

Role of a Good Teacher

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NURSING Education is to prepare nurses for best possible care to the sick; prevent illness, and promote physical and mental health of the society. On becoming a teacher in Nursing one has to shoulder a greater responsibility. A teacher in a Nursing College has to try her level best to raise standard of Nursing education and develop the desirable skills and attitudes among the students. A teacher has to tap all the available resources and seek cooperation of her colleagues in order to achieve this objective.

Teaching is a guidance, direction, creation and encouragement given to the students for better learning. A teacher has to plan her teaching for the whole semester year according to the course outline and the allotted time. It becomes easy for a teacher to conduct a class effectively if she prepares the topic in advance. A teacher has to adopt different methods of teaching, keeping in mind the interest and capacity of her students. She has to present the subject in an interesting and easily understandable manner.

Becoming a teacher is easy but to perform the role of a teacher is a difficult one. One must have mastery of the subject and ability to influence the young minds and mould their mental faculties and talent in the right direction. This will ultimately contribute towards raising the standard of society and the nation at large.

Students' Creative Abilities

As an experienced and knowledgeable teacher, she has to bring up creative abilities of each student into limelight which may vary from individual to individual. She has to be sympathetic and humble to her students as strictness does not go hand-in-hand with effective learning. A teacher must be frank with her students for better learning. A teacher has to play the role of a mother, sister or elderly person in accordance with the need of a situation. This helps in finding out their problems which may be the barrier in their learning process.

It is the responsibility of a teacher that the topic she is teaching is clear to all the students, especially to those who are below average or having some other problems. Teacher must have positive approach

towards the weakness of her students instead of just finding out the faults and abusing them. It is necessary to correct them in an individual conference in a separate room rather than doing it in front of the patients, their relatives and colleagues. She has to solve their problems both in clinical area and classroom. Periodical examination, constant supervision and guidance in clinical area, and clarity of doubts in group discussion is another area where students can be helped.

A teacher has to be unbiased in the evaluation of merits of the students, as partiality kills the internal enthusiasm and leads to discouragement and lack of interest. A teacher must give equal consideration to all students irrespective of colour, caste and creed. She has to be honest and sincere in her dealings with the students. This gives a sense of confidence to a teacher, and respect from the student in real sense.

Taking Independent Decisions

The Student Nurse of today is tomorrow's Staff Nurse or Sister Tutor, where they have to take independent decisions. So during their training period a teacher has to involve them in decision making also. A Nurse must have an all round growth of her personality and to build up with up-to-date knowledge, and inculcate in her a positive attitude towards life. She has to be a model herself and to motivate them for a safe and better patient care.

The opportunities must be given to the students to participate in different types of extra-curricular and co-curricular activities to make them emotionally balanced and creative, and to provide them with a sense of fulfilment and encourage.

Alongwith the academic abilities, a teacher has to possess some inherited qualities like loyalty, clear mindedness, love, sympathy and punctuality. She has to demonstrate these abilities in her day-to-day dealings so that the students try to follow them willingly.

She has to do some introspection and self-evaluation of her abilities and limitations from time to time. As a teacher, she has to ask students to give their judgements regarding her teaching methodology. Even she can request the experienced colleagues to evaluate her teaching objectively. This will help in providing teaching learning process in order to become a successful teacher.

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