How to Deal with the Cultural Differences of Students in the Process of Art Education and Teaching

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Abstract: This study focuses on how to address the issue of cultural differences among students in art education. Firstly, it provides an overview of the current status of students' cultural differences and discusses the challenges and opportunities they bring in art teaching. Secondly, this paper analyzes the importance of culturally sensitive teaching methods and cross-cultural art curriculum design, emphasizing the need for innovative teaching approaches to promote cultural integration and students' comprehensive development. Through comparing relevant cases from both domestic and international contexts, this paper proposes a series of practical strategies and teaching adaptation methods, aiming to enhance teachers' cross-cultural education capabilities and provide references for art education in diverse cultural backgrounds. Overall, this study aims to promote cultural diversity integration in the field of art education, improve teachers' strategies in dealing with cultural differences to optimize teaching effectiveness, and foster students' personalized development.

Keywords: Art Education; Cultural Differences; Cross-cultural Teaching; Teaching Methods; Curriculum Design; Case Analysis.

1. Introduction

In the teaching process of art education, the difference of students' cultural background has no negligible influence on the teaching process. With the diversification and internationalization of the society, it becomes common for students to come from different cultural backgrounds, so how to effectively deal with the cultural differences between students has become an urgent problem for teachers. Cultural differences involve students' values, ways of thinking, concept habits and other aspects, and have a profound influence on the teaching content and methods of art. Therefore, this paper aims to explore how to achieve more effective teaching and learning on the basis of dealing with students' previous cultural differences in art education and teaching. Through the teaching practice of students from different cultural backgrounds, it aims to provide teachers with more specific and practical guidance.

2. Cultural Differences and Art Education

2.1. Overview of Student Cultural Differences

In the process of art education and teaching, students may show different aesthetics, artistic values and creative styles due to cultural differences. These differences are not only reflected in students' artistic performance, but also may affect students' understanding and acceptance of art teaching content. Therefore, understanding the cultural background and differences of students is crucial for cultural education in the teaching process.

On the one hand, teachers need to understand the students' cultural background, including the students' ethnic groups, religious beliefs, family environment and other information. This helps the teachers to grasp the students' values and aesthetic taste, so as to better carry out the teaching work. In addition, teachers can also understand the students' cultural background, guide students to the understanding of art works and artistic creation, and guide students to respect and understand the artistic performance of different cultural backgrounds.

On the other hand, schools and teachers should take the cultural differences of students into full consideration when formulating the teaching content and teaching methods. For example, in the teaching of art history, art works of different nationalities, regions or religions can be introduced to display the multicultural forms of art expression, so as to help students understand and respect the artistic charm of different cultures. In the teaching of art creation, teachers can also encourage students to select theme materials and artistic performance from their own cultural background, so that students can express their own creation, but also show their own cultural characteristics.

In short, dealing with students' cultural differences requires the joint efforts of teachers and schools. By understanding students' cultural background, adjusting teaching contents and methods, and guiding students to respect and understand cultural differences, art education is more close to the needs of students and promote the all-round development of students.

2.2. Challenges and Opportunities in Art Education

One of the challenges in fine arts education is how to deal with students' different cultural backgrounds and artistic concepts. Students may come from different countries, regions or nationalities, and their cognition, aesthetic habits and expression forms of art are different, which adds a challenge for teachers in teaching. However, it is this integration of diverse culture that brings rich opportunities for art education. By understanding and respecting students' cultural differences, teachers can inspire students' broader creativity, stimulate their interest in different cultures and arts, promote students' cross-cultural exchanges and cooperation, and enrich the connotation of art education.

In addition, the challenge in art education is also reflected in how teachers design teaching content and activities in the context of multicultural background. Teachers need to
consider how to integrate the artistic resources of different cultures, how to reflect the diverse cultures in teaching, and how to mobilize the enthusiasm of students, so that they can feel their own cultural value and respect others’ culture in learning. However, this also brings valuable opportunities for art education. Through cross-cultural creation and communication, it can break the traditional cultural restrictions, stimulate students' creativity and imagination, cultivate students' awareness of equality, tolerance and respect for others, and promote students' all-round development.

The challenge of dealing with students' cultural differences in art education also includes how to adjust the teaching methods and means to meet the diverse needs of students. Students of different cultures may have different preferences for teaching methods and expression forms. Therefore, teachers need to constantly explore a variety of teaching methods and provide rich and colorful teaching resources and activities to meet students' personalized learning needs. However, this also brings opportunities for art education, which can encourage teachers to constantly learn and improve educational methods, stimulate students 'enthusiasm and interest in art, and cultivate students' innovative ability and critical thinking.

3. Teaching Methods and Cultural Integration

3.1. Cultural Sensitivity Teaching Method

Cultural sensitivity teaching method means that in the teaching process, teachers need to fully understand students 'cultural background, respect students' cultural differences, and promote the mutual understanding and communication between students' different cultures through teaching activities. In the art education and teaching, the cultural sensitivity teaching method can be applied in the following ways:

First of all, teachers can design a variety of teaching content and materials, and fully consider the art works, artistic styles and artistic concepts of different cultures, so that students can contact and understand the forms of artistic expression of different cultural backgrounds.

Secondly, teachers should encourage students to show their own cultural characteristics and promote cultural exchanges and interaction among students. Through cooperation and communication between students, mutual understanding between different cultures can be promoted and students' respect and inclusiveness for cultural differences can be enhanced.

In addition, teachers can guide students to participate in cross-cultural art projects and practical activities, through practice to deeply understand the artistic expression of different cultures, and cultivate students' cultural sensitivity and cross-cultural communication ability.

Finally, teachers can also discuss and analyze artistic works to guide students to deeply explore the forms and meanings of artistic expression under different cultural backgrounds, so as to broaden students' artistic vision and cultural vision. In these ways, students' previous cultural differences can be effectively handled to promote cross-cultural teaching integration.

3.2. Cross-cultural Art Course Design

Intercultural arts curriculum design needs to consider the situation of students from different cultural backgrounds to ensure that the course content can be effectively communicated to all students. First of all, teachers can add the display and analysis of multicultural art works in the course, so that students can contact and understand the forms and characteristics of artistic expression of different cultures. Secondly, cross-cultural art activities can be organized to let students personally participate in the creation and practice of different cultural and art forms, so as to promote them to transcend cultural differences and feel and understand the artistic charm of different cultures. In addition, cross-cultural art projects can be introduced to allow students to cross cultural differences in teamwork, jointly complete cross-cultural theme art works, and promote communication and interaction between students. Finally, the curriculum design is evaluated and adjusted to continuously improve the intercultural art curriculum design according to student feedback and performance to meet the learning needs and characteristics of students from different cultural backgrounds.

4. Case Analysis and Practice Strategies

4.1. Comparison of Domestic and Foreign Cases

In the fine arts education and teaching at home and abroad, there are differences in the strategies of dealing with the students’ previous cultural differences. In foreign cases, teachers usually adopt the concept of multicultural education, pay attention to the respect and tolerance of students from different cultural backgrounds, and promote the students' understanding and respect for different cultures through the display and discussion of multicultural art works. In domestic cases, some teachers pay more attention to the inheritance and promotion of local culture, focus on students' learning on traditional Chinese art forms, and emphasize the value and importance of traditional Chinese culture.

In terms of teaching methods, teachers in foreign cases usually use open teaching methods to encourage students to actively explore and express their own cultural background. In domestic cases, teachers adopt more traditional teaching methods, pay attention to teachers' guidance and norms to students, and prefer to impart cultural knowledge and skills.

In terms of practical strategy, some foreign schools and teachers will actively carry out cultural exchange activities and organize students to visit museums and art exhibitions to help students better understand and experience different cultures. However, some domestic schools and teachers focus more on classroom teaching and have few targeted cultural exchange activities.

To sum up, there are some differences in dealing with students 'previous cultural differences at home and abroad, which requires educators to flexibly use different teaching strategies in practice in order to better promote students' comprehensive development and cross-cultural communication.

4.2. Practice Strategy and Teaching Adjustment

In the process of art education, diversified practical strategies should be adopted to deal with the cultural differences of students. First of all, diversified teaching contents and activities can be designed to let students contact
and understand art works and artistic expressions under different cultural backgrounds, so as to enhance their understanding and respect for other cultures. Secondly, in view of the specific cultural differences, teachers can flexibly adjust teaching methods and contents according to students' cultural background and characteristics, so as to make them more close to students' cognitive level and interests. In addition, students are encouraged to share their cultural traditions and artistic views in the classroom, promoting the communication and interaction between students, and making the differences between different cultures a valuable learning resource in the classroom. Finally, teachers can also combine the cultural characteristics of students to carry out cross-cultural comparative education, guide students to understand and appreciate other cultural art works from their own culture, and enhance the communication and integration between cultures.

5. Conclusion

In the process of art education, it is crucial to deal with the cultural differences of students. We need to adopt a variety of teaching methods, including understanding and respecting students' cultural background, providing opportunities for cross-cultural communication and cooperation, as well as guiding students to think and express their views and artistic expression of their own culture. In teaching practice, we need to pay attention to the individual differences of students, encourage them to explore the expression of their own culture, and fully understand and respect the cultural elements of students. At the same time, teachers need to constantly learn and update their cognition of different cultures, so as to better guide students to conduct cultural exchange and creation. Finally, schools and educational institutions need to provide corresponding support, including teacher training, cultural exchange programs, and resource sharing, to promote cultural exchange and understanding between students and among teachers.

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