STAGES OF IMPLEMENTING IEME AND CLIL METHODOLOGIES IN SECONDARY AND HIGHER EDUCATION

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*Abstract: This article examines the stages of implementing **International English-Medium Education (IEME)** and **Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL)** methodologies in secondary and higher education institutions. The study highlights the pedagogical significance of these approaches, their implementation mechanisms, and their impact on learners' academic competence and English language proficiency. The research demonstrates that a phased and systematic introduction of IEME and CLIL enhances both subject knowledge and academic language skills, preparing learners for global education and professional environments.*

Keywords: IEME, CLIL, EMI, secondary education, university, institution system, the higher education system, academic English, international education.

Introduction

In the context of globalization, education systems are increasingly required to meet international standards. English has become not only a subject of study but also a medium of instruction in many countries. As a result, **English-Medium Instruction (EMI)** and integrated teaching approaches such as **CLIL** have gained significant importance. These methodologies aim to develop learners' subject knowledge while simultaneously improving their academic English skills. This article focuses on the structured implementation of IEME and CLIL methodologies in secondary and higher education.

Research Aim and Objectives

The main aim of this study is to analyze and systematize the stages of implementing IEME and CLIL methodologies in secondary and higher education. Especially it's important for High school subjects

The objectives of the research are:

➤ to define the pedagogical essence of IEME and CLIL;

➤ to identify key implementation stages;

➤ to compare implementation features in secondary and higher education contexts.

Research Methodology The research is based on qualitative pedagogical analysis and includes:

➤ analysis of international and local academic literature;

➤ comparative analysis of educational practices;

➤ synthesis and generalization of methodological approaches;

➤ observation of pilot EMI and CLIL practices.

Conceptual Framework of IEME and CLIL

International English-Medium Education (IEME) refers to an educational model in which most or all subjects are taught in English to align with international academic standards and global education systems.

Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL) is a dual-focused approach in which subject content and language learning are integrated. CLIL is commonly structured around the **4C framework**.

Stages of Implementing IEME and CLIL

Stage 1: Needs Analysis and Diagnostic Assessment

At this stage, learners' English proficiency levels, teachers' EMI readiness, and institutional resources are assessed. In secondary education, learners typically demonstrate A2–B1 levels, while higher education students are expected to have B1–B2 levels according to CEFR standards.

Stage 2: Teacher Training and Capacity Building

This stage focuses on professional development for subject teachers. Training programs include EMI pedagogy, CLIL lesson planning, academic English, and subject-specific terminology. In secondary education, emphasis is placed on scaffolding techniques, while higher education focuses on academic lecturing and research communication.

Stage 3: Curriculum Adaptation

Curricula are redesigned to meet EMI and CLIL requirements. Subject syllabi are aligned with the 4C framework, and teaching materials such as glossaries, bilingual resources, and methodological guides are developed.

Stage 4: Pilot Implementation

Pilot programs are introduced by teaching selected subjects or modules in English. In secondary education, simplified academic language and visual support are used. In higher education, seminars, presentations, and research-based tasks are emphasized. Continuous feedback is collected to refine the approach.

Stage 5: Full-Scale Implementation

Based on pilot results, EMI and CLIL are fully implemented across core subjects. International textbooks, digital learning platforms, and learning management systems (LMS) are integrated into the teaching process.

Stage 6: Assessment and Monitoring

Assessment strategies combine content and language evaluation through formative and summative assessment, portfolios, projects, and presentations. International benchmarks such as Cambridge assessments and IELTS foundation standards are often applied

DiscussionThe findings indicate that IEME and CLIL methodologies significantly improve learners' academic English proficiency, critical thinking, and subject comprehension. However, successful implementation depends on continuous teacher training, institutional support, and appropriate assessment systems.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the phased implementation of IEME and CLIL methodologies in secondary and higher education enhances educational quality and prepares learners for international academic and professional environments. These approaches contribute to the development of globally competitive graduates and promote sustainable educational reform.

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