

Philosophy of Education

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Teachers hold the very important job of educating the future generations of children. Education is the key to success and is the basis for everything that children will learn throughout their lives. When I chose to become a teacher, I took on the challenge and responsibility of teaching children not only content knowledge and skills but teaching them about the different aspects of life. I chose to become not only the children's teacher but their leader and role model as well. Becoming a teacher requires certain skills and strategies. Three of the most important skills of becoming a teacher include: taking responsibility for students' learning, demonstrate strong pedagogical content knowledge, and displaying professional characteristics.

Becoming a teacher requires many responsibilities and time commitments. However, perhaps the most important responsibility is the responsibility for students' learning. As a teacher I will take responsibility for every student's learning no matter what skill or ability they may display. Every child's learning style is different and it is a teacher's responsibility to teach their class using a variety of different methods to meet their students' needs. It is my job as a teacher to adapt and differentiate my lessons whenever possible so that every student can get the most knowledge and skills as possible out of every situation. It is also my responsibility as a teacher to provide a safe and stable learning environment where every student is comfortable and able to learn efficiently. Having a safe and stable learning environment helps to ensure that all the students are comfortable and will perform to the best of their abilities. To accomplish this, I will encourage choice in my classroom and allow my students to work in groups as well as individual work to encourage collaboration. Group work helps to ensure that no student gets left behind during the lesson. Individual work is also important for a students' learning because it helps the student to work independently and encourages individuality. I must constantly reflect on my teaching practices throughout the year to make sure that every student is learning the required

knowledge and skills. If a student were to have trouble grasping the concept of one of my lessons it would be my duty to reevaluate my teaching adapt any methods that were troubling a student. It is also a teacher's responsibility to display strong pedagogical knowledge in their teaching.

Demonstrating strong pedagogical knowledge is a quality that all teachers must display. Teachers use pedagogical knowledge to gain a deep knowledge of their practices and methods of teaching. I will display pedagogical knowledge by demonstrating the correct teaching methods needed to display the knowledge and skills to my students efficiently. I will also use a variety of different teaching techniques to meet the needs of every student. Every student learns differently and it is my job as a teacher to adapt and differentiate my lessons to meet each of my student's needs. I can accomplish this by doing different activities throughout my classroom. One strategy that I might use is by using repetition in my classroom. Repetition has shown to help encode information into the minds of children helping them to learn and understand the information being taught. Another strategy is to engage students in active learning such as reading, writing, or discussion. This will help students to encode the content that is being taught in the classroom. As a teacher it is my duty to lead my students by example and display professional characteristics both inside and outside of the classroom.

Teachers must present themselves in a professional manner and display professional characteristics every day. Having strong communication skills is essential for every teacher during their teaching career both inside and outside of the classroom. I can display strong communication skills by developing relationships with other faculty members, parents, and my students. One example would be collaborating with my colleagues to discuss different teaching methods and strategies that will be useful in my classroom. Another important aspect of communication is talking things over with my students and expressing any concerns or problems

that I might have with their parents. Another part of being professional is being organized and ready for every situation. This is especially true when teaching and planning a lesson for my students. I must accommodate every student's needs and plan every lesson accordingly. One last factor that applies to being a professional is engaging in and supporting appropriate professional practices. As a teacher this applies to many things. I must show up to work on time and prepared every day. Also, I must dress professionally every day and present myself in an organized manner. Overall, teachers must remain professional with everything that they do and lead their students by example.

Teaching is not for everyone; it takes a special kind of person that displays the necessary skills that enable them to efficiently teach their students. When becoming a teacher, one must realize that teaching is a huge responsibility. As teachers, we must understand the significant impact that we have on our students' education. We are the ones who open the doors for opportunities and encourage our students to strive for excellence.