Never Enough

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The day I passed the licensure examination for teachers, there was a cloud nine inside of me thinking and feeling excited of what lies ahead as I enter the world of professionals. I was so happy then for I can proudly call myself a professional. There would be no sleepless nights and thesis. My struggles are over.

Then as I finally landed a teaching job, I thought I was really prepared for I had already mastered the content of my lesson, that I was all geared up of knowledge brought by books and reviewers written by great scholars. But I was wrong. It was never enough and will never be enough.

On that day, I learned that I was not only a teacher and as days passed, I had faced multi-faceted roles like a controller, organizer, assessor, prompter, participant, resource, tutor, and observer (Harmer, 2014). I must wear different mask and costume depending on the role that I need to portray. I learned that aside from students, I must also face other teachers, school administrators, parents and other stakeholders. And that good communication and great interpersonal skill is an advantage and a must.

According to Babonea and Munteanu (2012) having a good communication as a kind of interpersonal skill is of great help for teachers for it improves teaching pedagogy and firms bond between students and other stakeholders. It serves as a bridge in order for the teacher to cross the gap between him/her and students and to execute the lesson well.

In order to have a good interpersonal skill, a teacher must be mindful of his/her verbal and nonverbal cues. A teacher must also possess outstanding attitudes such as self-confidence and self-control. These attitudes will help him/her to talk to diverse
types of people and build good camaraderie among them. Aside from that, being emphatic and being understanding of the different interest and behavior of other people is of good help to hone excellent interpersonal skill.

Indeed, having an efficient communication and interpersonal skill is, in fact, a requirement for teachers. It is never enough that a teacher has mastered the lesson plans and the teaching pedagogy. Remember, teacher’s personality plays a vital role on being an effective one.

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