

Convergence Education Review

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1. Publication Frequency and Dates

The journal shall be published three times a year, on March 30, July 30, and November 30.

2. Editorial Board Regulations

A. The Editorial Board shall consist of approximately 20 editorial members, including one Editor-in-Chief.

B. The Editor-in-Chief shall be appointed by the Director of the Convergence Education Research Institute from individuals who meet at least one of the following qualifications:

1) Holds a doctoral degree and has at least five years of employment experience at a four-year university.

2) Has published ten or more papers (a co-authored paper counts as one) or books in journals indexed by the National Research Foundation of Korea (including candidate journals) or in international professional academic journals (SCIE, SSCI, A&HCI, Scopus, etc.) within the last ten years.

C. The term of the Editor-in-Chief is two years and is renewable.

D. The Editor-in-Chief shall represent the Editorial Board, preside over its meetings, and, in the event of their absence, designate an editorial member to act on their behalf.

E. Editorial members shall be appointed by the Director of the Convergence Education Research Institute from individuals who meet at least one of the following qualifications:

- 1) Holds a doctoral degree and has at least three years of employment experience at a university or research institute.
- 2) Has published five or more papers (a co-authored paper counts as one) or books in journals indexed by the National Research Foundation of Korea (including candidate journals) or in international professional academic journals (SCIE, SSCI, A&HCI, Scopus, etc.).

F. The term for editorial members is two years and is renewable.

G. The Editor-in-Chief may dismiss or remove an editorial member before the end of their term for any of the following reasons:

- 1) The member voluntarily tenders their resignation.
- 2) The member is unable to perform their duties due to physical or mental disability.
- 3) There is evidence of misconduct related to their duties.
- 4) It is determined that the member cannot perform the duties of the Editorial Board due to other unavoidable circumstances.

H. An Editorial Manager may be appointed, and this role shall be held concurrently by a principal researcher of the Convergence Education Research Institute.

I. The Editorial Board shall deliberate on all matters related to the publication of the journal *Convergence Education Review*, including publication frequency and dates, manuscript submission, peer review, and editing.

J. Editorial Board meetings shall be convened as follows:

- 1) Meetings are classified as regular or special meetings. Regular meetings are held twice a year (once every six months). Special meetings are convened by the Editor-in-Chief when deemed necessary or upon the request of at least five editorial members.
- 2) Editorial members who cannot attend a regular meeting may express their opinion (agreement or disagreement) by proxy or online (via email or phone).
- 3) A quorum is constituted by the attendance (including proxies) of a majority of the registered editorial members, and decisions are passed by a majority vote of the attending members.
- 4) If an editorial member cannot attend a meeting, they may delegate their voting rights to the Editor-in-Chief online or by phone.
- 5) The Editorial Manager must prepare and maintain minutes of the Editorial Board meetings.

3. Manuscript Submission and Review

A. Manuscripts are accepted on a regular basis. As a rule, manuscripts to be published in each issue are selected through the review of submissions received up to 40 days before the publication date, though this period may be adjusted at the discretion of the Editorial Board. A maximum of two papers by the same author may be published in a single issue.

B. Upon receipt, the Editorial Board shall review the manuscript for its suitability. Once deemed suitable, three experts in the relevant field (holders of a doctoral degree in the field or those with at least five years of research experience) shall be appointed as reviewers.

C. Three reviewers are selected for each manuscript and shall conduct the review as follows:

1) Each reviewer shall evaluate the submitted manuscript in detail and comprehensively based on a 100-point scale according to the following review criteria. Based on the evaluation score, the reviewer shall determine the review result as specified below and submit it to the Editorial Board with the reasons.

- Suitability as a journal article
- Appropriateness of research methodology
- Completeness of the content
- Diligence in manuscript preparation
- Accuracy of reference citations
- Originality of the research topic
- Academic contribution of the research results (expected impact)
- Appropriateness of the abstract
- Other factors related to suitability for publication in this journal
- Whether the manuscript has been published in another journal or collection of papers

Table 1: Manuscript Evaluation Scoring Criteria

Review Decision	Overall Evaluation Score
Accept	90 points or higher
Accept with Minor Revisions	80 to 89 points
Re-review after Major Revisions	70 to 79 points
Reject	69 points or lower

2) First Review Decision and Actions: The Editorial Board comprehensively reviews the results from the three reviewers to determine the first review decision. The Editor-in-Chief then notifies the author of the decision and requests revisions if necessary.

Table 2: Final Decision Matrix Based on Reviewer Evaluations

Reviewer 1	Reviewer 2	Reviewer 3	Final Decision
Accept	Accept	Accept	Accept
Accept	Accept	Minor Revisions	Accept
Accept	Accept	Major Revisions	Accept
Accept	Accept	Reject	Accept
Accept	Minor Revisions	Minor Revisions	Minor Revisions
Accept	Minor Revisions	Major Revisions	Minor Revisions
Accept	Minor Revisions	Reject	Minor Revisions
Minor Revisions	Minor Revisions	Minor Revisions	Minor Revisions
Minor Revisions	Minor Revisions	Major Revisions	Minor Revisions
Minor Revisions	Minor Revisions	Reject	Minor Revisions
Accept	Major Revisions	Major Revisions	Major Revisions
Minor Revisions	Major Revisions	Major Revisions	Major Revisions
Accept	Major Revisions	Reject	Major Revisions
Minor Revisions	Major Revisions	Reject	Major Revisions
Major Revisions	Major Revisions	Major Revisions	Major Revisions
Major Revisions	Major Revisions	Reject	Major Revisions
Accept	Reject	Reject	Reject
Minor Revisions	Reject	Reject	Reject
Major Revisions	Reject	Reject	Reject
Reject	Reject	Reject	Reject

(1) Accept: The manuscript is judged to be acceptable for publication without revisions.

(2) Accept with Minor Revisions: The manuscript is judged to require some revisions. The Editorial Board requests revisions from the author. The final decision on publication for the revised manuscript is determined as follows:

① The Editor-in-Chief may directly review the submitted revised manuscript and the author's response to determine if the requested revisions have been adequately addressed and decide on publication.

② If necessary, the Editor-in-Chief may delegate the review of the revised manuscript to an editorial member or decide on publication after discussion by the Editorial Board.

③ The Editor-in-Chief may request additional revisions from the author. If the requests are not met or the revisions are deemed insufficient, publication may be denied.

(3) Major Revisions Required: The manuscript is judged to require substantial revisions and will be sent for re-review to the original reviewers after revision.

(4) Reject: The manuscript is judged to be unsuitable for publication in this journal due to its quality, content, or ethical issues.

3) Submission of Revised Manuscript: Authors of manuscripts judged as 'Accept with Minor Revisions' or 'Major Revisions Required' must submit the revised manuscript along with a response letter (e.g., a table comparing changes) addressing the reviewers' comments to the Editorial Board by the specified deadline. If the revised manuscript is not submitted within the deadline without a valid reason, the Editorial Board may consider the submission to have been withdrawn.

4) Second Review (Re-review): For manuscripts judged as 'Major Revisions Required', the original reviewers will re-evaluate the revised manuscript and response letter to decide between 'Accept' or 'Reject', and submit the result with specific reasons to the Editorial Board.

5) Final Publication Decision: The Editorial Board makes the final decision on publication by comprehensively reviewing the first review results (for 'Accept' decisions), the editor's assessment of 'Accept with Minor Revisions' manuscripts, or the second review results for 'Major Revisions Required' manuscripts.

6) Notification of Review Results: The initial review results will be notified to the author within one week of completion. The final decision on a revised manuscript will be notified within a reasonable period after its submission. The Editor-in-Chief officially informs the author of the final publication decision.

7) A manuscript that has received a final decision of 'Reject' from Convergence Education Review may be resubmitted.

D. Appealing the Final Decision

1) If an author objects to the final publication decision, they may request a re-review from the Editor-in-Chief.

2) The Editor-in-Chief will appoint new reviewers (different from the original ones) and conduct a single-round review following the procedures above. The decision from this re-review is final and cannot be appealed. In this case, the appellant must bear the separate costs of the re-review.

E. [Attachment] Copyright Transfer Agreement

1) The copyright of all articles published in this journal belongs to the "Convergence Education Research Institute, Korea National University of Education." Authors of accepted articles must sign and submit the institute's copyright transfer agreement.

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G. Honorarium: A small honorarium may be paid for published articles.

H. Fees: A prescribed publication fee and review fee may be charged for published articles.

Bylaw

This regulation shall take effect from the date of its promulgation.