

Teaching as a profession. Concept of Profession and Professionalism, Professional ethics for teachers

TEACHING:

- Teaching is a process that facilitates learning.
- Teaching is the specialized application of knowledge, skills and attributes designed to provide unique service to meet the educational needs of the individual and the society.

PROFESSION:

- A profession is an occupation that involves specialized training and formal qualification before one is allowed to practice or work.
- Society and community place a great deal of trust in the professions.

TYPES OF TEACHERS:

Some teachers are teachers by;

- ✓ Choice
- ✓ Chance
- ✓ Force
- ✓ Accident

Teaching profession can be regarded in three ways;

- ✚ Teaching as a profession
- ✚ Teaching as a mission
- ✚ Teaching as a vocation

TEACHING AS A PROFESSION:

“Teaching is a noble profession.”

The word ‘profession’ is synonymous to occupation, job, carrier, work, line of work.

The word ‘professional’ means long and arduous years of preparation, a striving for excellence, a dedication to public interest and commitment to moral and ethical values.

If you consider teaching as a profession then;

- You must be willing to go through a long period of preparation.
- You must be willing to go through continuing education.
(continuous development of potentials)

- You must strive for excellence.
- You commit yourself to moral, ethical and religious values and dedicate yourself to service.

PROFESSIONAL TEACHER:

Characteristics of a professional teacher;

- ❖ Possesses sufficient level of mastery over the content knowledge
- ❖ Continuous update of knowledge
- ❖ Observation of children's behavior in different settings
- ❖ Always keep students interest
- ❖ Awareness of social obligations
- ❖ Provide guidance and counseling

PROFESSIONAL ETHICS FOR TEACHERS:

Professional is a term denoting a level of knowledge and skills possessed by an individual to perform an assignment. Expert, specialized, qualified, proficient, skilled, trained, practiced, certified, proficient, licensed, mature etc. used to denote the term professional.

On the other hand Ethics comes from the word Ethos, which means character so Ethics is a science of character, habits of activity, or behavior of human beings.

❑ Component of Ethical standard in teaching profession

Care: It includes compassion, acceptance, interest and insight for developing students' potential.

Respect: It includes trust and fair-mindedness. Teachers show respect for spiritual and cultural values, social justice, confidentiality, freedom, democracy.

Trust: It embodies fairness, openness and honesty. Teachers' professional relationship based on trust.

Integrity: Continual reflection assists teachers in exercising integrity in their professional commitments and responsibilities.

❑ Educational Implications :

- Transformation of ethics into the coming generations

- The deteriorating status of the profession will gain back its potential status.
- It stop the so called terrorism in the world
- It will fight against —Corruption and lead to Hygienic life
- It helps in the spread of peace and international understanding across the Globe

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