

Professional Development of Elementary School Teachers Through In-Service Training: A Quantitative Study in District Lahore

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Abstract

Teaching profession demands competency and knowledge of the subject matter catering needs of the specific level of the students. Considering the importance of this profession, national professional standards for professional development of teachers have been developed and provincial governments are responsible to provide in-service teacher training including elementary teachers serving in education department. The teachers' training institutions at federal and provincial levels are making efforts to provide in-service training. In accordance to professional standards teachers may play pivotal role to uplift education standard by holding critical place to impart knowledge. This study was designed to analyze the effects of in-service training of elementary teachers on their professional development. All the public sectors elementary school were the target population of the study. Population of the study was only (75) male and female secondary schools in district Lahore. Through the Simple random sampling technique was used to collect data from (95 male & 105 female) elementary teachers serving in public sector schools. The findings of the study indicate that in-service teachers training has positive effects on professional development of teachers by enhancing subject matter knowledge in field, human growth and development, instructional planning strategies, assessment and communication skills of the learners.

Keywords: Teacher professional standards (TPS), in-service teacher training (ISTT), quality of education (QE), professional development (PD).

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Introduction

In order to raise the standard of education, teachers are essential. Teachers must engage in ongoing professional development to stay current with their pedagogical expertise, subject-matter expertise, and classroom management strategies. The goal of in-service training programs is to improve teachers' professional skills while they are actively instructing. To raise educational standards, Pakistan has launched a number of teacher training programs; however, further research is needed to determine how successful these initiatives are. Thus, the purpose of this study is to investigate how in-service training contributes to the professional growth of elementary school teachers in District Lahore (Desimone, 2019).

Enhancing elementary school teachers' knowledge, abilities, and teaching capabilities requires professional development. The goal of in-service training programs is to improve instructors' professional skills while they are actively teaching. These programs give educators the chance to renew their subject-matter expertise, implement cutting-edge teaching techniques, and enhance classroom management techniques (Qaisra, et al., 2024).

To improve the standard of elementary education, several in-service training programs have been implemented in Pakistan, especially in District Lahore. Teachers who receive effective training are better equipped to adapt to evolving educational needs, incorporate cutting-edge teaching methods, and enhance students' learning results. However, in order to ascertain how these training programs contribute to teachers' professional development, their efficacy must be methodically assessed (Stavermann, 2025).

The purpose of this quantitative study is to investigate how in-service training contributes to the professional growth of elementary school teachers in District Lahore. In order to evaluate the effects of training programs on teachers' pedagogical abilities, teaching practices, and general professional competence, the study will gather and examine numerical data from educators. It is anticipated that the study's conclusions will give legislators, educational administrators, and teacher training institutions important information to improve the efficacy of upcoming professional development initiatives (Thani et al., 2025).

Professional development is a continuous process that enhances teachers' knowledge, skills, and effectiveness. According to Guskey (2022), effective professional development leads to improved teaching practices and student achievement. Desimone (2019) emphasized that training programs should focus on content knowledge, active learning, and sustained support. Research conducted in Pakistan has highlighted the importance of in-service training in improving instructional competencies; however, challenges such as inadequate follow-up support and limited practical application continue to affect training outcomes.

Professional development is widely acknowledged as a critical component in raising student achievement and teacher quality. Teachers can refresh their pedagogical

knowledge, instructional tactics, and classroom management skills through in-service training, which functions as a continuous learning process. Effective professional development programs improve teachers' abilities and facilitate the use of creative teaching techniques, according to recent studies. Opportunities for ongoing training enable educators to adjust to shifting needs in the classroom and enhance their overall efficacy (Younas et al., 2025).

In-service training has a good impact on elementary school teachers' professional development, according to research. According to a study done in Punjab, Pakistan, teachers should frequently take part in training programs to improve their professional abilities and teaching effectiveness. Professional development should be seen as a continuing activity. The study also showed that instructors' competency growth and instructional improvement are greatly enhanced by focused training programs (Ernamasari et al., 2025).

Successful professional development programs are defined by ongoing support, mentoring, teamwork, and the practical application of learned knowledge, according to recent literature evaluations. Sustained professional learning opportunities result in more significant and long-lasting improvements in teaching techniques than relying only on one-time workshops. Higher levels of professional efficacy and classroom effectiveness are displayed by educators who participate in continuous professional development (Mohanty et al., 2025).

In recent years, the use of technology in professional growth has also become more significant. Teachers can take advantage of flexible learning options through online and blended professional development programs, which have been shown to improve professional competence and instructional practices. Regardless of geographic limitations, these initiatives give teachers access to training materials, peer collaboration, and ongoing education (Bloomfield et al., 2024).

Professional development enables teachers to adapt to changing educational demands and improve student learning outcomes. In-service training provides opportunities for teachers to acquire new teaching methodologies, assessment techniques, and technological skills. Despite significant investments in teacher training, concerns remain regarding the practical implementation and effectiveness of such programs. This study seeks to evaluate the contribution of in-service training to teachers' professional growth at the elementary level in District Lahore (Guskey, 2022).

The effectiveness of in-service training programs in enhancing the professional development of elementary school teachers in District Lahore has not been adequately explored. Therefore, there is a need to assess the impact of these training programs on teachers' knowledge, skills, classroom practices, and professional competencies.

The findings of this study will be beneficial for educational policymakers in improving teacher training policies. School administrators in planning professional

development activities. Teacher training institutions in designing effective training programs. Researchers interested in teacher education and professional development.

The study was delimited to:

1. Public elementary schools in District Lahore.
2. Elementary school teachers who have attended in-service training programs.
3. Data collected during the academic year 2025–2026.

Objectives of the Study

The objectives of the study were to;

1. To examine the role of in-service training in the professional development of elementary school teachers.
2. To identify the professional competencies gained through in-service training.
3. To investigate teachers' perceptions regarding the effectiveness of in-service training programs.
4. To determine the impact of in-service training on classroom teaching practices.
5. To suggest measures for improving in-service teacher training programs.

Research Questions

1. What is the role of in-service training in the professional development of elementary school teachers?
2. What professional competencies do teachers acquire through in-service training?
3. How do teachers perceive the effectiveness of in-service training programs?
4. What impact does in-service training have on classroom teaching practices?
5. What improvements can be made to enhance the effectiveness of in-service training programs?

Research Methodology

Research Design

The researcher used the quantitative research design was used for the study. A descriptive survey research design was used for the study. This study was descriptive in nature. Which dealt to the study e in-service teacher training including elementary teachers serving in education department.

Population

The population consisted of all elementary school teachers working in public schools in District Lahore. Population of the study was only (75) male and female secondary schools in district Lahore. There were only 95 male and 105 female teachers were selected of elementary schools that are located in District Lahore.

Sample

A sample of 200 elementary school teachers were selected through simple random sampling. only 95 male and 105 female teachers were selected of elementary schools that are located in District Lahore.

Research Instrument

A structured questionnaire based on a five-point Likert scale that was developed to collect data from respondents.

Data Collection Procedure

Permission were obtained from relevant educational authorities and school heads. Questionnaires was distributed personally and collected after completion.

Data Analysis

Data were analyzed using:

- Frequency
- Percentage
- Mean
- Standard Deviation
- Independent Sample t-test
- One-Way ANOVA (where applicable)

Data Analysis and Interpretation

After the data collection the descriptive and inferential statistics techniques were used to analyze the data.

Dimension: Descriptive Statistics

Table 1

Impact of in-service teachers training programs on teacher's professional development areas and subject Knowledge

Dimension	N	Mean	SD	R Order
A. Subject Knowledge				
1. Understanding about the status of current curriculum	200	4.2	0.84	3
2. PK and insight development about the latest knowledge/skills of different areas	200	5.1	0.25	2
3. Learning different teaching strategies to enhance the teaching in class room through subject matter and subject knowledge	200	3.9	0.47	4
4. Knowledge about different technical courses and emerging concepts	200	3.5	0.64	5
5. New different pedagogical knowledge in classroom through subject matter	200	5.2	0.23	1

Level of significance ($\alpha = 0.05$)

The above table shows that the mean of understanding about the status of current curriculum is 4.2. The mean of PK and insight development about the latest knowledge/skills of different areas are 5.1. Learning different teaching strategies to enhance the teaching in class room through subject matter and subject knowledge mean is 3.9. Knowledge about different technical courses and emerging concepts mean is 3.5. The mean value of new different pedagogical knowledge in classroom through subject matter is 5.2. This indicates that the during the training the elementary teachers learn the understanding about the status of current curriculum. PK and insight development about the latest knowledge/skills of different areas. Learning different teaching strategies to enhance the teaching in class room through subject matter and subject knowledge. Knowledge about different technical courses and emerging concepts. New different pedagogical knowledge in classroom through subject matter.

Table 2

Impact of in-service teachers training programs on teacher's professional development on Professional Human development and growth

Dimension	N	Mean	SD	R Order
B. Professional Human development and growth				
6. Understanding about the social status of students and culture of the class rooms	200	4.2	0.43	3
7. Understand different areas to learn human growth and development	200	5.2	0.25	1
	200	4.1	0.47	4

8. Learn and understand the individual differences among students in classroom				
9. Knowledge about different conflict and problems solving techniques	200	4.3	0.44	2
10. Knowledge about to handle the different challenges in classroom related to emotions	200	3.8	0.73	5
Level of significance ($\alpha = 0.05$)				

The above table shows that the mean score value is 3.8 to 5.2. The mean of understanding about the social status of students and culture of the class rooms is 4.2. The mean score of understand different areas to learn human growth and development is 5.2. The mean score of learn and understand the individual differences among students in classroom 4.1. The mean score of knowledge about different conflict and problems solving techniques 4.3. The mean score of knowledge about to handle the different challenges in classroom related to emotions 3.8. This indicates that during the teachers training program the professional human development and growth of teachers learn understanding about the social status of students and culture of the class rooms. Understand different areas to learn human growth and development. Learn and understand the individual differences among students in classroom. Knowledge about different conflict and problems solving techniques. Knowledge about to handle the different challenges in classroom related to emotions.

Table 3

Impact of in-service teachers training programs on teacher's professional development of Subject (instructional) planning and teaching strategies

Dimension	N	Mean	SD	R Order
C. Subject (instructional) planning and teaching strategies				
11. Understanding Subject instructional planning and state learning objectives	200	4.3	0.23	2
12. Use of effective teaching strategies promote active student participation and meaningful learning experiences to the students.	200	3.9	0.15	4
13. Well-planned instruction and curriculum goals that teachers to achieve CLOs.	200	4.1	0.37	3
14. Knowledge about organize lessons effectively, set clear learning objectives, and use appropriate methods to meet students' needs.	200	5	0.23	5
15. Knowledge about planning and the application of innovative teaching strategies, teachers improve their instructional skills and classroom management abilities.	200	4.1	0.13	3
Level of significance ($\alpha = 0.05$)				

The above table Impact of in-service teachers training programs on teacher's professional development of Subject (instructional) planning and teaching strategies shows the mean score average is 3.9 to 5. This indicates that the teachers learn in-service training about understanding Subject instructional planning and state learning objectives, use of effective teaching strategies promote active student participation and meaningful learning experiences to the students. Well-planned instruction and curriculum goals that teachers to achieve CLOs. Knowledge about organize lessons effectively, set clear learning objectives, and use appropriate methods to meet students' needs. Knowledge about planning and the application of innovative teaching strategies, teachers improve their instructional skills and classroom management abilities.

Table 4

Impact of in-service teachers training programs on teacher's professional development of Assessment methods and Communication Technology

Dimension	N	Mean	SD	R Order
D. Assessment methods and Communication Technology				
16. Effective use of assessment data to modify instructional strategies and lesson plans.	200	4.1	0.13	2
17. Regular assessment promotes reflective teaching and continuous professional growth.	200	3.2	0.25	1
18. Effective assessment practices improve classroom instruction and student achievement.	200	5	0.37	3
19. Assessment skills increase teachers' confidence and competence in educational decision-making.	200	4.3	0.43	5
20. Continuous use of assessment methods contributes to overall professional development and educational quality.	200	3.2	0.53	4
21. Understand the use of communication technology that access educational resources and professional learning materials.	200	3.5	0.34	5
22. Use of digital communication tools improve interaction between teachers and students in classroom.	200	3.7	0.23	3
23. Flexible access to training resources, online courses, webinars, and collaborative learning platforms	200	4.7	0.24	4

Level of significance ($\alpha = 0.05$)

The above table shows the mean score of the impact of in-service teachers training programs on teacher's professional development of assessment methods and communication technology is 3.3 to 5. This Indicates that the teachers learn in training, the effective use of assessment data to modify instructional strategies and lesson plans. Regular assessment promotes reflective teaching and continuous professional growth. Effective assessment practices improve classroom instruction and student achievement. Assessment skills increase teachers' confidence and competence in educational decision-making. Continuous use of assessment methods contributes to overall professional development

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Table 5

Teacher's professional development

Dimension	N	Mean	SD	R Order
E. Teacher's professional development				
24. Teachers improve their knowledge, teaching skills, and classroom management techniques .	200	4.1	0.31	4
25. Teachers learn modern teaching strategies, assessment methods, and the effective use of technology in education	200	4.2	0.27	5
26. Training also increases teachers' confidence, motivation, and ability to address diverse student learning needs.	200	54.	0.47	5
27. Continuous professional development through training enables teachers to stay updated with current educational trends and improve student learning outcomes.	200	3.3	0.23	4
28. Teachers to acquire new pedagogical knowledge, improve classroom management skills, and adopt innovative instructional strategies.	200	2.2	0.13	3
29. Teachers become familiar with modern educational practices, assessment techniques, and the integration of technology into teaching	200	5	0.54	2
30. Teachers remain updated with curriculum changes and emerging educational trends.	200	4.7	0.31	3
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Inferential Statistics (T-test on demographic variables)

Table 6

t-test on the basis of Gender

Gender	N	Mean	SD	t-value	Sig.
Male	95	12.36	1.24	1.673	.005
Female	105	10.30	3.18		
Total	200				

Table 6 shows that respondents mean male teachers is 12.36 and mean of female teachers 10.30. Therefore, there is significance difference between the opinion of male and female teachers were different about teacher's professional development areas and subject knowledge, professional human development and growth, subject (instructional) planning and teaching strategies, assessment methods and communication technology, teacher's professional development.

Table 7

t-test on the basis of Area

Area	N	Mean	SD	t-value	Sig.
Rural	60	8.16	3.18	1.234	.0001
Urban	140	13.28	4.24		
Total	200				

Table 7 shows that respondents mean rural area teachers is 8.16 and mean of urban teachers 13.28. Therefore, there is significance difference between the opinion of rural and urban area teachers were different about teacher's professional development areas and subject knowledge, professional human development and growth, subject (instructional) planning and teaching strategies, assessment methods and communication technology, teacher's professional development.

Table 8

t-test on the basis of Designation

Gender	N	Mean	SD	t-value	Sig.
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Senior Teachers	137	28.32	2.14	1.458	.0003
Junior Teachers	63	16.89	2.68		
Total	200				

Table 8 shows that respondents mean seniors teachers is 28.32 and mean of junior teachers 16.89. Therefore, there is significance difference between the opinion of senior and junior teachers were different about teacher's professional development areas and subject knowledge, professional human development and growth, subject (instructional) planning and teaching strategies, assessment methods and communication technology, teacher's professional development.

Table 9

t-test on the basis of Qualification

Gender	N	Mean	SD	t-value	Sig.
MPhil	48	52.97	2.14	1.458	.002
Master	152	49.83	2.68		
Total	200				

Table 9 shows that respondents mean MPhil teachers is 52.97 and mean of master's teachers 49.83. Therefore, there is significance difference between the opinion of MPhil and masters teachers were different about teacher's professional development areas and subject knowledge, professional human development and growth, subject (instructional) planning and teaching strategies, assessment methods and communication technology, teacher's professional development.

Table 10

t-test on the basis of Service experience

Gender	N	Mean	SD	t-value	Sig.
5 Year	84	74.82	2.14	1.458	.003
10 & above	116	59.63	2.68		
Total	200				

Table 10 shows that that respondents mean 5-year experience teachers is 74.82 and mean of 10 & above year teaching experience teachers 59.63 Therefore, there is significance difference between the opinion of MPhil and masters teachers were different about teacher's professional development areas and subject knowledge, professional human development and growth, subject (instructional) planning and teaching strategies, assessment methods and communication technology, teacher's professional development.

Post Hoc Analysis

Table 11

ANOVA on *Basis of Service experience*

Gender	N	Mean	SD	Sig.	Sig.**
Less 5 Year	84	0.85	0.28	.012	.012
6-10Year	78	1.52	0.31	.001	.001
10 & above	38	0.67	0.25	.041	.041
Total	200				

A one-way ANOVA revealed a statistically significant difference in teachers' professional development scores among experience groups. Therefore, a Tukey HSD post hoc test was conducted to identify the specific group differences. The results indicated that teachers with above 10 years of experience had significantly higher professional development scores than teachers with less than 5 years of experience ($MD = 1.52$, $p = .001$) and teachers with 6–10 years of experience ($MD = 0.67$, $p = .041$). Additionally, teachers with 6–10 years of experience scored significantly higher than those with less than 5 years of experience ($MD = 0.85$, $p = .012$). These findings suggest that professional development through in-service training increases with teaching experience.

Findings

The above analysis reveals the findings that during the training the elementary teachers learn the understanding about the status of current curriculum. PK and insight development about the latest knowledge/skills of different areas. Learning different teaching strategies to enhance the teaching in class room trough subject matter and subject knowledge. Knowledge about different technical courses and emerging concepts. New different pedagogical knowledge in classroom through subject matter. During the teachers training program the professional human development and growth of teachers learn understanding about the social status of students and culture of the class rooms. Understand different areas to learn human growth and development. Learn and understand the individual differences among students in classroom. Knowledge about different conflict

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Conclusion

In-service training positively contributes to teachers' professional development. Teachers gain improved pedagogical and classroom management skills. Effective training programs enhance teaching performance and confidence. Continuous professional development opportunities improve educational quality.

Recommendations

- 1- Educational studies consistently highlight that one-off workshops are ineffective. Training must be an ongoing investment to ensure educators stay up-to-date with modern pedagogies.
- 2- Schools should establish structured, ongoing training programs tailored to subject-specific needs.
- 3- The school's highlights that in-service training directly correlates with enhanced instructional ideas, subject knowledge, and evaluation techniques.
- 4- Training modules should instruct teachers on how to utilize digital tools, blended learning (online/offline), and AI-based platforms effectively.
- 5- Studies in regional contexts like Sindh demonstrate that maximum ICT training substantially improves teacher competencies and alters teaching styles for the better.

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