My Professional Teaching Credo:

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Introduction to Teaching 111

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Abstract

In eighteen long years of school, many people have crossed my path that would prepare me for my future. Many of them people would lead me to be who I am as a learner and an educator. These people made me who I am today. They helped me develop my beliefs on teaching. The way I perceive learning and teaching combined is all because of the wonderful people who came into my life. With me being a teacher, with all hope, I want to help shape students’ minds and prepare them for life and its challenges.
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Eighteen years of my life was spent with some of the greatest people ever. They are the people who transformed me into the person who I am today. Those people who I am talking about are the teachers that I have had through school. Some were influential and some really did not care. I will be telling you of my beliefs that I came to develop by having these teachers in my life.

During first grade my teacher was Mrs. Roberts. She was the greatest thing to ever happen in school. She is the one who would develop me into the learner and educator I am today. I had sat in on her class for two years during my time in high school. If I had not had her in first grade I have no clue what path I would have taken for my future.

Teachers are a very important part of any learners’ life. Teachers are people who will be there for you if you need help. The teachers that I had wanted to help shape our lives as educators. They wanted to make sure that no matter what we chose to do in life we would succeed at it. In my eyes teachers were brought into this world to help shape the world where we live in. They are put on this earth to show leadership and guidance to influence students.

The teaching-learning process is a very key point in my beliefs. Just as much as I am teaching the students, the students are teaching me. Children are full of knowledge that we carelessly forgot as we got older. As a teacher I don’t think that grades are an essential part in life. The most important thing with being an educator is that the learner retains the knowledge. The learner needs to be able to pull everything they have learned and apply it into everyday life. Some students have anxiety attacks when it comes to taking tests. They freak out and are not able to function the way they need to function. They end up performing badly on their tests and
they become discouraged. As a teacher I want my students to have a more creative approach to learning. I would rather they have a hands on learning experience. I think that it is more beneficial to have a more interactive learning environment. With a hands on type of learning students get to know the material better than what they would have just by reading it. That brings me to learners.

Learners are the most important thing that a teacher needs. Without learners teachers would then be out of jobs, and they wouldn’t have anywhere to go. Learners hold the key to future. They are who we, as educators, are educating to make a difference in the world. It might be one of them might go on the win the noble prize. It would be a really great thing to see happen to any student that I will teach. Seeing students’ knowledge expand is a very rewarding thing. The satisfaction that you are changing some young children minds for the better.

To get a philosophical view on this knowledge is a complicated thing. With being a teacher you have to figure out what is being said is true and what is not true. The different lessons I teach, I will face different ways to teach concepts. I will come up with different ways to teach the material. With the knowledge I have to be sure I can convey my material in the most appropriate way that I can for these children. I don’t want my students to just read everything out of a text book. I want them to be able to go through life and figure out what is going on through research and asking questions. I want them to always be asking “Why” I want them to be asking questions like, “Why did Shakespeare go mad?” or “Why do we tie our shoes in a bow and not a knot?” Asking questions like these will open up a new world for any child. They will be able to experience life and what all it has to offer. Being able to ask questions without someone holding them back will give them the confidence in life to do what they desire. To be who they want to be and to succeed whatever they have set their mind to.
Through the years I have had many teachers. They have ranged from young to old, and good to bad. They are the people who have been there to help me realize that I want to be a mentor and an educator.