

## ETHICS IN PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION FOR TEACHERS

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### Preamble:

The theme of paper will be ethics among the teachers in professional education, which the Students will look at and try to imbibe as a part of modern education system. With state of the art infrastructure and expectations to meet the global demands, Teachers have a moral responsibility in imparting knowledge eventhough today's education has become materialistic and commercial.

Teachers are still looked at as mentors and play a crucial role in students success. Unless they are honest, knowledgeable, impartial, prudent and punctual much cannot be achieved.

Paper includes the Role of teachers and ethics in professional education, which according to the authors bears special significance.

**Key words: expectation, honesty, prudent, ethics**

### Introduction:

“Education is the manifestation of perfection already in a human being” – Swami Vivekananda

The ancient education was very different from the modern system. It was thought that knowledge is so sacred that no man ought to sell it. To support the teachers, wealthy families helped in turn the Guru as well as their disciples. The modern education has become highly commercial, materialistic and competitive. We find teachers to suit to today's system with a need to remind them about ethics and practices. Emphasizing the importance of fundamentals, character, integrity and responsibility now has to become a part of education.

The institute having faculty, who follow ethical practices will have better disciplined engineers. Ethics in professional education is concerned with one's conduct, behavior, practices while providing any kind of services. The educator should believe in the worth of dignity, importance of truth, devotion to excellence and nurture democratic principles. It is essential to protect freedom to learn as well as to teach and to provide opportunity of education to the entire population. Educators have to accept the responsibility to adhere to the highest ethical standards.

The magnitude of work involved in professional teaching is increasing as well as the expectations. This has its implication in the training systems. The desire for respect from Colleagues, Students and members of community, makes teachers role crucial.

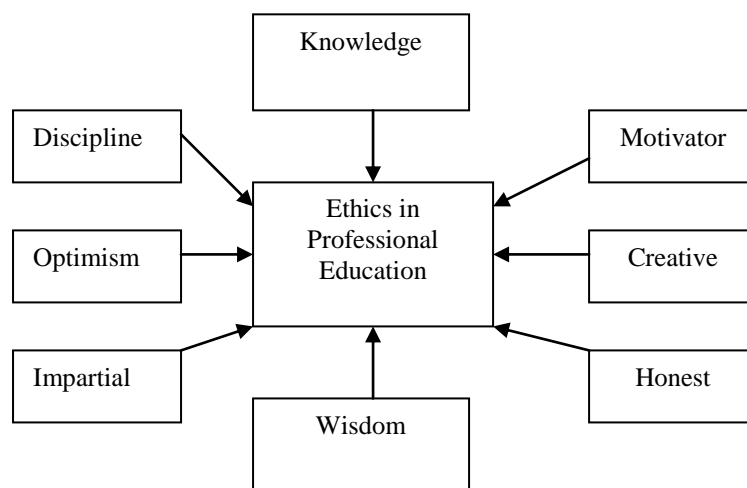


Fig. Teachers as a Role Model

## **Role of Teachers:**

“We want that the education by which character is formed, strength of the mind is increased the intellect is expanded, and by which one can stand on one’s own feet”- Swami Vivekananda.

The preaching’s of Vivekananda, which were done over one and a half-century ago are still relevant in today’s context. In the present situation, teachers are required to get updated quickly to the latest in their respective fields, unlearn the old or outdated concepts and be punctual to ensure that the Students are satisfied. Teachers are expected to maintain enthusiasm and invoke creative instincts among the Students through projects and assignments. Teachers have to go beyond the Class room and practical teachings, to give inputs of significance.

By considering the variety of background to which different Students belong, the teachers have to strike a balance even to satisfy their emotional needs. Impartiality and non favoritism should be visible in every action. Teachers action should be a real motivator to all the concerned. The teaching learning process should even help the academically poor Students to get motivated and develop their self-confidence. The teachers action should be task oriented and Students performance indicator strictly merit based.

For the teacher to play the role of a mentor following qualities are expected.

- Unconditional knowledge sharing
- Impartial and prudent action
- Motivation and encourage participation
- Walk the talk/ practice what is preached
- Wisdom

“Teachers make a living by what they get  
They make a life by what they give”

Teacher Student relationship is very important for cordial learning. Students develop very strong bond with the good teachers. Mutual respect, admiration, affection, availability are the key factors. Teachers are practically Students guardians while on the premises.

What is required to be introspected is to know do we really have adequate number of teachers with ethics we are looking for. Like any other field we may not have many. But being considered as one of the noblest professions, we can hope for having local role models, wherever possible.

## **Role Model Teachers have**

- Cheerful and pleasing personality:

Should have a pleasing and cheerful personality as it develops a state of mind among Students for learning process. A lively teacher can really bring the best from every Student.

- Clean Habits:

To be clean is a virtue. By cleanliness individual will be free from any ill habits. Clean habits can help in maintaining mind balance.

- Control on anger and forgiveness:

While interacting with the Students, there may be occasions which may anger the teacher. For properly handling the situation teachers should exercise restraint and perseverance so as to avoid uncomfortable eventualities.

- Conquest of mind:

This can normally be achieved by experience and meditation. Of all the things in the world, human mind is the most wavering. For imparting education, we must have noble thoughts, which can be achieved only by proper control over mind.

- Honesty:

Teachers must be honest in whatever they think, speak and in their actions.

- Character:

One of the highly essential qualities to win the trust and confidence of Students that they can depend on teachers for taking care of their educational needs.

## **Teaching Ethics**

Ethics is basic to any profession. Ethics are personally rewarding

**Integrity**

- Honesty, fairness, justice, impartiality and thoroughness.
- Basis of faith and trust for dependability, honor and confidence.
- Kindness, courtesy, sincerity

**Golden Rule**

- Treat the other person, as you would like to be treated if you were in his/her position.
- Don't let the team down for personal gain.
- Try to contribute. We contribute for the civilization.

**Total Quality Teacher has**

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| 1. Knowledge   | 2. Humility          | 3. Commitment |
| 4. Planning    | 5. Character         | 6. Integrity  |
| 7. Good Values | 8. Positive attitude | 9. Character  |
| 10. Commitment | 11. Conviction       | 12. Courtesy  |
| 13. Courage    |                      |               |

Knowledge strategically applied translates into wisdom, ensuring success.

**Teacher's Attitude and Consequences**

**Positive attitude** is like fruit of all seasons and always welcome.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Increases efficiency</li> <li>➤ Foster team work</li> <li>➤ Solves problems</li> <li>➤ Improves quality</li> <li>➤ Breeds loyalty</li> <li>➤ Congenial atmosphere</li> <li>➤ Reduces stress</li> <li>➤ Pleasing personality</li> </ul> | } | Assets |
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**Negative attitude**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Bitterness</li> <li>➤ Resentment</li> <li>➤ Purposeless life</li> <li>➤ Ill health</li> <li>➤ High stress levels</li> <li>➤ Negative environment</li> </ul> | } | Liabilities |
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“A teacher to be effective should always be a learner. If he ceases to be a student, he ceases to be a good teacher”. Dr. S. Radhakrishnan.

**Conclusion:**

“Our people will prove their genius in the era of knowledge”. - Bhaskaracharya-12<sup>th</sup> Century mathematician

Above quote of 12<sup>th</sup> century is very much relevant today and to make this happen professional ethics have vital role to play. For making the age old faith still valid, the principles of honesty and noble teaching should sustain.

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