THINGS THAT YOU CAN DO TO BE A PROFICIENT TEACHER

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Dictionary defines proficiency as skilled in doing or using something; also combination of knowledge, skills, and ability of an individual to speak or perform. In teaching, how can we attain proficiency? Do you consider yourself as proficient being old enough in the profession acquiring more than a decade experience? Here are some tips to achieve proficiency in teaching.

UPGRADE YOUR KNOWLEDGE – Nowadays that there are always new trends in lifestyles, technologies, invention, discoveries, foods, and fashion, we will be left behind if we are not aware of the latest trends, issues and happenings. People who engage in social media are updated with the latest information in different fields. You can do it by attending trainings or seminars in the subject that you are teaching where you can learn new teaching strategies. You also need to surf internet for the different web sites that you can get information adapted to your subject area. Enrol in a Master or Doctoral Degree that could help increase your knowledge in different fields of discipline. You can also read different articles that can equip you with the needed knowledge in teaching the subject.

ENHANCEMENT OF THE DIFFERENT TEACHING SKILLS – Teachers must possess several skills like classroom management skill, guidance skill, delegation skill, interpersonal skills, teaching skill, and communication skill. All these skills must be enhanced to be efficient. A teacher can enhance the necessary skills, by benchmarking to learn and adopt the best practices of others, apply and practice the things learned from seminars or trainings, listen to the advice of senior teachers, ask advice from others who
are good in classroom management, like the principal, head teacher, or master teacher. Enhancement is practicing or doing things to attain expertise in doing it.

Develop Positive and Right Attitude – Attitude is also a factor in achieving our goals in life. There are several quotations about optimism which say that “Don’t lose your hope if the sun is still shining”, and “At the end of the rainbow there is a pot of gold”. If a teacher has a dream of being promoted, he/she needs to be positive that he/she can achieve it. We are always affected by our perception, positive or negative, and we reflect our attitudes in different manner in accomplishing our duties and responsibilities and in dealing with other people. Person with positive attitudes has the tendency to succeed because of doing things righteously. A teacher with good attitudes has concerns with the feelings and acceptance of others.

Personal and Professional Development – Teacher’s personality is very important and this personality is already a motivation to the students. The way and manner he/she dressed up in going to school wearing uniform, proper haircut, with nice shoes and bag, nice and simple make up, clean nails, teeth, nice combed hair. The former Principal in Limay NHS, Rosalina S. Magpantay told teachers ‘to carry their bags with dignity’. Teachers must always look dignified in the eyes of people in the community to earn their respect. Professionalism is the manner or how to show and reflect ourselves as educated person in performing our duties and responsibilities and in dealing with other people. Teachers must prove that they are knowledgeable in doing good things because they are educated. If they are doing things against people’s expectations, they might say negative things about them.

Achieving proficiency is not easy but you can achieve it depending upon your willingness to improve yourself personally and professionally. I hope that the tips I gave can help you achieve proficiency in your teaching career.
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