A teacher is a lifetime learner by nature. He must be aware of what is happening around his environment, the culture, tradition, new knowledge and skills which are very important to cope up with our ever changing environment. There are things that need to learn, unlearn and relearn to stay current and get ahead with the career or profession. Below are some things that can be considered to grow professionally as teacher.

The teacher must evolve. The methods and approaches that are effective five or ten years ago may not be effective nowadays. So, it is important for teachers to keep himself updated and upgraded with the current trends in education.

Attend continuing professional education. In order to improve as a teacher, we should also invest for workshops, seminars, and attending graduate studies. Knowledge and skills to be learned there will be our weapon to make changes in our work for better.

Sit down for a while and make a self-reflection. After finishing a lesson, it is important that the teacher made reflections of the things that need to improve in teaching the subject matter such as the strategies, approaches, instructional materials, activities, evaluation among others. As the saying goes, there is always a room for improvement. As a teacher, do not be afraid to find the best approaches that will make the subject matter easier to learn. As we all know, experiences are our best teacher.

We have to anticipate students with possible struggles. As a teacher, you should be aware of everything happening in your class, especially those students who have struggles in
learning and socializing with their peers. Knowing their struggles also help teachers to think for the possible solutions in advance and guide them in solving those problems.

Have a solution-focused thinking. Avoid negativity. Always look on the positive side of an object or story to keep you always with positive mindset. Should there be teachers talking about the kinds of students we have these days, try to avoid them, instead try to read books or watch short movies that will serve as your inspiration as teacher, it is also advisable to watch Ted Talk - these are influential videos from expert on education, science technology among others.

Remember, being educator is not just a profession, we are here in the school to discharge our duty as one of the people which noblest profession in the world, and that is being a teacher.

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