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# Innovation and Practice of Ideological Education Content in College Curriculum in the New Era

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Abstract: Under the background of the new era, the innovation and practice of ideological education content in college professional courses are particularly important. The purpose of this paper is to discuss the necessity, goal and innovation path of integrating ideological education into college curriculum. The article first points out that the new era puts forward higher requirements for college education, emphasizes the educational concept of combining theory and practice, and the importance of cultivating students' comprehensive literacy and critical thinking. In terms of practical strategies, this paper puts forward three core measures: design ideological education content in combination with professional characteristics, promote ideological education by using diversified teaching methods, and strengthen practical teaching to enhance education effect. These strategies aim to integrate ideological education more effectively through innovation and practice, and cultivate high-quality talents who adapt to the development of the new era.

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### Introduction

Entering the new era, higher education is facing unprecedented challenges and opportunities, especially the importance of integrating ideological education into the professional courses of colleges and universities has become increasingly prominent. Ideological education, as a key link to cultivate students' all-round development, not only needs to impart professional knowledge, but also should pay attention to the shaping of students' values and personality. At present, the core of college education has changed from simply imparts knowledge to comprehensively improve the comprehensive quality of students, in which the innovation and practice of ideological education has become the key to improve the quality of education. In this context, this paper aims to explore the innovation and practice of ideological education content in college professional courses in the new era. This paper first summarizes the new challenges and opportunities of ideological education in colleges and universities under the background of the new era, and then discusses how to creatively integrate ideological education into professional courses and how to realize this integration mode.

### 1. Necessity and goal of ideological education content innovation

The new era has put forward higher requirements for college education, especially the necessity of integrating ideological education content into professional courses has become increasingly prominent. As an important base for cultivating the main force of the future society, colleges and universities bear the important responsibility of shaping the all-round development of students. Therefore, the content of innovative ideological education is not only the need of educational reform, but also the necessary condition for training high-quality talents to adapt to the development of the new era.

### 1.1 Educational concept combining theory and practice

Under the background of the new era, ideological education in colleges and universities should uphold the educational idea

of combining theory and practice. This means that professional courses should not only teach theoretical knowledge, but also pay attention to the combination of theoretical knowledge and practical application. For example, teaching methods such as case analysis, role play and simulation experiment can enable students to apply knowledge to practical problem solving on the basis of understanding theory, so as to improve their practical ability and innovation ability. This mode of education helps students to understand and absorb knowledge more comprehensively, laying a solid foundation for their future career.

### 1.2 Cultivate students' comprehensive literacy and critical thinking

The core purpose of ideological education is to cultivate students' comprehensive literacy and critical thinking. Comprehensive literacy includes not only the mastery of professional knowledge, but also the moral quality, social responsibility, cultural understanding and so on. Therefore, colleges and universities should comprehensively improve students' comprehensive literacy through diversified teaching contents and activities, such as cultural lectures, social practice, volunteer service, etc. At the same time, attention should be paid to cultivating students' critical thinking, encouraging them to question and think about traditional ideas and existing knowledge, and cultivating their ability to independently analyze and solve problems. In this way, students not only learn knowledge, but also learn how to think and judge, laying the foundation for them to become members of society with independent thinking ability.

## 2. Innovative path of ideological education content in college professional courses in the new era

Under the background of the new era, the innovation and practice of ideological education content in college courses is the key to improve the quality of education and cultivate the comprehensive quality of students. Here are three core strategies for achieving this goal:

### 2.1 Design ideological education content combined with professional characteristics:

Under the background of higher education in the new era, it is very important to combine the content of ideological education with the characteristics of each specialty to cultivate high-quality talents with social responsibility and professional ethics. Therefore, colleges and universities should take targeted measures to integrate ideological education with professional knowledge, so as to improve the effectiveness and attractiveness of education. First of all, in engineering majors, it is important to introduce the concepts of engineering ethics and social responsibility in combination with the characteristics of engineering practice. This can be done by introducing real engineering cases and discussing the ethical issues involved, so that students can understand the ethical dilemmas encountered in engineering practice. For example, students can be guided to discuss engineering safety, quality management, environmental protection and other issues by discussing accidents such as bridge collapse. Through this teaching method, students will not only learn professional knowledge, but also gain a deep understanding of the social responsibility and professional ethics of being an engineer. Secondly, in literature courses, in-depth discussion of social issues and values through literary works is also an effective way of ideological education. Teachers can choose some literary works that reflect social issues and guide students to carry out in-depth text analysis and discussion. For example, through the analysis of dystopian novels such as 1984, topics such as the individual and society, power and oppression, freedom and control are discussed, and students are triggered to reflect on social reality and personal values. In this way, the literature course is not only a process of textual analysis, but also a platform for students to think deeply about society and self-cognition.

### 2.2 Use diversified teaching methods to promote ideological education

Although the traditional lecturing teaching has a certain effect in imparted knowledge, it often fails to fully stimulate students' initiative and creativity in ideological education. Therefore, in order to implement ideological education more effectively, teachers should adopt more diversified and interactive teaching methods.

Case studies are an effective way to give students a more intuitive understanding of the combination of theory and practice by analyzing specific examples. Through case studies of real life or historical events, students not only learn specific knowledge, but also learn how to apply this knowledge to solve practical problems during discussions.

Group discussion is another important teaching method that encourages interaction and communication among students. During the discussion, students can share their own views and ideas, while also listening to and understanding the perspectives of others. This approach helps develop students' communication skills, teamwork skills and critical thinking skills.

Role-playing and simulation exercises are also effective means to promote ideological education. By allowing students to play different roles and simulate real-life scenarios, students can experience and understand social phenomena more deeply, so as to learn and grow in practice.

In addition, teaching using online forums and digital learning platforms can break the time and space constraints of traditional classrooms, allowing students to learn in a more open and flexible environment. Discussion and interaction on online platforms can not only enhance students' sense of engagement, but also expose them to a wider range of perspectives and information.

### 2.3 Strengthen practical teaching and improve education effect

Strengthening practical teaching is not only the inevitable requirement of educational innovation, but also the key way to improve the quality of education. By combining theoretical knowledge with practical application, practical teaching can effectively improve students' comprehensive ability and deepen their understanding and thinking on social, cultural and ethical aspects. First of all, colleges and universities should design practical activities related to the content of ideological education, such as social investigation, voluntary service or practical training. These activities allow students to step out of the classroom, directly face the society and the real working environment, and personally experience and participate in social activities. For example, through social surveys, students can gain a deeper understanding of social issues, learn to observe and analyze with critical thinking, and at the same time exercise their communication and collaboration skills. Volunteer service is helpful to cultivate students' sense of social responsibility and dedication, and strengthen their humanistic care and moral quality. Secondly, colleges and universities should pay attention to the effective combination of practical activities and classroom teaching when implementing practical teaching. Teachers can raise questions or topics in class, guide students to explore and research in practical activities, and then bring the experience and findings gained in practice back to class for discussion and summary. This circular and interactive teaching method enables students to deepen their understanding of theoretical knowledge in practice, while improving practical activities through theoretical guidance in class. Finally, universities should attach importance to the evaluation and feedback of practical teaching effect. Through regular evaluation and feedback mechanism, teachers can understand the performance and growth of students in practical activities, and timely adjust the teaching content and methods. At the same time, students can also get the opportunity to improve themselves through feedback, and constantly improve their practical ability and comprehensive quality.

### 3. Conclusion

Under the background of the new era, the innovation and practice of ideological education content in college courses are particularly important. The quality and effect of ideological education can be effectively improved by designing educational content combining with professional characteristics, applying diversified teaching methods and strengthening practical teaching. This educational mode not only promotes students' knowledge learning, but more importantly, cultivates students' comprehensive literacy, critical thinking and social responsibility. In addition, the strengthening of practical teaching enables students to combine theory with practice, improving their ability to solve practical problems. In short, innovating and practicing the content of ideological education in college courses is of great significance for cultivating high-quality talents who meet the requirements of the new era. The higher education of the future should continue to explore and deepen the practice in this field, with a view to keeping its education forward-looking and effective in the changing social environment.

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