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Crafting Your Authentic Educational Philosophy: *Aligning Values, Personality, and Practice*

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Our job is to teach people—not just students but also our staff, faculty, and community. We are here to teach them regardless of who they are, where they come from, how old they are, or how they identify.

Teaching is not just about transferring knowledge; it's about creating an environment where everyone can learn, grow, and succeed.

Why an Educational Philosophy Matters

- Guides your teaching practices.
- Enhances student engagement and learning.
- Supports professional growth and career advancement.

The Foundations of Your Philosophy

- Values
- Personality
- Authenticity

Keys to Successfully Crafting an Educational Philosophy

- Be honest with yourself.
- Consider student and coworker feedback.
- Anything can contribute positively when embraced authentically.

Defining What Matters to You

Identify Your Core Values

- Select 3-5 values that resonate with you.
- Why are they important?
- How do they influence your work?

Identify Your Core Values

- Accountability
- Adaptability
- Collaboration
- Compassion
- Confidence
- Creativity
- Critical Thinking
- Cultural Awareness
- Curiosity
- Empathy
- Ethical Behavior
- Honesty
- Inclusivity
- Innovation
- Integrity
- Lifelong Learning
- Open-mindedness
- Perseverance
- Problem-solving
- Respect
- Responsibility
- Self-discipline
- Self-motivation

Embracing What Makes You, You

Exploring Your Personality Traits

- Select 3-5 values that resonate with you.
- Embrace your quirks!
- How do they impact your interactions with students?

Exploring Your Personality Traits

- Approachable
- Attentive
- Compassionate
- Confident
- Creative
- Curious
- Dependable
- Empathetic
- Enthusiastic
- Flexible
- Humorous
- Innovative
- Inspiring
- Knowledgeable
- Motivational
- Open-minded
- Organized
- Patient
- Passionate
- Persistent
- Proactive
- Reflective
- Resourceful
- Supportive
- Thoughtful
- Understanding
- Versatile
- Welcoming

Merging Values and Personality

Values + Personality

- Innovation + Creativity = Dynamic Lessons
- Empathy + Patience = Supportive Environment
- Inclusivity + Passion = Engaging Instruction

Being True to Yourself Enhances Teaching Effectiveness

Benefits to Authenticity

- Builds trust with students
- Encourages a genuine connection
- Helps you stay motivated
- Provides a model for students

Drafting Your Philosophy

Outlining Your Philosophy

1. Introduction
2. Core Beliefs about Teaching and Learning
3. Student Interactions
4. Goals for Students
5. Commitment to Growth

Introduction

- Begin with an introduction that captures who you are as an educator.

Core Beliefs About Teaching and Learning

- Articulate your core beliefs about teaching and learning.

Student Interactions

- Describe how you implement these beliefs in your student interactions.

Goals for Students

- Outline the goals you have for your students' growth and success.

Commitment to Growth

- Express your commitment to ongoing personal and professional development.

Putting It All Together

- Write in your own voice.
- Include personal stories or examples that demonstrate your points.
- Avoid generic statements; make it specific to your experiences and perspectives.

Reflecting and Refining

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- Embrace continuous improvement
- Your philosophy is a work in progress
- Refine, simplify, and revise
- Revisit your philosophy regularly

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