

## Teaching as a Profession

### PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION

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*Behind every school and every teacher is a set of related beliefs--a philosophy of education--that influences what and how students are taught. A philosophy of education represents answers to questions about the purpose of schooling, a teacher's role, and what should be taught and by what methods.*

- Sadker & Sadker

**DIRECTIONS:** This month you will take a look at the five main philosophies of education and then develop your own personal philosophy of education. Read through the directions for each part below and be sure to utilize the resources list on the checklist provided in this month's module.

#### **PART 1: Comparing Philosophies**

Complete the Comparing Philosophies table provided in the learning module folder. Requirements for each column are given on the second page. As you complete the table begin thinking about where you stand on the philosophy spectrum. Do you want to be in control of the classroom and determine how and when students will learn or would you prefer to be a facilitator and allow students to direct their own learning?

#### **PART 2: Personal Philosophy of Education**

This month you are to compose a personal philosophy of education. This should be the statement you plan to live by as an educator. Your philosophy should be a minimum of three paragraphs. Items to consider when writing your philosophy:

- What is the purpose of education?
- What is the role of the teacher in the classroom? The students?
- What role will parents or the community take in your classroom?
- How will you promote learning among your students?
- What type of learning environment will you create? How?
- What teaching methods (instructional strategies) will you use in your classroom? Why?
- How will you assess if students have achieved learning goals?

Be specific in your answers to these questions.

Be sure you have taken a look at the resources list on this month's checklist for more information about philosophies to help you complete this part of the assignment. Also think about your own experience in classrooms as a student or as an intern. What classroom management styles worked the best? What methods of assessment do you feel you or students were best able to showcase the knowledge gained on a topic?

Feel free to use other resources as well for assistance.