Qualities of Teacher

A good teacher can make a world of difference in a student's life, impacting everything from their classroom learning to their long-term success.

Research shows that good teachers are the single most important factor that contributes to student achievement in the classroom, more important than facilities, school resources and even school leadership.

Committed to the work Focuses on educational needs of the students Works with passion Keen to uphold the university's values Enthusiastic about work and about teaching2 Encourages and appreciates diversity Does not stereotype or speak negatively of others Nurtures and encourages diversity Seeks and encourages understanding of, and respect for, people of diverse backgrounds3 Interacts and communicates respect Communicates effectively with others Encourages input from others, listening deeply and giving credit for their contributions Acts with integrity Provides a model of high ethical standards Shows a caring attitude4 Motivates students and co-workers Encourages students to achieve their goals Provides constructive feedback Monitors progress of students and fosters their success5 Brings a wide range of skills and talents to teaching Teaching is clearly presented and stimulates high-order thinking skills Presents difficult concepts comprehensibly Brings appropriate evidence to the critique Teaches memorably6 Demonstrates leadership in teaching Contributes to course design and structure Contributes to publications on education Evidence of self-development in an educational context Demonstrates creativity in teaching strategies Committed to professional development in education7 Encourages an open and trusting learning environment Creates a climate of trust Encourages students to learn from mistakes Helps students redefine failure as a learning experience Encourages student questions and engagement in the learning process Encourages student growth with appropriate behavior-based feedback8 Fosters critical thinking Teaches students how to think, not what to think Encourages students to organize, analyze and evaluate Explores with probing questions Discusses ideas in an organized way Helps students to focus on key issue strains students in strategic thinking9 Encourages creative work Motivates students to create new ideas Fosters innovation and new approaches 10 Emphasizes teamwork Builds links at national and international levels in education Encourages students to work in teams Encourages collaborative learning11 Seeks continually to improve teaching skills Seeks to learn and incorporate new skills, and information teaching seeks feedback and criticism Keeps up to date in specialty12 Provides positive feedback Listens to students and discovers their educational needs Values students