“My Credo”

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Abstract: My credo includes the various reasons on why I decided to become a teacher. It also points out people that influenced me and have helped me with deciding on what areas of teaching I should consider. My credo also includes my philosophies that relate to my ideas of learning as well as my main philosophy. I will tell what I think is a good curriculum for my style of teaching. It will then conclude with how I will be able to help my students.
Growing up students have dreams of becoming an actor or actress as well as a famous athlete where they will make billions and billions of dollars, but I was different than everyone else. As long as I can remember I have always wanted to become a Physical Education Teacher and Adaptive P.E. Teacher. I have always loved little children and love to watch them grow from an infant to a young adult. I have always worked with children for as long as I can remember in a number of different areas.

I started being around children when I was very little because my mom babysat kids as I was growing up and she still is babysitting today. I then went on myself to have a few families that I would babysit for on the weekends while I was in middle school and high school. Then while I was in high school I got a job at the YMCA working Summer Day Camp for three summers. While at the YMCA I worked with children ranging from 6 to 12 years old.

Then, when I graduated from high school, I got a job coaching the JV softball team at the high school I graduated from in the year 2006. As you can tell I have worked with children from all ages and in different types of environments. Being given the opportunity to work with children of different ages has helped me in deciding what age group I would like to teach when I become a teacher.

I have had some teaching experiences as well because my high school offered a cadet teacher program that I participated in my senior year. I taught a class of 7th and 8th graders for Mr. Irons and Mrs. Arnold. This opportunity was very useful and made me realize that this is what I wanted to do. It also opened my eyes to what goes into being a teacher and how I have to learn to work with children of all different types of personalities.
Even though I have always wanted to be a teacher, two people have really influenced me when making my decision. My two Physical Education teachers Mrs. Arnold and Mr. Irons, from my middle school, and my cadet teachers have helped me deciding to become a Physical Education Teacher and Adaptive P.E. Teacher. They have both given me advice on courses they recommend that I take and ideas to major and minor in so I am the most dynamic person to hire.

Along with my reasons for becoming a teacher I have developed my own philosophical views on teaching. I have three philosophical views with one that is predominating. One of my views is Perennialism which is teaching the views of the great ideas of Western Culture. Their theory is that having the highest level of knowledge is the best ideal way of life (Parkay 119). My second philosophical theory on teaching is Existentialism. This is focusing on the idea of the individual needs. It focuses on the choices of the individual over the rational theories. These theorists believe that each person must define themselves through their own personal life choices (Parkay 118).

The philosophical view that is the strongest is Progressivism. Progressivism concentrates on the child rather than the subject material. The idea of Progressivism is that the child learns to solve problems by reflecting on their experiences to learn. They feel that thinking, feeling, and doing is the best way to learn. They also feel the school’s job is to have students develop their personal social values for life (Parkay 118).

I believe this theory the most prominent because it concentrates the most on the students needs rather than what the school thinks is best. It helps to build the child’s values for their social and personal life. I feel that developing these values is important
because a child could learn the wrong values at home and the school is one place where 
the child can develop the right values. I also think that children solving problems by 
their own experiences rather than someone else telling them what they should do will 
better help them in life. They can learn things on their own and through their own 
experiences.

With progressivism I will teach my students by relating it to their everyday life 
because I think by helping them be prepared for the world will help to make them more 
productive in our society. I will also teach them everyday basic needs that they will 
need to know such as staying healthy or how to maintain a good balance diet with 
exercising every day. Since I am going to be a Physical Education teacher a lot of what 
my students will learn is about health and being physically active. I feel that if you teach 
students at a young age how to eat healthy and how to exercise properly it will help our 
society from having so many obese people because we will be starting them with this 
kind of knowledge early.

I will also have my students do a lot of group work activities so they can learn to 
work with other people. I think by doing group work and having to listen to other 
people’s ideas will help them when they become older so they can learn to be open to 
other people’s ideas and learn to work together to get the job done effectively and 
efficiently. Becoming a Physical Education teacher involves having students work 
together in order to win a game by using teamwork and everyone working together. The 
same will go when they become older and have a job. They might be required to do a 
group project and to get it done right and on time everyone will have to do their part. I 
think having them work in groups at young ages will help them to work with others.
I believe with my philosophy on teaching and using the progressivism theory I will help better prepare my students for the future at an early age rather than when they are older and have their values and morals set. I believe teaching them to work in groups, teaching them values, and teaching them basic needs will help them in more ways than one. A lot of children do not get the proper values and morals at home so the school is one real place where they can get these to help them in their life. It is very important to teach them to get along with others and teach them right and wrong so when they become older they can apply these skills instead of trying to get them. “When you love people and have the desire to make a profound, positive impact upon the world, then you will have accomplished the meaning to live,” (Azevedo).
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