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RESUMEN
A través de la retroalimentación que la Escuela de Lengua y Literatura Inglesa también llamada carrera de Inglés de la Universidad de Cuenca, obtiene del Gobierno, las autoridades de la Universidad y los estudiantes actuales, es importante, tener en cuenta lo que otras universidades han hecho al obtener la opinión de los ex-alumnos.

El presente trabajo de investigación contiene información que fue recibida de los ex-alumnos de la Escuela de Lengua y Literatura Inglesa. El objetivo principal de este estudio es obtener datos importantes con el fin de ayudar con la acreditación de la carrera. También se espera que los datos obtenidos a través de este proyecto contribuyan a la mejora del Plan de estudios.

El principal instrumento para la recolección de datos fue un cuestionario que se administró a 161 estudiantes que se graduaron en la carrera de inglés. Esta encuesta contenía una serie de preguntas de opción múltiple y abierta con respecto a la época en que eran estudiantes y su situación actual de empleo en el mercado laboral. El proceso de obtención de esta información duró un mes.

Consideramos que un graduado del sistema de seguimiento debe ser parte de la carrera de Inglés, los ex alumnos deben contestar encuestas relacionadas con el tema anualmente. Esto sería de gran ayuda para continuar creciendo como una importante escuela de la Universidad de Cuenca.

Palabras clave: alumnos del sistema seguimiento, carrera de Inglés, los estudiantes de la Universidad de Cuenca
ABSTRACT

Besides the feedback that the English Language and Literature School –also called English Major–of the University of Cuenca gets from the Government, the University authorities, and the current students, it is also important, in line with what other universities have done, to get the opinion of former students.

The present research paper contains information that was gotten from former students of the English Language and Literature School. The main purpose of this study was to gather important data in order to help with the accreditation of the Major. The data collected through this project is also expected to contribute to the improvement of the curriculum.

The main instrument for the data collection was a questionnaire which was administered to 161 students that graduated at the English major. This survey contained a number of multiple-choice and open-ended questions regarding the time when they were students of this Major and their present employment situation in the labor market. The process of getting this information lasted one month.

We think that a graduate follow up system should be part of the English Major, and alumni should answer surveys related to this topic on an annual basis. This would be of great help for the English Major to continue growing as an important school of the University of Cuenca.

Keywords: alumni follow up system, English Major, students, University of Cuenca
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I want to dedicate this work to my parents Manuel and Susana, and my siblings because they have always been supporting and encouraging me during all my life and my career. Moreover, I would like to dedicate it to God since without his protection and guidance, I could not have achieved this goal. Finally, this work goes for my friends Mirian Peláez, Alejandra Parra, Gabriela Pañí and Raul Deleg, with whom I share my happy and sad moments and who supported me when I wanted to give up.

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INTRODUCTION

This project will provide support for the use of applicable and beneficial opinions of the graduates to building up an information pool to learn about the strengths and weaknesses in their careers.

It has two objectives. The first one is to explain how the surveys serve as evidence in a real context. The investigation is based on a detailed literature review which will show the principal basis of how this project helps the university to get the positive and negative points of view about the curriculum.

The second objective is to obtain the career accreditation, because it is important since according to the new regulations the first step for this is making a study with the major part of graduates. Moreover, it will prove that teachers could take advantage of these objectives to inspire students in general to become active in the teaching-learning process.

Likewise, the methodology which is applied to the quantitative and qualitative aspects demonstrates information which has been obtained through our main source, the survey.

This information is presented through charts that reveal pros and cons of the graduates’ education. The literature review and the survey ratify the reliable, transferable effects, and the validity that has been among the main goals of our project.

In conclusion, this research process shows the importance of the characteristics expressed in all this work, and through this field investigation intends to help get the accreditation of the career and contribute to its improvement.
CHAPTER I

Background and Justification

Concerning educational objectives, Reglamento de Régimen Académico, in its article 2, establishes that it is imperative to guarantee high-quality academic formation as means to determine the pertinence of the Ecuadorian Higher Education System. In addition, its article 31 indicates that “majors and programs approved by Consejo de Educación Superior (CES) will maintain its validity in accordance with the implemented processes of evaluation, accreditation, and quality assurance” (CEAACES). As established in the article 77 of this regulation, the pertinence of majors and academic programs will imply the articulation of their formative offer, research and community involvement with the constitutional regimen of Buen Vivir, Plan Nacional de Desarrollo, local and regional plans, social requirements and scientific and humanistic schools of thought.

Consejo de Evaluación, Acreditación y Aseguramiento de la Calidad de la Educación Superior (CEAACES) establishes that education is a public service, and thus the evaluation of the majors offered at Ecuadorian universities becomes a transversal axis to guarantee quality in undergraduate academic formation. Consequently, CEAACES has designed a generic model that includes the following criteria for evaluation: (1) pertinence, (2) curriculum, (3) faculty, (4) institutional environment, and (5) students. Seguimiento a Graduados (alumni follow-up) corresponds to the second indicator of pertinence criterion and aims to “identify if the process (…) has been institutionalized and if its activities are reflected on official documents” (Matriz de Evidencias Modelo Genérico de Evaluación).
Therefore, conducting a study about the perceptions that English Language and Literature School alumni have about their academic formation becomes essential to determine strengths and weaknesses, which are indeed the basis for improvement. Graduates’ perceptions must be regarded as an opportunity for curricular adaptations.

**Delimitation of the Problem**

The School of English Language and Literature requires a significant alumni follow-up in order to determine the strengths and weaknesses related to the academic program offered. Even though, there is information about graduates’ perceptions, the sample is not representative and thus generalizations cannot be done, which reduces the chances for accreditation and appropriate curricular adaptations.

**General Objective**

To analyze alumni perceptions regarding the academic program offered at the English Language and Literature School, in the University of Cuenca.

**Specific Objectives**

a. To identify the main factors in the major selection process

b. To identify the level of graduates’ academic satisfaction

c. To point out graduates’ needs in accordance with educational and professional demands

d. To determine the curricular aspects that should be considered for changes.
Chapter II

Literature Review

The so-called “Careers after Graduation” project was developed in Europe with the participation of eleven European countries that provided information about the transition between university and the labor market. Later in 2004, the Flexible Professional Knowledge Society (REFLEX) was the project that perfected the key project instrument. It was a survey directed at graduates four years after their graduation. The information that they collected was comparable and verifiable and facilitated the analysis of trends in those years (CINDA, 2012).

More recently, in 2006 the ALFA program followed. The main purpose of this project was to analyze the results about graduates’ trajectory and establish a comparison between Latin-American countries and European countries that participated in the first projects, An European Research Study (CHEERS) and REFLEX. (CINDA, 2012)

Therefore, in Latin-America it was decided that a university career accreditation system should be introduced, and so the Seguimiento a Egresados and an insertion labor program were created. However, there was not a satisfactory “Seguimiento a Graduados” because of the mismatch between the graduates’ profiles and the requirements of world production (CINDA, 2012).

Thus, due to the high demand for students with university degrees over the last years, Centro Interuniversitario de Desarrollo (CINDA) has seen the need to create a project aimed at bringing the university in line with the new productive and social demands.

Thereby, teachers prepared this project whose main objective is to "Formulate proposals for “Seguimiento a Graduados” to facilitate and enable the linking of
universities with the external environment and allowing feedback in favor of training processes and a positive labor market" (CINDA, 2012).

In a study carried out by Anika Remuzgo Artezano, the author says that the alumni perceptions are answers expressed with respect to the learning-teaching process related to the organizational, pedagogical and technological aspects that they had received during their career (p. 11).

Likewise, a study conducted by the University of Monterrey regarding alumni follow-up between 2007 and 2008 whose main objective was to analyze the academic education of graduates and their professional development, Lasibelle and Navarro mention, to detect the graduates’ necessities in terms of their academic development, career information, job training and workshops. Therefore, the study allowed the researchers to establish a connection between the programs offered at the university and the graduates’ work opportunities (p. 4).

Professors list down some of the aims in which take place at the time the student concludes the sixth semester, the aims were:

- Assess the satisfaction of students in curricular matters and regarding training and services in general through SABES.
- Determine the degree of compliance with the formal discharge profile.
- Learn about the graduates’ fulfilled and/or unfulfilled expectations. Looking ahead, identify the language skills of the incoming Bachelor students (p.4).

The Universidad Católica de Cuenca conducted a study with the purpose of collecting relevant information related to graduates’ professional, personal and social development. The data collected from monitoring classes and referring to both
administrative and teaching areas allowed the analysis of the current curriculum, and hence the updating of study plans, in order to define alternatives for the labor market, entrepreneurship and inclusion (Informe Seguimiento a Graduados, p. 4).

Moreover, Seguimiento a Graduados in that university seeks to serve as a reference tool that has to be used by the area of Academic Management and Subdecanato to propose reforms to the Curriculum.

Universidad Católica de Cuenca, Azoguez, which wants to maintain contact and to meet what our current society needs to have in the labor market; so, This project helps to recognize that universities need to perform follow-up studies to provide feedback regarding the graduate academic programs and constantly adjust to the labor market needs. It comforts the University to provide information to feedback and update the curriculum (Seguimiento a Graduados, p. 4).

Corporación Universitaria de la Costa (CUC) in Colombia, determined the graduates’ necessities in engineering programs by conducting a study about academic satisfaction, in which it was evidenced that post-graduate programs must include some specializations since post-graduate degrees were not really beneficial in terms of the demands engineering students had to face. In addition, it was found that proficiency in a second language (English in the first place) was strictly related to general competences for job opportunities. All this information has served curricular changes (p. 187).

Alumni follow-up is truly relevant if improvement is the aim. For example, Corporación Universitaria obtained very specific and important data to consider for curricular adaptations. The project’s authors agree that even though competences were not evaluated unsatisfactorily, the percentages obtained led them to be conscious of their social responsibility with graduates, and thus guarantee that quality education
becomes a must, since students have high levels of identity with their university, namely, a sense of belonging to their educational institutions (p. 187).

According to the Universidad de Chihuahua, Seguimiento a Graduados is necessary to get information about the impact of the knowledge received in dealing with specific problems in the labor market. Likewise, teachers need to learn about professional performance to strengthen the design, and review the study’s plans and programs as well as the planning with strategic long-term vision (p. 8). Thus, the innovation speed in the careers had caused an increase in the supply and demand of higher education. In the same way, this university created two guiding principles to articulate: align university activities and make decisions in the coming years for educational quality assurance. Similarly, the results show that graduates are satisfied with the major part of the education received but they express some things that according to them, should be changed.

A study accomplished by the Universidad Central del Ecuador shows that Seguimiento a Graduados is pertinent for several reasons. First, it is important for career accreditation which the government tried to internationalize in higher education, thereby helping the country develop in the cultural, political, economic and social spheres. Second, it is significant for curriculum development. Later on, the survey was applied in order to evaluate the graduate academic programs that have been offered by the University and to find out about the knowledge pertinence and necessary skills. Furthermore, the university needs to get valid information about the graduates with the purpose of promoting and strengthening the links between the two. Finally, as a social-political tool, it is important to improve gender equality and democratize the access to higher education.
The Ministry of Education in Ecuador says that the objective of this Seguimiento a Graduados is to promote higher education programs to create better skilled human capital (Seguimiento a Graduados, 2010).

In the Universidad Espiritu Santo, after applying a survey, professors took notice that not all graduates of medicine were satisfied with the curriculum. Likewise, they said that there were aspects that were positive in their education. So, they have used this information to improve the curriculum and enforce the positive aspects.

The Universidad de Chile asked students about perceptions regarding the curriculum: they asked them about the importance that the university gives to the curriculum in different subjects, and they included disciplinary content and language instruction (p. 21). Thus, in the results, they could see that the students give more importance to the pre-professional practices and less importance to the topics related to special educative necessities and educational sociology (p. 23).

Nevertheless, the study’s results show a positive general evaluation, both for the training curriculum and the acquired ability to teach in the area of language and communication; in addition, it demonstrates students’ optimism with respect to their experience before their professional insertion.

In the same way, The National Academy Foundation’s Career Academies: Shaping Postsecondary Transitions that was carried out some years ago with the purpose of improving educators’ and policymakers’ approach to encouraging academic achievement and facilitating students’ transition showed that the academic model can be better (p.15).

Another study at the University “Laica Eloy Alfaro de Manabí” (Special Education) describes how graduates are allowed to analyze the relationship between
skills acquired through higher education and those required by employers in order to understand the processes of transition to the labor market for graduates of higher education. It serves to improve education by helping graduates to access better and wider job opportunities and learn in advance about the challenges that they will face in the labor market.

Furthermore, a study done at Columbia University, New York, state that it wanted to gather information about how “Alumni provide an important perspective for assessing how effectively an institution’s academic programs prepare its graduates to be successful contributors to society” (p. 15). In fact, post-secondary institutions have been surveying their alumni to collect evidence on academic effectiveness as part of their overall assessment programs.

The opinion of graduates regarding the curriculum was studied in the nursing degrees of the Faculty of Superior Studies of Zaragoza-Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México. The intention was to discover the quality of the educational program, and the solidity of the training of their graduates, as well as the high graduation rates, the number of competent teachers in their generation, transmission and application of knowledge organized in academic bodies, as well as an updated and relevant curriculum (p. 1).

The intention of that project was to update their professional profiles, as well as set down new training requirements that are in harmony with the world of work that graduates will have to function in. Further, educational research is used as a tool to provide information about the development of their professional work. “These studies are very important for academic planning in higher education institutions, since they constitute a powerful diagnosis of reality with the potential to induce institutions to
reflect deeply on (its) their aims and values” (Carmona, Gonzales & Crespo, 2012, p. 2). One of the most important things that the university has to take into count is the education of the people related with the labor market and the graduates, especially if these students are bringing a good service to society. Also, it helps to align the curriculum with the actual needs of the community.

The University of Panama and its project called “Inserción laboral de los graduados de la Universidad de Panama” present the satisfaction of graduates with their studies and the percentage composition of the sample of graduates who responded to the survey questions about the degree of satisfaction described (p. 12). The average satisfaction rate of graduates at the University of Panama was estimated at 73.2% with a standard deviation of 13.2%. It was measured by the number of students who responded and related to those who declared that they would choose the same career showing high levels of satisfaction (p. 21).

Moreover, the “Universidad Central del Ecuador” conducted a study called “Sistema de seguimiento de graduados y egresados de Facultad de Ingeniería, Ciencias Físicas y Matemática” in order to provide society with efficient professionals and to improve the quality of the faculty as well as obtain the accreditation that the government is demanding nowadays (Celorio & Elizabeth, p. 13). The essential part of this work is to establish a connection and to find out what the egressed and graduate students are doing away from the university. The results will help the career to take decisions and improve the curriculum.

In short, all studies carried out by different universities around the world have had the same purpose, namely, career accreditation. It is important, because universities can maintain their standards as well as improve their curricula. Also, another important
reason is to maintain the contact with all graduates. This contact is important, because
the universities need to know about their graduate and their advancement in the job
market.
Chapter III

Methodology

After determining the topic that will be analyzed and studied in this investigation, what we chose to apply in this present work to obtain information was a specific research method which started with choosing the target population and proper sampling.

First, as regards the target population, it is the people that are to be included in the research work. Accordingly, the population is the English teachers and professors graduated at the English Language and Literature School, in the University of Cuenca, working in public and private educational institutions. Moreover, it was deemed important to include graduates that are working in other non-educational areas, as well as current unemployed graduates.

Systematic sampling was next; it involved selecting elements from an ordered sampling frame, i.e., in this case, separating out the public and private educational institutions. The sampling process also included the weighted number and percentage rate of the institutions participating.

Convenience sampling was used to contact graduates working in non-educational areas as well as those who are currently unemployed. Further, social networks and e-mails proved helpful for the purpose.

Fundamentally, both quantitative and qualitative methods were applied. This study employed qualitative approach to get information which provided more reliable information about the participants and the problem through the application of a survey.
The quantitative analysis was done based on histograms and descriptive statistics in order to have a panoramic view of the results which were then qualitatively analyzed considering information sources for discussion. All the data collected was interpreted based on the appropriate elements of the literature review to explain certain phenomena.

Finally, the transparency of the data collected is shown by figures and statistics that are to be presented below by a quantitative approach.
Chapter IV

4.1 Demographics and their relation to the major selection process

In order to maintain contact with the ex-students of the English language career and to find out about the current situation, a survey was applied to 161 graduates with 141 women and 20 men among them. Data were collected at ninety-four (94) Educational Institutions of initial education, basic general education, high school, higher education and English Institutes located in urban and rural areas of Cuenca, Gualaceo, Chordeleg, Sigsig, Paute, San Fernando and Azogues.

One of the most important reasons for doing this project was because the University wants to know the level of satisfaction that each one of them has with the knowledge they got throughout the studies, how useful are the subjects received in the classrooms during their years at the university, and why they decided to study the career of English Language and Literature.

It was also intended to help the university to obtain the accreditation taking into account their opinions to improve the curriculum and to train people according to the new demands that society as such has. The survey has highlighted the necessities that people have owing to the weaknesses that they may have and the problems in getting a good and solid job. Most of them agreed that the curriculum should be improved and the ex-students especially wanted to have classes or preparatory courses for TOEFL exams so that they have this certificate when they decide to work for the Ministry of Education.
Based on the returned questionnaires, an analysis of the variables was carried out and the results were tabulated according to frequency rates. The data also include gender information and the year of graduation.

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It is estimated that the average age of the graduates surveyed is around 33 years.
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4.1.3 Marital status

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4.2 Graduates’ academic satisfaction

The importance of this chapter is to describe the graduates’ academic satisfaction level with the University of Cuenca, specifically the English Language and Literature career, through a survey intended to collect sufficient information about the satisfaction level and the necessities of the students in the career. The logic behind is that people who already work know what the most important subjects and methodologies to be applied in a classroom are.

Furthermore, the School of English’s aims to prioritize the subjects according to the importance for the students in their professional life and expects to strength the ones that appear to be significant for the graduates. Besides, the process helps to improve the curriculum. Our data prove that graduates have positive perceptions about their studies
at the School of English. Thus, they categorize as satisfied the modules such as educational, professional pre-practices, research training advice and the direction of research work for their graduation. However, with respect to module informatics tools, the results indicate that 39% of the respondents are dissatisfied with what they learnt.

The charts below present the data with the percentage rates of the satisfaction levels.

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According to this chart, in the Educative Module the estimate is that a 63.4% of the graduates are satisfied, but it is important to take into account that around 16.8% is very satisfied, and another 16.8% is dissatisfied while 2.5% is dissatisfied.
Graduates are satisfied with all the things that they learned in the class; nevertheless, they are not totally satisfied due to the fact that they need to improve their knowledge in some skills like listening and speaking. They mentioned that these two skills are the most important ones when you begin to give classes. This is the time when you enter a world that is different and it is difficult, because they need to talk and they do not have much experience in doing so.

Regardless, graduates say that they can interact with fluency in social and professional situations, as it would appear from the chart below. It is important to emphasize that they must carry on learning the language at the beginning of their careers and take courses in Institutes or places where instruction in conversation skills is offered. However, nowadays; new students can enjoy the new conversation classes which account with all necessary implements to talk with native speakers. Hence, it should not be a problem to speak more fluently.

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As we can see in the chart, according to pre-professional practices the estimation is that the major part of the students is satisfied with the experience gained as the result is 57.3 percent. They say that the practices were satisfying, and they were able to improve their vocabulary and get more familiarity with classroom situations. However, there are students that are very satisfied with the module, one can see that 19.3 percent is content with the practice mode, because they can develop and look for new ways. Besides, 18 percent is not very satisfied but only 3.1 percent is unsatisfied and 2.5 percent is very unsatisfied because they claim that there were not enough hours to practice taking into account that many high schools did not allow them to get experience with their students.

Likewise, the English career was able to make a comparison with the mathematics’ career and found that they are related with the satisfaction level because mathematic students said that pre-professional practices had been useful to their professional development; on the other hand, they said that the hours for teaching practice should be increased.

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In this item, we can estimate that students are little satisfied due to 38.5 percent of students that answered to the survey saying that they did not have computer classes because all those years ago computer studies were not considered to be important, while other students reported that it was a very poor course. Also, some of them expressed that if they knew about technology at all, this is because they studied outside the university. In the same form, 35.4 percent is satisfied with respect to computer management tools. They mention that they learned enough to teach but they did not exclude that they may have to learn more about it. Likewise, 10.7 percent are unsatisfied, because most of the part of the curriculum subjects have not been useful in their professional life and they needed new methods and techniques to teach this subject because the programs are not updated. Others agreed that technology is extremely important nowadays in all aspects, especially in the education.

4.2.4 Research training; advice and direction of research work for graduation

In reference to graduation direction, the “Universidad Autónoma de Zacatecas” stresses that academic education requires egresados to carry out scientific investigation. Thus, around 52% felt supported enough while around 28% asserted that they were little motivated.

Therefore, the teachers who provided advice to the graduates during academic training impacted positively in some aspects. 36% of graduates felt the impact on academic content, 17% was motivated to continue their studies, and 14% felt encouraged to investigate, and finally 12% said they were given useful search-learning strategies.
Once again, making a comparison with the “Universidad Autónoma de Zacatecas” and the University of Cuenca, specifically in the English language career, the graduate students are satisfied because the majority of respondents had taken the graduation course; therefore, they said that they had been given considerable help while writing their theses; thus, it is approximately 50.6 percent. Moreover, 16.3 percent of the students are very satisfied due to the fact that they received much support at the time when they were working on their theses.

On the other hand, around to 21.9 percent is not very satisfied, they say that they did not have enough support, and they had to look for other ways to improve their theses. Moreover, there are around 8.8 % of students that are dissatisfied, and around 2.5 percent are very dissatisfied because they did not receive the right amount of support in this regard.

The School of English did not introduce investigation as a learning methodology and, as a result graduates did not have sufficient knowledge about how to conduct research activities. Also, the monographic works are not linked to postgrad investigations and are unlikely to help the teacher and the students as they tend to be irrelevant.

Thus, we can see these values represented in the table below:

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As a result, the graduates’ perception with respect to the education received is satisfactory. Lastly, this survey and its results help university teachers to learn more about the graduates’ opinion. Thus, the results suggest that the major part of graduates is satisfied with the academic studies and how the curriculum was developed. However, there are some of them who think that the curriculum needs to be improved and some subjects need to be reformed.

### 4.3 Educational and professional demands

This topic is significant when it comes to the issue of whether graduate students are satisfied with their education, and if they use all the information they were given during their university studies. Nevertheless, according to Universidad Autonoma de Zacatecas, “seguimiento a graduados” is not only a process with the goal of validating the plans and programs developed within, but also with the aim of shaping alternatives and keep up with the needs of the labor market.
This shows the importance of linking academic training institutions with specific job requirements, that is, these studies highlight the connection between the training received and the difficulties that are encountered when starting to work.

Therefore, the survey applied during February, 2015, had the purpose to show the importance of the connection between the educational modules and professional demands. Thus, the variables indicate the satisfaction level as compared to the egreso profile. It shows that the students have a solid knowledge of English when they finish their studies.

The main aspects that were taken into account are:

Table 8

4.3.1 Listen and understand elaborated speeches, TV programs and movies effortlessly

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According to the table above the major part of the graduates is satisfied, the rate being around 61.0 percent. It is because they said to have the skills, and they do not need to make much effort to understand programs, movies, etc. On the other hand, 21.4 percent of the students estimate that they are not very satisfied because they said that they can understand movies, programs, etc., but they learned this skill in other institutions. Around 17.0 percent is very satisfied because they liked the manner how teachers gave the classes and presented new vocabulary. Some of them could recall who they thought the best teacher was. Finally, there is one graduate that is dissatisfied, because he claims that he did not learn all language skills at the university because teachers only emphasized the grammar part.

**Table 9**

4.3.2 Read and understand extensive factual and literary texts, appreciating distinctions of style; specialized articles and technical instructions not necessarily related to their career

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In this item, the chart shows the level of satisfaction in the education received during university life regarding these skills. The major part of the students is pleased because they can read and understand extensive factual and literary texts. The results are as follows: 60 percent is satisfied due to the fact that they received classes dealing with these skills. However, they would have liked to receive more classes on these topics. In second place, there are graduates that are very satisfied and other not very satisfied with 20 percent in each one. The 20 percent are students who are very satisfied with the preparation received in these two skills, because they were given excellent materials. On the other hand, the other 20 percent is not very satisfied because they did not receive enough classes or texts of this kind to read, and students did not get enough vocabulary to understand those texts.

Table 10

4.3.3 Interact with fluency and spontaneity in social and professional situations

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According to the survey, graduates are satisfied with this item. Therefore, 61.5 percent is satisfied because they can interact in a social or professional situation. Likewise, there are graduates that are very satisfied and their rate is 21.7 percent. Nevertheless, 16.1 is not very satisfied because they would have needed more situations where they could have used all the things learned. Finally, 0.6 percent is dissatisfied because this graduate believes that he was not exposed to professional situations where he could have applied this knowledge. For example, during practicum, he did not have enough hours to interact with his students.

**Table 11**

4.3.4 Write texts, essays and clear and well-structured reports expressing their point of view and emphasis on relevant issues

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The chart shows that approximately 55.9 percent is satisfied with this item because they can write essays and express their own ideas. Also, they told the
researchers that it was important to finish their graduate work because it was necessary to write their thesis. However, there is a certain percentage that is not very satisfied, this rate is 26.1 percent. This group of students said that this aspect was very poor throughout the entire career. Also, the books that could be important for this skill were very outdated. However, 16.1 percent of the graduates is very satisfied since they recognize that all their teachers did everything that was possible to help with this skill despite the fact that they did not have the right resources to work on this. Nevertheless, a few graduates – 1.9 percent – is dissatisfied, because they had to make up for gaps in their knowledge after finishing their studies.

Table 12

4.3.5 Is able to incorporate history and culture of the United States to the process of teaching English as a foreign language

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This chart shows that the 53.4 percent is satisfied with the education received in this regard. However, they feel the necessity for the university to improve the subject because it does not dealt with satisfactorily in Ecuadorian education. Additionally, 25.5 percent is not very satisfied because according to them American history is not found in
the books that the government gives to the schools and high schools. On the other hand, 17.4 percent is very satisfied because they say that it is important to include this subject as students need to know where the language came from. Finally, there are some graduate students that are dissatisfied because they believe that their own students would need more education related to life and culture in Ecuador. Also, they say that teachers need more preparation in the language, but not specifically regarding American history, because that topic is not associated with their reality.

Table 13

4.3.6 Is able to apply methodological training to the teaching and learning of English

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47.2 percent is satisfied with the methodological training because the TEFL classes were excellent and they learned many techniques to apply with their students. Furthermore, 38.5 percent is very satisfied with the training they received. They specifically mentioned one teacher who taught new techniques and new forms to teach children and teenagers in a fun way. However, 12.4 percent says that they are not very
satisfied because three semesters are not enough to learn a sufficient amount about how to teach students. Finally, there is 1 person who is very dissatisfied saying that he does not use the things learned in classes because they are obsolete.

Table 14

4.3.7 He is able to develop and implement syllabi, lesson plans and assessment tools

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According to a new regulation, graduates need to prepare their syllabi and lesson plans taking into account their students’ skills, but the problem is that they did not learn how to do this, and they have some problems when they have to prepare their lesson plans now. However, we can see that 42.1 percent is satisfied in spite of the fact that they did not know much about this kind of an activity. The rate of graduates who are very satisfied with how they were instructed to design lesson plans and syllabi is 25.8
percent. Nevertheless, there are students who are not very satisfied because, in their view, they did not receive this kind of information. They have a planning template for other subjects in Spanish, but it is not the same as the one in English. Another 5.7 percent is dissatisfied since, according to these respondents, the information received was not appropriate to the teaching of English. Finally, there are graduates who are very dissatisfied representing 1.3 per cent.

Table 15

4.3.8 Is capable of using Web 2.0 (blogs, wikis, virtual platforms, social networks, Slideshare, etc.) as an educational resource for teaching English

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The chart shows that graduates are able to use Web 2.0. The majority is satisfied even though they think that there exists the necessity of more classes to learn more about ITC in general and blogs in particular. Nevertheless, there are graduates who are
very satisfied with their ITC classes implying that they do not have any problems with
the way it was taught. However, there are students who are not very satisfied, because
they assert that they did not receive any classes about ITC (TICs). This is because at the
time when they went to university, IT was not part of the curriculum.

In summary, one might say that the content and methodology, in general, meets
the needs of the graduates, who value the above-mentioned parameters, because they
claim that they are capable of using the four language skills. Likewise, they know about
didactic-methodological strategies in the teaching process. However, while this is true,
there is much more to do to achieve excellence; therefore, most respondents recommend
that materials in terms of techniques and methodologies for inclusive education, ITC
(TICs) and curriculum development should be included. Nevertheless, teachers
themselves need to improve their language skills, because the new rules are very strict
and an English teacher should be more prepared with the passing of each day.

4.4 Discussion Section: Curricular aspects for improvement

The CEAACES states that education is a public service and, therefore, the
evaluation of the studies offered by Ecuadorian higher education institutions aims at
ensuring quality in academic education at the undergraduate level. For this purpose, the
CEAACES has designed a generic model for the evaluation of classroom work at the
Universities and Polytechnics of Ecuador including five basic criteria: relevance,
curriculum, academia, institutional environment and students (SGUDC, 3). Therefore,
the University of Cuenca and the administration responsible for the subject of English
Language and Literature have realized the necessity to improve the curriculum.
Furthermore, in accordance with the curricular bases of 2012, and taking into account the graduates’ problems at work when they teach or use English as a foreign language, there is a need to teach more than a list of grammatical contents but to focus on the communication of meaning. In the same way, it becomes a tool for interaction in which both the message and the use of language are relevant and, consequently, the issues are significant and interesting for students. Curriculum also emphasizes the development of the four language skills, and then it can be an effective and meaningful communication presented in different situations and with different communicative purposes.

We are, therefore, talking about the graduates’ opinion with respect to their academic education and if they are content with the curriculum and what aspects, should be changed. In general, one could say that a high percentage of graduates value the parameters related to language skills and methodological management as well as the teaching strategies introduced with regard to English as a foreign language. However, the open questions asking for suggestions on how the curriculum could be improved reveal the importance of keeping in touch with the graduates. The answers provide important information that could be used to improve the curriculum. Also, the career’s director and the teaching staff should take advantage of this information and improve their syllabus which should also take into account the new regulations about English teachers. For example, the graduates said that they did not receive TOEFL training, even though this is the exam that all English teachers should pass to get a good job and a good salary.

**4.4.1 TOEFL exam**

This is the main point because it is based on the provisions of the General Regulations of the Organic Law of Intercultural Education. It is in Articles 275 and 304.
It lays down the requirements for the employment, transfer and promotion of teachers. Moreover, it is worth noting that the Project for Strengthening the Teaching English as a Foreign Language led by the Ministry of Education reveals the necessity that teachers have to pass standardized tests proving their English proficiency to a B2 level in accordance with the Marco Común Europeo de Referencia para las Lenguas (MCER) (Seguimiento a Graduados Lengua y Literatura Inglesa, 19).

Also, conforming to the Seguimiento a Graduados, Lengua y Literatura Inglesa, the new laws require teachers to be more prepared in both English proficiency and methodological strategies because the Ministry of Education is looking for graduates of high schools to achieve the minimum B1 level of language competence.

**4.4.2 Promote the use of the four English language skills from the start of the career using appropriate methodologies**

The graduates said that they needed a whole range of methodologies that help them improve their skills to learn and to teach. Up-to-date methodologies can help teachers interact with more facility with the students and make the classes more active.

**4.4.3 Discussion forums in which native speakers are also included**

The graduate teachers agreed that during their studies they liked to have discussion forums in which they could talk and exchange ideas with people who were native speakers. Encounters with native speakers could help them understand idiomatic phrases better.

**4.4.4 Strengthen preparedness in curriculum and instructional planning, with emphasis on Basic General Education**

This aspect is important, because nowadays it is essential to learn about how to teach young children. In the course of their studies graduates learn more about how to teach teenagers, but many of them are now actually working with young learners.
Likewise, they should learn more about inclusive education since this aspect is a standard requirement. However, the latter is particularly difficult considering that they don’t know what strategies could be use with them.

4.4.5 Increase the number of hours devoted to pre-professional practices

According to the respondents, the hours devoted to practicum should be increased, because that is the only time when they can put into practice all the knowledge they acquired. However, the duration of the teaching practice is evidently not enough because by the time the teacher trainees began to get to know their students, their practicum was over, and they could not apply all the things that they had prepared. Moreover, the extension of the practicum would be important because they could get more confidence, and could enter the workplace with more experience.

4.4.6 Agreements for exchanges and internships

With regard to the above, they said that this being a career where you learn a new language, opportunities for exchanges and internships should be created, because in this way students could internalize the language and learn more ways of teaching-learning.

4.4.7 Update bibliographical material

Graduates emphasized that the material used should be more up-to-date because the course books are often out-of-date. They mentioned one tutor specifically who seemed to be able to teach well in spite of having to rely on the available course books. Obviously, the same tutor could give even better classes if he had current course books at his disposal.

Because of various reasons, most students choose to work full time after graduating and do not always take into account the importance of continuous professional development. One of the most important facts for not continuing their
studies is the economic situation that the graduates have when finishing the University. Obtaining a Master’s degree is costly and it is especially difficult to study a second language in a place where everybody speak Spanish; whereby, the opportunities to practice the new language and become fluent are rare.

### 4.4.8 Postgraduate studies

Regarding graduate studies, 90.1% of the graduates said that they had not studied to fourth level compared to 9.9% who already have a Master's degree, some kind of a specialization or PHD. It should be noted that the survey included an open question in which the respondents were asked to suggest proposals for graduate studies in the area of their specialization. The suggestions are geared towards pedagogy and didactics for teaching English as a foreign language, inclusive education, educational technology, curriculum planning, and translation and linguistics.

| Table 16 |
|------------------|-------|---------|-----------------|-------------|
|                | Frequency | Percentage | Valid Percentage | Accumulated Percentage |
| Valid Yes      | 16       | 9,9      | 9,9             | 9,9          |
| No             | 145      | 90,1     | 90,1            | 100,0        |
| Total          | 161      | 100,0    |                 |              |

It is important to mention the concern of graduates in relation to the cost of Master's programs offered by the Faculty of Philosophy in the area of English Language. In addition, some flexible hours are a determining factor when opting to
study a specialization so some suggest distance modalities. However, it remains a fact that graduates do not have an incentive to join a Master’s program as the third level title is sufficient to teach at secondary school level. Furthermore, it is typical of the subjects of the present study that even if they did a Master’s course, often it was not in English, but was a Master’s in educational pedagogy instead. Besides, the requirements that the university asks for an admission to a Master's degree is too strict for people who only have little experience.

Moreover, the respondents stressed that there is a lack of opportunities that the University of Cuenca offers to its alumni to continue excelling and acquire a degree of fourth level. This is not surprising because of all the respondents only six (6) graduates earned a Bachelor's fourth level equivalent to a Master's degree in the said University, while five (5) did a diploma course, or Master's at the University of Azuay, Loja Technical University, Kansas State University, and the American University of Technology (suspended).

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Table 18

4.4.8.2 Contingency Table: Higher Institution that offer postgraduate and postgraduate level

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Most of the respondents have participated in a number of training sessions that the government offered but they did not concern the English language. The following table shows that 77.4% of the surveyed graduates have participated in training events and professional workshops after obtaining their third level title. They seem to have a keen interest in improving their knowledge in pedagogy, didactics and educational technology.

The Faculty of Philosophy, Letters and Educational Science at the University of Cuenca should increase their range of academic events for training and professional development in the area of English Language and give their former students the opportunity to get better jobs.

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Professional development opportunities
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### 4.6 Professional updating opportunities

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The table indicates that there is a medium level of satisfaction with 34.4% representing opportunities for professional development followed by a 32.5% indicating a high level. However, it appears that there is also a low level of 15%, which shows that there are not that many such opportunities for graduates to take advantage of.
CHAPTER IV

LIMITATIONS OF THE STUDY

The study called "Seguimiento a graduados" in the University is a basic tool to find out the achievements and areas of opportunity in the educational program and in what way to make improvements. For this reason, it is important for institutions to be conscious of the reality and provide accurate performance about their former students in order to carry out some changes based on the new needs, as well as update study plans and especially measure the skills and capacities developed by their students after finishing their studies.

However, the university lacks the capacity to collect this type of information, because it does not have a database of attendance, names, directions, e-mails, and cellphone numbers of the students who belonged to the University. For this very reason, it might be considered quite an achievement that the authors of the present research study managed to track down and interview 161 teachers from the School of English Language, namely students who obtained their Bachelor's degree between 2000 and 2013.

To obtain this information it was necessary to go out to teachers in schools, colleges and institutions in different parts of the province of Azuay. This task involved a lot of difficulties due to the lack of support from some institutions and the out-of-date
information that the university was able to provide for the location of each of the graduates.

In addition, surveys were left at a time and received at another date, because teachers were working and that was the only solution to avoid interrupting the workday; this proved to be one of the complications and logistical problems of the present project.

The university does not provide support for surveys, daily mobilizations, and communication with people is difficult, especially because most of graduates think that they are only approached when they are needed to provide information and there is no feedback, or any benefit in participating. Also, this type of study is not common, therefore, there is a strong mistrust and fear that the data provided will be used for other purposes. The graduates’ previous experiences made them believe that answering surveys is useless, and similarly, some institutions think they are being evaluated through the process, and consequently, do not allow researchers to communicate with their English teachers.
Conclusions

In conclusion, the results in general indicate that graduates are satisfied with much of their studies. It is important to see that the subject of English Language and Literature is managed well. A clear example of this is that a high percentage of the graduates are working in the field of language teaching.

Furthermore, this research has shown that some teachers think that English is hard and need to be improved continuously. Therefore, English teachers must use techniques but these must be learned at the university. They will facilitate the process of teaching and learning English as a second language. In addition, if teachers know a lot more about how to teach, they can help children and teenagers improve the four skills of the English language.

Additionally, one goal of this research was to identify the necessities of the teachers and how to improve the curriculum. It is important because nowadays, due to the new regulations, they need to be prepared and have up-to-date knowledge.

Another aim of this investigation was the idea to join the process of learning with the environment where students can interact with native speakers. Moreover, it helps to highlight another important point, namely, that special importance should be given to providing more classes of TOEFL, since without that certificate it is quite difficult to get a job.

The results show that it would be worth extending the length of the pre-professional practices because they play an important role when it comes to starting one’s professional life.
In conclusion, this work has tried to prove that the English studies need some changes that should begin with the curriculum. This is very important, since life is quite hard for anyone at the start of their professional life. Finally, the survey serves as a proof to show that graduates are ready to provide their points of view and express their unease about some aspects of their studies. However, they agree that the bigger part of their studies gave them the capabilities to start their careers with confidence.
RECOMMENDATIONS

It is important for the School of English to learn about the teachers’ opinions concerning the possible weaknesses of the curriculum as perceived by their ex-students in order to improve the course.

The curriculum should be made better by taking into account what the actual labor market wants and demands.

It would be useful to study the alumni perception of the School of English regarding the academic program offered at the University of Cuenca.

Similarly, it may be of value to analyze statistical data on the graduates’ different opinions and the weaknesses that they have come to identify when trying to apply their knowledge.


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APPENDIX A SURVEY MODEL
Encuesta para Titulados de la Carrera de Lengua y Literatura Inglesa de la Facultad de Filosofía, Letras y Ciencias de la Educación de la Universidad de Cuenca.

Estimados Graduados,

Reciban un cordial y atento saludo de quienes hacemos la Carrera de Lengua y Literatura Inglesa. Con el afán de mantenernos en contacto con ustedes, solicitamos llenar la siguiente encuesta, la cual constituye para nosotros una fuente de retroalimentación para proponer cambios significativos en la malla curricular de la carrera. Les agradecemos por tomarse el tiempo necesario para esta actividad.

DATOS PERSONALES

Apellidos: _______________________________________________

Nombres: _______________________________________________

Cédula de Identidad: ______________________________________

Nacionalidad: ____________________________________________

Género: _________________________________________________

Estado Civil: _____________________________________________

Fecha de Nacimiento: ____________________________________

Lugar de Residencia: _____________________________________

Dirección de Domicilio: ___________________________________

E-mail: _________________________________________________

Teléfono: _______________________________________________

Celular: _______________________________________________
FORMACIÓN ACADÉMICA

Carrera: _________________________________________________

Título Obtenido: __________________________________________

Año de Ingreso a la Carrera: _________________________________

Año de Egreso: ___________________________________________

Año de Graduación: _______________________________________

Modalidad de Graduación: trabajo investigativo (tesis) _____  Curso de graduación _____

Estudios de Postgrado

Si ____    No ____

Nivel de Estudios

• PhD
• Maestría
• Especialidad
• Diplomado

Título obtenido

_________________________________________________________

Institución de Educación Superior que ofertó el postgrado

_________________________________________________________

Año de Graduación: __________________

Lo estudiado en la Carrera tenía estrecha relación con los contenidos del programa de postgrado.

Mucho ___    Bastante ____    Poco ____    Nada ____
¿Ha participado en eventos de capacitación y actualización profesional después de haber obtenido su título profesional?

Si su respuesta es afirmativa, indique la institución, tiempo/horas y año.

- Si
- No

Relacionados con su área

A continuación, indique la institución educativa que ofertó la capacitación, número de horas y el año.

___________________________________________________________________________
___________________________________________________________________________
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Didáctica y Pedagogía

A continuación, indique la institución educativa que ofertó la capacitación, número de horas y el año.

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___________________________________________________________________________

TIC's

A continuación, indique la institución educativa que ofertó la capacitación, número de horas y el año.

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Diseño y Planificación Curricular

A continuación, indique la institución educativa que ofertó la capacitación, número de horas y el año.
Otros

A continuación, indique el tema, la institución educativa que ofertó la capacitación, número de horas y el año.

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SELECCIÓN DE LA CARRERA Y FINANCIAMIENTO

Para la selección de la carrera, ¿cuál de los siguientes factores fue el de mayor influencia?

Familia ___

Amigos ___

Facilidad de Ingreso ___

Pérdida de cupo en otra carrera ___

Destrezas lingüísticas ___

Plan de estudios ___

Facilidad para obtener un empleo ___

Otro: (especifique)

___________________________________________________________________________

Indique la fuente de sostenimiento económico durante la carrera.

Becas___

Ingresos propios ___

Padres ___
Familiares ____
Cónyuge ____
Otros (especifique)

NIVEL DE SATISFACCIÓN CON RESPECTO A LA FORMACIÓN ACADÉMICA

EN GENERAL

Módulo Pedagógico o Educativo
Muy satisfecho ___ Satisfecho ___ Poco Satisfécho ___ Insatisfecho ___ Muy
insatisfecho___

Prácticas pre profesionales
Muy satisfecho ___ Satisfecho ___ Poco Satisfécho ___ Insatisfecho ___ Muy
insatisfecho___

Manejo de Herramientas Informáticas
Muy satisfecho ___ Satisfecho ___ Poco Satisfécho ___ Insatisfecho ___ Muy
insatisfecho___

Formación en investigación; asesoría y dirección del trabajo investigativo de graduación
Muy satisfecho ___ Satisfecho ___ Poco Satisfécho ___ Insatisfecho ___ Muy
insatisfecho___

NIVEL DE SATISFACCIÓN EN RELACIÓN AL PERFIL DE EGRESO DE LA CARRERA

¿Cómo valora su desempeño en los siguientes indicadores?
Escucha y comprende discursos elaborados, programas de televisión y películas sin mayor esfuerzo.

Muy satisfecho ___ Satisfecho ___ Poco Satisfecho __ Insatisfecho___  Muy insatisfecho__

Lee y comprende textos literarios y factuales extensos, apreciando distinciones de estilos; artículos especializados e instrucciones técnicas no necesariamente relacionadas a su carrera.

Muy satisfecho ___ Satisfecho ___ Poco Satisfecho __ Insatisfecho___  Muy insatisfecho__

Interactúa con fluidez y espontaneidad en situaciones sociales y profesionales.

Muy satisfecho ___ Satisfecho ___ Poco Satisfecho __ Insatisfecho___  Muy insatisfecho__

Escribe textos, ensayos y reportes claros y correctamente estructurados expresando su punto de vista y enfatizando en asuntos relevantes.

Muy satisfecho ___ Satisfecho ___ Poco Satisfecho __ Insatisfecho___  Muy insatisfecho__

Es capaz de incorporar la historia y cultura de los Estados Unidos al proceso de enseñanza del inglés como lengua extranjera.

Muy satisfecho ___ Satisfecho ___ Poco Satisfecho __ Insatisfecho___  Muy insatisfecho__
Es capaz de aplicar estrategias didáctico-metodológicas para el proceso de enseñanza-aprendizaje del idioma inglés.

Muy satisfecho ___ Satisfecho ___ Poco Satisfecho __ Insatisfecho ___ Muy insatisfecho___

Es capaz de elaborar y aplicar sílabos, planes de clase e instrumentos de evaluación.

Muy satisfecho ___ Satisfecho ___ Poco Satisfecho __ Insatisfecho ___ Muy insatisfecho___

Es capaz de usar la Web 2.0 (blogs, wikis, plataformas virtuales, redes sociales, slideshare, etc.) como recurso pedagógico para la enseñanza del inglés.

Muy satisfecho ___ Satisfecho ___ Poco Satisfecho __ Insatisfecho ___ Muy insatisfecho___

Conoce sobre el uso apropiado de internet y sus buscadores para ubicar información relevante para el proceso de enseñanza-aprendizaje del inglés.

Muy satisfecho ___ Satisfecho ___ Poco Satisfecho __ Insatisfecho ___ Muy insatisfecho___

**FORMACIÓN INTEGRAL**

¿Cómo se valora usted en los siguientes aspectos?

Sentido de pertenencia a una determinada comunidad y a sus normas de convivencia.

• Alto
Respeto y tolerancia a la diversidad cultural y religiosa

- Alto
- Medio
- Bajo

Respeto hacia las personas con discapacidad: reconocer sus deberes y derechos a ser incluidos en diferentes ámbitos de la sociedad.

- Alto
- Medio
- Bajo

Respeto y tolerancia a la diversidad sexual en el ámbito educativo, laboral y social.

- Alto
- Medio
- Bajo

Conciencia ambiental: valores y acciones para el cuidado del medio ambiente.

- Alto
- Medio
- Bajo

¿Cuál es su opinión con respecto a la formación general del graduado de la Carrera de Lengua Inglesa?
SITUACIÓN LABORAL

¿Trabaja usted actualmente?
Si ____         No _____

¿Trabaja usted en el ámbito de su especialidad?
Si ____          No _____

Nombre de la institución donde labora actualmente:
____________________________________________________________________

Dirección de la institución:
____________________________________________________________________

Teléfono:
____________________________________________________________________

Cargo / Actividad que realiza:
____________________________________________________________________

Años de servicio en la institución:
____________________________________________________________________

Su remuneración mensual corresponde a un salario justo en relación a sus responsabilidades laborales.

Totalmente en desacuerdo ____      En desacuerdo ____      De acuerdo ____

Totalmente de acuerdo ____

Si trabaja como docente indique lo siguiente:
Nivel

___ Educación Inicial
___ Educación General Básica
___ Bachillerato
___ Nivel Superior

Tipo

___ Pública
___ Privada
___ Otro (especifique):

Ubicación geográfica

___ Urbano
___ Rural

Tipo de relación laboral con la institución

___ Nombramiento
___ Contrato Anual
___ Contrato Ocasional
___ Reemplazo
___ Otro

Tiempo para actividades laborales

___ Completo
___ Parcial
___ Por horas
___ Otro
Sugerir dos propuestas para la formación de postgrado en el área de su especialización

Sugerir propuestas para la actualización de la malla curricular de la carrera

¿Desea compartir con nosotros algo que considere relevante para mejorar nuestra carrera en base a su experiencia como docente?

Sólo en caso de que aún NO esté trabajando. ¿Cuál de estas alternativas se ajusta a su realidad actual?

- Prepara curriculum vitae para trabajar en la docencia
- Prepara curriculum vitae para trabajar en otra área (no docente)
- Busca empleo sin restricciones al puesto de trabajo
- Continúa estudiando otra mención en Ciencias de la Educación
- Continúa estudiando en otra área del conocimiento
- Está tomando cursos de formación continua
- Otro (especifique):

_____________________________

Su primer empleo lo obtuvo

___ Antes de graduarse
___ Durante el primer año después de la graduación
___ Después del segundo año de graduación

La carrera y su primer empleo guardaban estricta relación

___ Total
___ Bastante
El primer empleo lo encontró mediante

___ Anuncio en el periódico
___ Presentó su currículum vitae en diferentes instituciones y esperó a que se contactaran con usted.
___ Una vez finalizadas sus prácticas pre profesionales continuó en calidad de docente en esa institución.
___ Contactos personales (familia, amigos)
___ A través de la universidad
___ Por medio de una agencia de empleo
___ Anuncio en internet

Otro (especifique):

____________________________________________________________

Los requisitos solicitados para su primer empleo fueron

___ Título de tercer nivel en Ciencias de la Educación, especialización de Lengua Inglesa
___ Título de tercer nivel en cualquier área de estudio
___ Título de cuarto nivel
___ Acreditar experiencia en el área en la cual se desempeñaría
___ Aprobar una prueba de selección para el empleo

Otro (especifique):

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___ Crecer profesionalmente mediante el análisis y reflexión de su propia práctica y trazar un plan de capacitación continua.

Nivel de satisfacción con su trabajo actual

___ Muy alto

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Nivel de satisfacción con los siguientes aspectos en su vida laboral (marque con una X)

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FORMACIÓN ACADÉMICA
Carrera: LENGUA Y LITERATURA INGLES
Título Obtenido: LICENCIADA EN CIENCIAS DE LA EDUCACION ESPECIALIDAD LENGUA Y LITERATURA INGLESA
Año de Ingreso a la Carrera: 2008
Año de Egreso: 2012
Año de Graduación: 2013
Modalidad de Graduación: trabajo investigativo (tesis) _____ Curso de graduación ___X__

Estudios de Postgrado
Si ____  No ____

Nivel de Estudios

- PhD
- Maestría
- Especialidad
- Diplomado

Título obtenido

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Institución de Educación Superior que ofertó el postgrado

___________________________________________________________________________

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Año de Graduación: __________________

Lo estudiado en la Carrera tenía estrecha relación con los contenidos del programa de postgrado.

Mucho ___  Bastante ____  Poco ____  Nada ____

¿Ha participado en eventos de capacitación y actualización profesional después de haber obtenido su título profesional?

Si su respuesta es afirmativa, indique la institución, tiempo/horas y año.

- Si
- No
Relacionados con su área

A continuación, indique la institución educativa que ofertó la capacitación, número de horas y el año.

PARTICIPE EN LA CAPACITACION OFERTADA POR EL GOBIERNO DEL PROGRAMA GO TEACHER EN EL CUAL TUVE LA OPORTUNIDAD DE VIAJAR AL EXTRANJERO PARA RECIBIR UNA CAPACITACIÓN EN METODOLOGÍAS DE ENSEÑANZA DE INGLÉS COMO SECUENDE LENGUA. LA CAPACITACIÓN SE REALIZÓ POR SIETE MESES EN LA UNIVERSIDAD DE KENTUCKY DANDO UN TOTAL 374 HORAS DE CAPACITACIÓN RECIBIDA.

Didáctica y Pedagogía

TAMBIÉN EN LA UNIVERSIDAD KENTUCKY SE RECIBIÓ CAPACITACIÓN EN DIDACTICA Y PEDAGOGIA COMO UN TOTAL DE 200 HORAS POR SIETE MESES.

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A continuación, indique la institución educativa que ofertó la capacitación, número de horas y el año.

NINGUNA

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Diseño y Planificación Curricular

A continuación, indique la institución educativa que ofertó la capacitación, número de horas y el año.
ASISTÍ A LA CAPACITACION DICTADA POR EL CUERPO DE PAZ SOBRE LA PLANIFICACION CURRICULAR DANDO UN TOTAL DE 60 HORAS.

Otros

A continuación, indique el tema, la institución educativa que ofertó la capacitación, número de horas y el año.

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SELECCIÓN DE LA CARRERA Y FINANCIAMIENTO

Para la selección de la carrera, ¿cuál de los siguientes factores fue el de mayor influencia?

Familia ___
Amigos ___
Facilidad de Ingreso ___X__
Pérdida de cupo en otra carrera ___
Destrezas lingüísticas ___X__
Plan de estudios ___X__
Facilidad para obtener un empleo ___X__
Otro: (especifique)

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Indique la fuente de sostenimiento económico durante la carrera.

Becas ___
Ingresos propios ___X__
Padres ___X__
Familiares ____
Cónyuge ____
Otros (especifique)

NIVEL DE SATISFACCIÓN CON RESPECTO A LA FORMACIÓN ACADÉMICA
EN GENERAL

Módulo Pedagógico o Educativo
Muy satisfecho ___ Satisfecho ___ Poco Satisfacción _X_ Insatisfecho ___ Muy insatisfecho___

Prácticas pre profesionales
Muy satisfecho ___ Satisfecho ___ Poco Satisfacción _X_ Insatisfecho ___ Muy insatisfecho___

Manejo de Herramientas Informáticas
Muy satisfecho ___ Satisfacción _X__ Poco Satisfacción __ Insatisfecho ___ Muy insatisfecho__

Formación en investigación; asesoría y dirección del trabajo investigativo de graduación
Muy satisfecho ___ Satisfacción ___ Poco Satisfacción _X_ Insatisfecho ___ Muy insatisfecho__

NIVEL DE SATISFACCIÓN EN RELACIÓN AL PERFIL DE EGRESO DE LA CARRERA

¿Cómo valora su desempeño en los siguientes indicadores?
Escucha y comprende discursos elaborados, programas de televisión y películas sin mayor esfuerzo

Muy satisfecho ___ Satisfecho ___ Satisfecho _X___ Poco Satisfecho ___ Insatisfecho ___ Muy insatisfecho___

Lee y comprende textos literarios y factuales extensos, apreciando distinciones de estilos; artículos especializados e instrucciones técnicas no necesariamente relacionadas a su carrera.

Muy satisfecho ___ Satisfecho ___ Satisfecho _X___ Poco Satisfecho ___ Insatisfecho ___ Muy insatisfecho___

Interactúa con fluidez y espontaneidad en situaciones sociales y profesionales.

Muy satisfecho ___ Satisfecho ___ Satisfecho _X___ Poco Satisfecho ___ Insatisfecho ___ Muy insatisfecho___

Escribe textos, ensayos y reportes claros y correctamente estructurados expresando su punto de vista y enfatizando en asuntos relevantes.

Muy satisfecho ___ Satisfecho ___ Satisfecho _X___ Poco Satisfecho ___ Insatisfecho ___ Muy insatisfecho___

Es capaz de incorporar la historia y cultura de los Estados Unidos al proceso de enseñanza del inglés como lengua extranjera.

Muy satisfecho ___ Satisfecho ___ Satisfecho _X___ Poco Satisfecho ___ Insatisfecho ___ Muy insatisfecho___
Es capaz de aplicar estrategias didáctico-metodológicas para el proceso de enseñanza-aprendizaje del idioma inglés.
Muy satisfecho ___ Satisfecho ___ Poco Satisfecho _X_ Insatisfecho ___ Muy insatisfecho__

Es capaz de elaborar y aplicar sílabos, planes de clase e instrumentos de evaluación.
Muy satisfecho ___ Satisfecho ___ Poco Satisfecho _X_ Insatisfecho ___ Muy insatisfecho__

Es capaz de usar la Web 2.0 (blogs, wikis, plataformas virtuales, redes sociales, slideshare, etc.) como recurso pedagógico para la enseñanza del inglés.
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Conoce sobre el uso apropiado de internet y sus buscadores para ubicar información relevante para el proceso de enseñanza-aprendizaje del inglés.
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FORMACIÓN INTEGRAL
¿Cómo se valora usted en los siguientes aspectos?

Sentido de pertenencia a una determinada comunidad y a sus normas de convivencia.

- **Alto**
- **Medio**
- **Bajo**

Respeto y tolerancia a la diversidad cultural y religiosa
Respeto hacia las personas con discapacidad: reconocer sus deberes y derechos a ser incluidos en diferentes ámbitos de la sociedad.

Respeto y tolerancia a la diversidad sexual en el ámbito educativo, laboral y social.

Conciencia ambiental: valores y acciones para el cuidado del medio ambiente.

¿Cuál es su opinión con respecto a la formación general del graduado de la Carrera de Lengua Inglesa?
SITUACIÓN LABORAL

¿Trabaja usted actualmente?
Si __X__         No _____

¿Trabaja usted en el ámbito de su especialidad?
Si __X__          No _____

Nombre de la institución donde labora actualmente: UNIDAD EDUCATIVA IVAN SALGADO ESPINOZA

Dirección de la institución: EL REPUBLICANO Y QUITENO LIBRE

Teléfono:

Cargo / Actividad que realiza: PROFESORA DE SEPTIMO A DECIMO DE EDUCACION BASICA

Años de servicio en la institución: UN AÑO

Su remuneración mensual corresponde a un salario justo en relación a sus responsabilidades laborales.

Totalmente en desacuerdo ___       En desacuerdo _____       De acuerdo __X___
Totalmente de acuerdo ___

Si trabaja como docente indique lo siguiente:

Nivel

____ Educación Inicial
__X__ Educación General Básica

___ Bachillerato

___ Nivel Superior

Tipo

__X__ Pública

___ Privada

___ Otro (especifique):

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Ubicación geográfica

__X__ Urbano

___ Rural

Tipo de relación laboral con la institución

__X__ Nombramiento

___ Contrato Anual

___ Contrato Ocasional

___ Reemplazo

___ Otro

Tiempo para actividades laborales

__X__ Completo

___ Parcial

___ Por horas
Sugerir dos propuestas para la formación de postgrado en el área de su especialización

**QUE DEBEN HABER POSTGRADOS DE ESPECIALIZACION MAS SEGUIDOS**

Sugerir propuestas para la actualización de la malla curricular de la carrera

**QUE SE DE MAS IMPORTANCIA EN EL DISEÑO DE PLANIFICACION CURRICULAR Y SOBRE METODOLOGIAS DE ENSEÑANZA.**

¿Desea compartir con nosotros algo que considere relevante para mejorar nuestra carrera en base a su experiencia como docente?

**QUE SE PREOCUPEN MAS EN LAS PRACTICAS PRE PROFESIONALES Y QUE SE ASEGURE QUE LOS ESTUDIANTES TIENEN LOS CONOCIMIENTOS RESPECTIVOS PARA PODER ENSEÑAR EN UNA INSTITUCION EDUCATIVA.**

Sólo en caso de que aún NO esté trabajando. ¿Cuál de estas alternativas se ajusta a su realidad actual?

- [ ] Prepara curriculum vitae para trabajar en la docencia
- [ ] Prepara curriculum vitae para trabajar en otra área (no docente)
- [ ] Busca empleo sin restricciones al puesto de trabajo
- [ ] Continúa estudiando otra mención en Ciencias de la Educación
- [ ] Continúa estudiando en otra área del conocimiento
- [ ] Está tomando cursos de formación continua
Su primer empleo lo obtuvo

__X__ Antes de graduarse

___ Durante el primer año después de la graduación

___ Después del segundo año de graduación

La carrera y su primer empleo guardaban estricta relación

__X__ Total

___ Bastante

___ Mediana

___ Poca

___ Ninguna

El primer empleo lo encontró mediante

___ Anuncio en el periódico

___ Presentó su curriculum vitae en diferentes instituciones y esperó a que se contactaran con usted.

___ Una vez finalizadas sus prácticas pre profesionales continuó en calidad de docente en esa institución.

__X__ Contactos personales (familia, amigos)

___ A través de la universidad
Por medio de una agencia de empleo

Anuncio en internet

Otro (especifique):

Los requisitos solicitados para su primer empleo fueron

Título de tercer nivel en Ciencias de la Educación, especialización de Lengua Inglesa

Título de tercer nivel en cualquier área de estudio

Título de cuarto nivel

Acreditar experiencia en el área en la cual se desempeñaría

Aprobar una prueba de selección para el empleo

Otro (especifique):

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Número de trabajos: __2____

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Educative institutions, English centers and others

CECIB Monseñor Leónidas Proaño II
Centro Ecuatoriano Norteamericano "Abraham Lincoln"
Colegio “Matovelle”
Colegio Alfonso Lituma Correa
Colegio Antonio Ávila
Colegio César Dávila Andrade
Colegio Ciudad de Cuenca
Colegio Daniel Córdova Toral
Colegio de Bachillerato Técnico Ricaurte
Colegio Guillermo Mensi
Colegio Herlinda Toral
Colegio Javeriano
Colegio Manuel J. Calle
Colegio Manuela Garaicoa de Calderón
Colegio Mario Rizzini
Colegio Miguel Malo González
Colegio Particular Rosa de Jesús Cordero
Colegio Santo Domingo de Guzmán
Colegio Técnico Salesiano
COMIL-4 Abdón Calderón
Distrito de Educación Intercultural y Bilingüe
UNIVERSIDAD DE CUENCA

Escuela "Federico Proaño" Sección Vespertina

Escuela 16 de Abril

Escuela 27 de Febrero

Escuela 3 de Noviembre

Escuela Agustín Cuesta Vintimilla

Escuela Alberto Andrade Arízaga “Brummel”

Escuela Alfonso Carrión Heredia

Escuela Carlos Crespi

Escuela de E.B. Estados Unidos de Norteamérica

Escuela de Educación Básica "Gabriel Cevallos García.

Escuela de Educación Básica Ciudad de Gualaceo

Escuela de Educación Básica Ezequiel Crespo Ambrosi

Escuela de Educación Básica Isidro Ayora

Escuela de Educación Básica Manuel Guerrero

Escuela de Educación Básica Panamá

Escuela de Educación Básica Particular San Agustín

Escuela de Educación Febres Cordero

Escuela Eduardo Crespo Malo

Escuela Honorato Vásquez

Escuela Humberto Esquivel

Escuela José Tomás Rendón Solano

Escuela Luis Roberto Bravo

Escuela Nicolás Sojos Jaramillo

Escuela Sor Teresa Valsé

Instituto de Inglés “Edu English”

MERCY FAJARDO & MIRIAN PELÁEZ
Instituto Tecnológico Sudamericano

Unidad Educativa Checa
Unidad Educativa "Nuestra Familia"
Unidad Educativa "Santa Mariana de Jesús"
Unidad Educativa "Víctor Gerardo Aguilar"
Unidad Educativa 26 de Febrero
Unidad Educativa Abelardo Tamariz Crespo
Unidad Educativa Agustín Iglesias
Unidad Educativa Amadeo Maldonado Vásquez
Unidad Educativa Bilingüe Interamericano
Unidad Educativa Carlos Aguilar Vázquez
Unidad Educativa Chordeleg
Unidad Educativa Comunitaria Intercultural Bilingüe La Paz
Unidad Educativa Cristiana Verbo
Unidad Educativa Daniel Hermida
Unidad Educativa Dolores J. Torres
Unidad Educativa Fe y Alegría
Unidad Educativa Fray Vicente Solano
Unidad Educativa Galo Plaza Lazo
Unidad Educativa Iván Salgado Espinoza
Unidad Educativa Juan Montalvo
Unidad Educativa La Asunción
Unidad Educativa Las Oblatas
Unidad Educativa Luis Cordero Crespo
Unidad Educativa Manuel Córdova Galarza
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Unidad Educativa Medardo Neira Garzón
Unidad Educativa Miguel Merchán Ochoa
Unidad Educativa Octavio Cordero Palacios
Unidad Educativa Particular "CEBCI"
Unidad Educativa Particular "La Asunción"
Unidad Educativa Particular “La Providencia”
Unidad Educativa Particular Rosa de Jesús Cordero
Unidad Educativa Pío II
Unidad Educativa Remigio Romero y Cordero
Unidad Educativa Ricardo Muñoz
Unidad Educativa Sagrados Corazones
Unidad Educativa Salesiana “María Auxiliadora”
Unidad Educativa San Francisco
Unidad Educativa San José de Raranga
Unidad Educativa Sigsig
Unidad Educativa Técnica Cumbe
Unidad Educativa Temporal Luis Monsalve
Unidad Educativa Temporal César Dávila Andrade
Unidad Educativa Zhidmad
Universidad Católica de Cuenca
Universidad de Cuenca
Universidad del Azuay
Universidad Politécnica Salesiana