

THE TEACHER AS A SUBJECT OF THE PEDAGOGICAL PROCESS

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Abstract

This article explores the essential role of the teacher as a subject of the pedagogical process. It examines the teacher's influence not only as a source of knowledge but also as a guide, motivator, and moral model for students. The article highlights the key responsibilities, professional competencies, and human qualities required for effective teaching. It also underlines the importance of teacher-student interaction, self-reflection, and continuous professional development in shaping an effective educational environment.

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In the structure of any educational system, the teacher occupies a central position. The pedagogical process involves the purposeful interaction between teacher and learner, directed toward achieving specific educational goals. As a subject of this process, the teacher is an active and responsible participant who organizes, manages, and improves the teaching-learning dynamic.

The modern view of teaching expands the teacher's role beyond mere knowledge transmission. Teachers today are facilitators of learning, developers of critical thinking, and contributors to students' holistic growth. This makes it essential to study the teacher not only as a professional but also as a personality within the educational framework.

The Role of the Teacher in the Pedagogical Process. The teacher's primary role is to plan, implement, and assess the educational process. They select suitable teaching methods, create appropriate learning environments, and monitor learners' academic and behavioral development. However, their role is not limited to instructional tasks alone.

Teachers also act as:

- Guides and mentors – directing students through both academic and personal challenges.
- Role models – demonstrating ethical behavior, responsibility, and respect.
- Facilitators of emotional growth – helping learners develop empathy, confidence, and resilience.

- Organizers of the learning process – structuring lessons in a way that engages and motivates all learners.

A teacher's ability to connect with students and understand their needs plays a major role in educational success.

Professional and Personal Qualities of a Teacher. An effective teacher should possess both professional skills and personal attributes. These include:

- Pedagogical competence: Deep knowledge of subject matter, didactics, and assessment techniques.

- Psychological awareness: Understanding age-specific traits and emotional needs of learners.

- Communication skills: Clear and empathetic communication encourages trust and learning.

- Creativity and adaptability: The ability to innovate and adjust to changing conditions and student needs.

- Responsibility and patience: Managing classroom challenges calmly and fairly.

Moreover, a teacher should be a lifelong learner. The modern educational environment requires continuous professional development through training, research, and technology integration.

Teacher-Student Interaction. One of the most important aspects of the pedagogical process is the interaction between teacher and student. This interaction must be:

- Respectful – both parties should respect each other's thoughts and opinions.

- Constructive – feedback should be focused on improvement, not criticism.

- Individualized – considering the unique learning style, pace, and background of each student.

Such interaction enhances motivation, supports emotional well-being, and fosters an inclusive learning environment. When students feel understood and respected, they are more likely to participate actively and succeed academically.

The Teacher as a Reflective Practitioner. A modern teacher must not only teach but also reflect on their own practices. Reflection includes analyzing teaching methods, evaluating student outcomes, and making necessary adjustments. It helps in identifying areas for growth and improving the quality of education.

Reflective teachers are more likely to be innovative, empathetic, and successful in meeting diverse student needs.

The teacher, as a subject of the pedagogical process, plays a vital role in shaping the intellectual, emotional, and moral development of learners. Their effectiveness depends not only on their professional knowledge but also on their personal qualities, communication skills, and ability to interact constructively with students. A truly

successful teacher is one who continuously learns, reflects, and adapts—creating a positive and meaningful impact on the educational experience of every learner.

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