



## WHAT SHOULD A PROFESSIONAL TEACHER BE LIKE?

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**Annotation.** *The article discusses the attitudes of teachers towards knowledge, skills, and teaching practices. It also provides important information regarding what students studying in the field of pedagogy should prioritize in order to become qualified professionals in the future. This research highlights the essential factors necessary for successful performance as a teacher.*

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### Introduction

Teaching is not only a profession, but also, great responsibility. A teacher is not only someone who imparts knowledge but also a person who educates the younger generation and plays a crucial role in preparing them for life. To become a professional teacher, there are several specific rules and virtues required. This article analyzes the necessary characteristics, requirements, and modern pedagogical approaches to being a professional teacher.

Firstly, a professional teacher must possess a deep knowledge in their field of specialization. This knowledge is vital not just theoretically but also practically. Acquiring strong knowledge in the field of pedagogy for a certain period and later conducting professional activities solely based on that knowledge can be quite challenging. In addition to having a solid knowledge base, teachers are expected to continuously work on their skills and remain constantly updated about modern educational trends. Moreover, beyond reading and assimilating the necessary information, they must also have the skills to convey this knowledge and concepts easily and quickly to their students. Mentoring from experienced instructors and conducting lessons under their supervision significantly helps enhance their qualifications.

The ability to consistently motivate and inspire students also plays a critical role in teaching. A professional teacher needs to understand and harmonize with the psychological state of their students when educating them. This enhances their



pedagogical skills. It is important for a teacher to engage in effective communication with students not only as an educator but also as a psychologist. Effective communication is the process of understanding, listening, and accepting, and it is directly related to the teacher's pedagogical mastery. For example, some teachers try to teach children under constant supervision and high demands. According to these strict mentors, a child will not lose their way under constant supervision or will be able to meet high expectations. However, as a result of students being unable to fully complete tasks and consistently hearing reprimands, their enthusiasm for learning and self-confidence can diminish, leading to a situation where they cannot maintain discipline independently, without the teacher's oversight.

A professional teacher should embody a blend of knowledge, skills, and character to effectively inspire and educate students. First and foremost, a teacher must be well-versed in their subject area, staying updated with the latest developments to provide accurate and relevant knowledge. Strong communication skills are essential, enabling the teacher to convey complex ideas in a clear and engaging manner.

Patience and empathy are equally important, as every student learns at their own pace and faces unique challenges. A professional teacher should foster an inclusive environment where all students feel valued and supported. Effective classroom management is another key trait, ensuring discipline while maintaining a positive atmosphere for learning.

Additionally, adaptability and a willingness to embrace new teaching methods, such as incorporating technology, demonstrate a teacher's commitment to growth. Above all, professionalism involves being a role model of integrity, responsibility, and passion, leaving a lasting impact on students' lives.

Especially in a time when various technologies and modern pedagogical approaches are continuously developing, there is a need to provide students with more independent work. As mentioned earlier, the teacher acts as a motivator, and one of their main tasks is to instill confidence in students regarding their success. Therefore, aside from being aware of their students' knowledge levels or keeping them under constant, strict supervision, it is advisable for teachers to also have some understanding of their students' sociology—specifically, their place in society and their relationships with parents and friends. This knowledge helps them to monitor students with a balance of firmness and gentleness at the right moments. When students see that their teachers understand them and assign tasks accordingly, they



begin to develop warm and friendly relations with them. Positive relationships between teachers and students significantly contribute to their uplifting mood, effective performance, and increased self-confidence.

#### Conclusion

In conclusion, becoming a professional teacher is not easy, but striving for improvement is essential for everyone on this path. A teacher should not only impart knowledge but also serve as a source of inspiration for their students and a companion on their life journey. The teaching profession is one of the most important and responsible roles in life. The successful outcomes in the education process depend on the teacher's abilities, knowledge, and approaches. Therefore, the preparation and continuous development of professional teachers is a priority task. Despite all its challenges, the teaching profession holds a special place in society, and it is the duty of every teacher to fulfill this profession with honor.

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