



## THE ROLE OF ETHICS AND THE EDUCATIONAL PROFESSION IN CHARACTER EDUCATION

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### Abstract

This article discusses the important role of ethics and the educational profession in character education. Ethics, which includes moral principles that regulate individual actions and behavior, and the educational profession, which involves the teacher's responsibility in forming students' character, are important factors in forming moral and responsible individuals. Character education plays a crucial role in forming a young generation who has integrity, responsibility, and is able to contribute positively to society. In the midst of challenges and changes that continue to occur in the world, it is important for us to look at the role of ethics and the educational profession in character education. Ethics and the educational profession have a close relationship and are interrelated in developing student character. Ethics in the educational profession is a set of moral values and principles held by educators. This includes the moral obligations that educators have in carrying out their duties in teaching and forming student character. Ethics in education involves ethics and moral behavior, as well as norms that educators must adhere to in carrying out their duties. In character education, teachers act as role models who practice moral values in everyday life and teach them consistently to students. The education profession provides guidance for teachers in integrating character learning into the curriculum and creating a positive educational environment.

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### Introduction

Character education plays an important role in forming a young generation who has integrity, responsibility, and is able to contribute positively to society. In this context, ethics and the educational profession play a central role in developing character education. Ethics in the educational profession includes the moral obligations that educators have, while the educational profession involves professional practices, rules and responsibilities that must be carried out by them. This article will discuss the role of ethics and the educational profession in character education, with an emphasis on the importance of building good and responsible character among students. Character education plays a crucial role in forming a young generation who has integrity, responsibility, and is able to contribute positively to society. In the midst of challenges and changes that continue to occur in the world, it is important for us to look at the role of ethics and the educational profession in character education. Ethics and the educational profession have a close relationship and are interrelated in developing student character. Ethics in the educational profession is a set of moral values and principles held by educators. This includes the moral obligations that educators have in carrying out their duties in teaching and forming student character. Ethics in education involves ethics and moral behavior, as well as norms that educators must adhere to in carrying out their duties. Educational ethics embodies values such as honesty, integrity, responsibility, justice, equality and respect for differences. The teaching profession, on the other hand, involves practices, rules, and professional responsibilities carried out by educators. Educators are practitioners who have the knowledge and skills to convey subject matter to

their students. They have a responsibility to improve their competence as educators and ensure that learning takes place effectively. They must understand their duties and responsibilities as educators in shaping student character. The teaching profession involves responsibility for creating a positive learning environment and cultivating students' social, moral, and intellectual skills. Character education focuses not only on students' academic development, but also on developing values and skills that help students become better individuals. Through good ethics and educational profession, educators can be important facilitators in forming strong and sustainable character in children and adolescents.

### Research Methodology

In this article, researchers use qualitative research methods to gain an in-depth understanding of the role of ethics and the educational profession in character education. This research design uses a literature study and data analysis approach. Literature studies involve searching for articles, books, and other related sources that are relevant to the research topic. The data collected is analyzed to identify patterns, trends, and relationships between ethics, the educational profession, and character education. **Selection of Data Sources** In selecting data sources, researchers use inclusion criteria which involve selecting sources that are appropriate to the research topic and have high quality. Data sources used in this research include scientific articles from journals related to the field of education, textbooks, and related research reports. In addition, data sources also include guides and guidelines issued by leading educational organizations related to ethics and the educational profession. Data collection used is secondary data obtained through literature study. The data is taken from verified and trusted sources. Researchers use systematic search techniques to ensure relevant data is found and accessed. The data is accumulated in the search process and then analyzed to identify relevant findings. Data analysis is carried out through a process of critical reading and synthesis of the data sources collected. Data categories found and analyzed included the role of ethics in character education, the role of professionalism in character education, and the relationship between ethics, the educational profession, and character education. Data is also analyzed by identifying similarities, differences, and patterns that emerge from different sources. **Validity and Reliability** To ensure validity and reliability in this research, researchers used sources that came from verified and trusted sources. In addition, researchers also involved a systematic search process and detailed data analysis to ensure the credibility of the findings. **Research Limitations** This chapter also highlights the limitations of the research. Limitations of this study include limitations in access to some data sources and time constraints in conducting in-depth analysis of all relevant data sources. Apart from that, another limitation is the limitation in generalizing the findings of this research in general, because this research focuses on educational literature which may only represent certain points of view.

### Result & Discussion

The results of this research show that ethics and the educational profession have a significant influence on character education. Ethics provides moral direction and values that shape student behavior. Involving ethics in the learning process helps build good character in students. Apart from that, the education profession plays an important role in shaping character through the attitudes and behavior shown by educators. Teachers as role models act as agents of change in shaping the morality and ethics of their students. This research also found that good integration between ethics and the educational profession has a positive impact on character education. Through best practices such as including ethics learning in the curriculum, implementing a code of ethics in school life, building a school community with the same moral values, and involving parents in character education, students can internalize ethical values and develop strong characters.

#### *Ethics in the educational profession*

Ethics in the educational profession is a set of moral values and principles that must be adhered to by educators. Educators are responsible for conveying knowledge and forming students' character with honesty, integrity and example. Ethics dictate that educators avoid unethical behavior such as plagiarism, discrimination, or abuse of power. Educational ethics also involves honesty in student assessment and providing fair treatment to all students. Ethics in the educational profession is a set of moral values and principles that educators must adhere to in carrying out their duties. Educational ethics guides educators in behavior and practices consistent with their moral responsibilities towards students. In the context of character education, educational ethics are needed to build strong and responsible student characters. Educators have a moral obligation to convey knowledge and shape students' character with honesty, integrity and example. They must be good examples for students and practice the values they teach. Educators must also avoid unethical behavior, such as plagiarism, discrimination, or abuse of power. It is important for educators to treat students fairly, respond to their individual needs, and strive to develop

positive emotional bonds with students. In this context, educational ethics involves honesty in the assessment of students and providing fair treatment to all students, without taking sides or differentiating them based on their background, gender, or abilities. In addition, educational ethics also involves a commitment to professional relationships between educators and students. Educators must maintain the confidentiality of personal information and ensure that any interactions with students are conducted while respecting appropriate boundaries. They must also maintain professionalism in communicating with students, parents and colleagues. Educational ethics also emphasizes the importance of continuing to develop oneself as an educator. Educators must be aware of the latest developments in the field of education and update their teaching methods and strategies regularly. This will ensure that they can meet students' needs effectively and provide meaningful learning experiences for them. In order to practice ethics in the educational profession, educators need to understand and comply with the code of ethics established by the educational institution where they work. This code of ethics provides orientation and guidance in the behavior and decisions taken by educators in the educational environment. By adhering to a code of ethics, educators can ensure that they carry out their duties with integrity, fairness, and loyalty.

#### *The educational profession in practicing ethics*

The teaching profession involves professional responsibility for teaching practice and character formation. Educators must continue to improve their competence in understanding and applying effective learning methods to develop student character. They must consider students' individual needs and accommodate differences in learning styles and cultural backgrounds. As practitioners, they must also communicate professionally with students, parents and colleagues. This will build healthy relationships and promote good character education. The teaching profession involves professional responsibilities related to teaching practices and the formation of student character. Educators have a significant role in developing character education through the application of professional ethics and principles in their daily activities. Educators need increased competence in understanding and implementing effective teaching methods in shaping student character. They must ensure that the teaching methods they apply are appropriate to students' needs and able to support their character development. In this framework, educators must understand the diversity of students' learning styles and cultural backgrounds, and make the necessary adjustments in the learning process. The teaching profession also involves responsibility for creating a positive learning environment. Educators must establish a comfortable, safe, and inclusive classroom climate that allows students to develop socially and emotionally. They should encourage active student participation, provide constructive feedback, and manage conflict in a fair and effective manner. As an educator, it is important to build good relationships with students. Educators must communicate effectively with students, listen carefully, and provide the support necessary for their development. In building these relationships, educators must consider the ethical principles of respecting students' dignity, safeguarding their privacy, and not abusing their position of authority. Apart from that, educators are also responsible for communicating with students' parents. Open, positive, and regular communication with parents is critical to communicating student progress, discussing their individual needs, and building a strong partnership between school and family. In this context, educators must maintain the confidentiality of information relating to students and ensure that any communication with parents is carried out in an atmosphere of cooperation and mutual understanding. The education profession also requires a commitment to increasing professionalism and knowledge development. Educators need to continually increase their understanding of current educational practices, the latest discoveries in educational research, and the ethical aspects of their work. To achieve this, educators can take part in training and professional development programs, participate in discussion groups and collaboration with colleagues, and engage in ongoing learning activities. Overall, the education profession plays an important role in implementing professional ethics and principles in education. Educators have a responsibility to improve their competence in understanding student needs, creating a positive learning environment, building good relationships with students and parents, and continuously improving their professionalism. With good practices, educators can be effective agents in shaping students' character and preparing them to face life's challenges with integrity and responsibility.

#### *The importance of character development in students*

Character development in students has a positive long-term impact. Good character helps students face challenges in everyday life, developing empathy, understanding and tolerance towards others. Strong character also helps students make wise decisions and contribute positively to their social environment. Therefore, through good ethics and educational professions, character education can be emphasized by developing students' social and moral skills. Character development in students plays an important role in forming individuals who have good moral qualities and behavior. The following are several explanations regarding the importance of character building in students:

1. **Forming morality**  
Character building helps students to develop an understanding of the moral and ethical values that are important in their lives. Through the introduction of values such as honesty, integrity, respect for differences, and empathy, students can understand how to live life with strong moral principles. By prioritizing morality, students become individuals who can be relied on in dealing with various situations that require ethical thinking and action.
2. **Develop a positive attitude**  
Character building helps students develop positive attitudes such as self-confidence, optimism, responsibility and self-discipline. Through character education, students are prepared to overcome obstacles and failures with strong mental and emotional resilience. They also learn to respect personal responsibility and be disciplined in carrying out their obligations. This positive attitude helps students to improve their quality of life and achieve their desired goals.
3. **Strengthen social relationships**  
Character building helps students develop social and emotional skills that are important in building harmonious relationships with others. Students learn to empathize, communicate effectively, work together in teams, and respect individual differences. These skills assist students in building healthy relationships, resolving conflicts in a constructive manner, and becoming positive contributing members of society.
4. **Improve academic performance**  
Building strong character also has a positive impact on students' academic performance. Students who have good character tend to have high motivation, good focus on learning, and the ability to overcome obstacles in learning. They also have time management and hard work skills that enable them to achieve good results in their studies. By sharpening their character, students can reach their full academic potential.
5. **Forming responsible citizens**  
Character building also contributes to the formation of responsible citizens. Through learning social and civic values, students are prepared to understand their responsibilities as members of society. They are taught to understand their rights and obligations in society, as well as how they can make a positive contribution to the common good. By becoming responsible citizens, students can help create a more just and harmonious society. Character development in students is not just about scoring the points above, but also about forming a complete and balanced person in character. This is important because strong character provides a solid foundation for living a life with integrity, courage, and strong moral values. With good character, students can face life's challenges better and contribute positively to society.

#### *The important role of educational ethics in promoting positive and moral behavior in students*

Educational ethics has a significant impact in shaping students' behavior and creating a learning environment that is conducive to their moral growth. Educational ethics helps shape positive behavior through the application of moral values and principles in daily interactions between educators and students. In this interaction, educators form basic patterns of behavior that are expected from students, such as respecting others, appreciating differences, working together, and showing empathy. Educators serve as good examples for students, practicing these values in their actions and guiding students to adopt similar positive behaviors. Apart from that, educational ethics also plays an important role in shaping students' leadership qualities. In creating an inclusive and character-oriented learning environment, educators must provide opportunities for students to practice positive leadership. This involves giving students responsibility and trust to take initiative, take constructive risks, and assist others in achieving shared goals. In this process, students learn to become responsible, fair, and inspiring leaders. Educational ethics also plays a role in developing student morality through teaching moral values that are integrated in the curriculum. Educators can use learning opportunities to discuss values such as honesty, integrity, responsibility, respect for differences, and empathy. In this process, students are guided to understand the meaning of these values, recognize the moral choices they face, and consider the moral consequences of their actions. Through teaching moral values, students become aware of the importance of moral behavior in their daily lives. Apart from that, educational ethics also contributes to the development of attitudes of justice in students. Educators must provide an understanding of the importance of respecting justice and equality in society and the consequences of injustice. In the learning process, students are given opportunities to consider different perspectives, understand the social implications of inequality, and develop fair attitudes towards others. Thus, educational ethics helps build students' understanding and awareness of the importance of promoting justice in their lives. Lastly, educational ethics also has a role in developing social responsibility in students. Educators must guide students to understand their individual and group responsibilities in society. Through directed learning, students are taught to recognize social problems and challenges, as well as how they can contribute to problem-solving efforts. In this process, students develop a sense

of social responsibility and encourage them to engage in beneficial social activities. Overall, educational ethics has a crucial role in promoting positive and moral behavior in students. Educational ethics helps shape student behavior through applying moral values and principles in daily interactions, promoting positive leadership, teaching moral values in the curriculum, developing attitudes of justice, and establishing social responsibility. Thus, character education based on educational ethics can help students become moral, responsible individuals and contribute positively to society.

## Conclusion

The role of ethics and the educational profession is very important in forming strong and sustainable character education for children and adolescents. Educational ethics embodies the moral values that educators must adhere to, while the educational profession involves professional responsibility in influencing the development of students' character. By understanding and implementing ethics and the educational profession well, educators can become important facilitators in forming a generation that has good character, integrity, and the ability to contribute positively to society. Ethics and the educational profession play an important role in character education. This research shows that good integration between ethics and the educational profession can help develop the character of students. Through best practices and awareness of these roles, we can create an educational environment that supports the development of good character. In an effort to build a society with integrity, ethics and the educational profession must be given more serious attention in the educational context.

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