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Using Habits of Mind, Intelligent Behaviors and Educational Theories to Create a Conceptual Framework for Developing Effective Teaching Dispositions

Despite the heated debates about dispositions in teacher education most accrediting agencies continue to put dispositions amongst their priorities. The authors of the current paper concur with the value of using Dewey to understand how habits can be clustered to better understand intelligent teaching dispositions. But, can we extend Dewey's epistemology to learning theories in a manner that informs the making of teaching conduct more intelligent? To address this question, the authors applied qualitative content analysis to review the literature. Through a deductive approach, dispositions as Habits of Mind were related to educational theories using intelligent behaviors as the common denominator. The conclusion is that dispositions can be clustered around Habits of Mind that are related directly to educational learning theories vis-à-vis thoughtfulness, and to learning theories that support learning or mindfulness. Grounding dispositions as habits of mind in selected educational theories may guide and support the professional development of teaching dispositions.

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