. Growing evidence also suggests that teachers who lack adequate preparation to become teachers are more likely to leave the profession. Studies on teacher retention demonstrate that some teachers are both resilient and persistent,
remaining in the profession despite being confronted with the same challenges and obstacles of those who leave. Traits of resiliency and persistence describe people who are able to recover strength and spirits quickly and persevere in the face of obstacles. The literature on teacher education has focused on novice teachers who leave the profession, which has substantially contributed to the understanding of important variables related to teacher retention. Future research should focus on novice teachers who are exemplars in the field in order to isolate key characteristics that teacher education programs can nurture and enhance in their teacher education candidates. The purpose of the qualitative study described here is to answer the following research questions: (1) What major obstacles did successful novice teachers face during their first year of teaching?; (2) What teacher education or other factors shaped their current views and successes?; and (3) To what extent are these teachers able to use critical reflection as a problem-solving tool? The results of this study support the notion that self-efficacy, derived from successful field and student teaching experiences and the ability to use reflection for problem solving, outweighed positive school climate as a factor in novice teacher success.

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**When the Going Gets Tough: Direct, Buffering and Indirect Effects of Social Support on Turnover Intention**

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**Abstract:**
We examined the role of social support in turnover intention among new teachers. First, we tested and found evidence for a direct negative relationship between social support and turnover intention. Second, we tested the social support buffer hypothesis, and found that teachers with higher social support had lower turnover intention in the face of higher workload, compared to teachers with lower support. Third, we examined a mediational hypothesis, and found that social support acts indirectly, through job satisfaction in relation to turnover intention. These findings suggest that social support can be a valuable resource for new teachers.
**A Study of the Factors Leading English Teachers to Burnout** (EJ893926)

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**Abstract:**  
This paper reports a research study carried out on teacher burnout with a group of English instructors (N=44) in order to identify the major factor(s) leading instructors to burnout at various levels. A survey research model was first applied to find out the instructors (N=37) with a burnout problem and categorize them at different levels of teacher burnout. The next step of the research was an interview carried out with 12 instructors who were selected randomly from the four different levels of burnout. The results show that the instructors from the different levels unanimously believe that the major factor of their burnout is the administrative applications in their institution, which was coded as a micro variable. It was also revealed that the instructors with a high level of burnout displayed "Alienation to professional identity" behavior.

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**From student to teacher: reducing practice shock and early dropout in the teaching profession**

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**Abstract**

*SUMMARY* Shortage of teachers is one of the major challenges facing the teaching profession. One of its causes is the high proportion of dropout in initial teacher education and during the start of the career. Since 1995, a nation-wide project has been underway in the Netherlands, aiming at a decrease of dropout by incorporating an intensive practice period in the final year of the initial teacher training programme. An evaluation of the project
shows that the practice shock and the resulting dropout rate were indeed reduced. Relevant factors seem to be the degree to which student teachers were accepted and deployed in the school, the supervision and mentoring provided, encouragement of reflection, and the gradual increase of independence.

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**The fading of a teaching profession? reforms of early childhood teacher education in Sweden**

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**Abstract**

In Sweden, working with young children in institutions outside the home dates back to the late nineteenth century when public child care provision developed in a context of industrialization, urbanization and democratization. Out of the charitable work of unmarried women in these early institutions, pre-schools and teacher education programmes developed. Over the years, pre-school teacher education has undergone major changes, the most recent reform being the move into a system within which the previous eight distinctive teacher education programmes, pre-school teacher education being one of them, have been replaced by one integrated teaching degree. This article addresses some major features of the development of pre-school teacher education and concludes with a discussion of the most recent reform and its consequences for the early childhood teaching profession.

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