

## Guidelines for Contributors

### PROFILE

Issues in Teachers' Professional Development

This journal is led by the PROFILE research group at Departamento de Lenguas Extranjeras - Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Bogotá campus. It is a publication for teachers of English interested in increasing their professional expertise. Starting from the assumption that our professional knowledge is enriched by different members of our academic community, the journal is mainly concerned with sharing the results of classroom research projects undertaken by primary and secondary school teachers as well as teachers of adults. It also includes articles written by teacher educators and guest teachers willing to disseminate innovations and research findings. PROFILE is registered in Ulrich's Periodicals Directory, Latindex, and the Directory of Open Access Journals –DOAJ. It is indexed in the MLA International Bibliography, Educational Research Abstracts online (ERA), Linguistics and Language Behavior Abstracts database (LLBA), Redalyc, SCIELO, and Publindex-Colciencias, classified in category A2.

#### **Our Purpose**

The PROFILE journal is published twice a year (April and October). Its main goal is to share the results of classroom research projects undertaken by primary and secondary school teachers as well as teachers of adults while taking part in the Professional Development Programmes carried out by the Foreign Languages Department at Universidad Nacional de Colombia. It also includes articles written by teacher educators and guest teachers willing to disseminate innovations and research findings.

#### **Submitting an Article**

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## References

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### Journal Article

Poole, A. (2009). The reading strategies used by male and female Colombian university students. *PROFILE, Issues in Teachers' Professional Development*, 11(1), 29-40.

### Magazine or Journal Article from a Database

Nassaji, H., & Wells, G. (2000). What's the use of 'triadic dialogue'? An investigation of teacher-student interaction. *Applied Linguistics*, 21(3), 376-406. doi:10.1093/applin/21.3.376.

### Book

Schön, D. (1987). *Educating the reflective practitioner*. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass.

### Book Article or Chapter

Cots, J. & Diaz, J. (2005). Constructing social relationships and linguistic knowledge through non-native speaking teacher talk. In E. Llorca (Ed.), *Non-native language teachers: Perceptions, challenges and contributions to the profession* (pp. 85-106). New York: Springer.

### Unpublished Master's thesis

Ariza, A. (2004). *EFL undergraduate students' understanding of autonomy and their reflection in their learning process* (Unpublished master's thesis). Universidad Distrital Francisco José de Caldas, Bogotá.

### Website

Ministerio de Educación Nacional de Colombia [MEN]. (1994). *Ley General de Educación (Ley 115 del 8 de febrero de 1994)*. Retrieved May 08, 2008, from [http://www.mineducacion.gov.co/1621/articles-85906\\_archivo\\_pdf.pdf](http://www.mineducacion.gov.co/1621/articles-85906_archivo_pdf.pdf).

### Conference Proceedings

Schnase, J. L., & Cunniss, E. L. (Eds.). (1995). *Proceedings from CSCL '95: The First International Conference on Computer Support for Collaborative Learning*. Mahwah, NJ: Erlbaum.

## Evaluation and Publication

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