My Philosophy

 Every teacher has a mission that is abided by throughout his or her teaching career. I think that this mission plays a big role in whether him or her succeed as a teacher or become a teacher that gets shown little respect by students. Mission statements are so important for teachers to have and after seeing the University of Mary’s educational mission statement it made me want to write one of my own that will define my mission as a teacher. It involves three major tenets including responsibility for student learning, demonstration of strong pedagogical content knowledge, and display of professional characteristics.

Teachers have many responsibilities in their classrooms each and every day. As a teacher I pledge that I will take responsibility for students and their learning on a daily basis. I realize that it is my duty to help, guide, and challenge my students and see them not only succeed in a school setting but succeed someday out in the real world trying to achieve their desired profession. Taking responsibility for pupils’ learning is not an easy task and I will be difficult especially since everyone is different and learns differently. However, I believe that I will see students achieve success because I will not only care about their education but also them as people. I plan to use a wide array of student assessment methods to help them learn selected curriculum and also provide them with a positive, fun-filled learning environment that will improve their learning and help them strive forward in life. I will be prepared to do so by reflecting on teaching practices that have helped me throughout my education and use these to teach my students in order to help and make it easier on them.

As a teacher of education, pedagogical content knowledge will be one thing that will be strongly demonstrated in and throughout my teaching classes, and my teaching career. I believe that pedagogical content knowledge is and will be essential in the classroom to not only being an effective teacher, but also to change and make a difference in my students’ lives. I will teach the proper content in my discipline for everyone to understand. Furthermore, this will be done by using a wide variety of instructional strategies to enhance my students, pick their minds, and help them use their creativity and imagination. I will need to adapt instruction in order to meet the individual needs of all my students. No one student is better than any other student, and I will devote myself to teaching and helping students learn in the way that best suits them.

One of the most important things that I think helps make a great teacher is his or her characteristics. Not only do characteristics separate them from other teachers, but he or she also can draw students in and keep a child’s attention. As a teacher of education, I will display professional characteristics at every hour of my day, no matter how frustrated I get, upset I may be, or simply having a bad day. I will never put forth negative energy on my classroom and never take personal struggles out on my students. I will show strong communication skills to my class and make sure that everyone is on the right page even if it means explaining something multiple times in different ways. I will display strong instructional planning skills so that all students will understand what is being asked of them in order to see each and every one of them succeed. My characteristics will not only be displayed in my classroom for my students to see, but also used to foster relationships with school colleagues, parents, and various community agencies. All of this will be done by always engaging in and supporting appropriate professional practices.

I will be a teacher that displays all of the content talked about above on a daily basis in order to make a difference and impact lives. My goal is to be my student’s hero and to see them succeed in every way possible. Education is so important and I refuse to see any of my students fail. I am going to be their number one fan and always be there for each and everyone one of them as a teacher, a mentor, and a positive role model. Teaching is a privilege, and I can’t wait to succeed as a teacher by following my personal mission statement. Responsibility for learning, demonstration of content knowledge, and display of professional characteristics will always be intertwined in my teaching in order to make me the best possible teacher that I can be.