

The Fitzpatrick, Derval, 2001, Developing Role of the Learning- Support teacher in the primary School.

ABSTRACT OF DISSERTATION

This study sought to explore the developing role of the learning-support teacher in the primary school. It investigated the attitudes and perceptions of learning-support teachers to their role.

Chapter One outlines the background to the study and highlights some of the areas to be explored in subsequent chapters.

Chapter Two reviews the literature in the area of learning-support education.

Chapter Three evaluates the various techniques available for research and decides on the most suitable technique for this area of research.

Chapter Four involves research on the attitudes of learning-support teachers to learning-support education and their respective roles. Data were gathered from questionnaires distributed to full-time learning-support teachers and shared learning- support teachers. The results were analysed and compared to other studies carried out on learning-support education.

Chapter Five provides an overview of the previous chapters, draws some conclusions and makes recommendations based on the findings.