CHARACTERISTICS THAT A BEGINNING TEACHER MUST POSSESS

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A beginning teacher is a teacher who is entering the doors of teaching. He or she may be a fresh graduate or one who has graduated some time ago but did not have the chance to teach.

Like the experienced teacher, a novice teacher must possess different characteristics to make him or her successful in his or her chosen career. Some of these characteristics are the following:

- Must have a commitment for a life-long learning, since learning is an ongoing process. The beginning teachers must be able to model the skills and attitudes.

- He or she must be an effective communicator. Good communication is a must for both the new and old teachers. They can express and convey different information, ideas, opinions.

- He or she must possess a superior listening skills. Among the four macro language skills, reading, speaking, speaking and listening, listening is the most neglected skills, but according to studies, listening is a very important language skill.

- Must exhibit a great passion for teaching coupled with a knowledge in his or her subjects being taught.

- Establish caring relationship among teachers and students.
• Ability to establish friendliness and approachability.

• Always prepared in lessons and other paper works.

• Organized and can handle classroom management well. He or she must know the needed principles, preparation and rudiments of classroom management.

• He/she must be a facilitator of teaching for all students. He/she must know the different activities to be offered to students at the same time establishing their learning styles.

• He must adapt different teaching styles to go with the learning styles of the students.

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