



## THE ROLE OF ETHICS AND THE EDUCATIONAL PROFESSION TO BUILD STUDENTS' VALUES AND CHARACTER AS PROSPECTIVE PRIMARY TEACHERS

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### Abstract

The teaching profession has a code of ethics that supports the dignity of the profession, protects activities and maintains collective welfare, increases professional commitment and increases the quality and quality of the profession from supporting professional associations. Through ethical guidelines, teachers must be able to act optimally and professionally, especially in developing the character and ethics of students and continue to be able to realize the authority of scientific institutions, educational institutions and professions for which they are responsible. Preparing the current generation is an important thing that must be done in preparation for the future. Students as prospective teachers, especially elementary school teachers, must build and prepare their character and personality as guided by the times. For this reason, this journal is motivated by efforts to build the character and personality of students as prospective teachers with Ethics and Profession in Education, which is a forum that aims to provide character education for students. Moral qualities that uphold professional ethical values are more important than mastery of material, that is what is called a professional teacher. Teacher education in higher education needs to prepare prospective teachers with character by integrating character education. Lectures on ethics and the teaching profession are relevant to the character education process as an effort to implement character values for future teacher candidates. Because having teachers with character will create students with character too. Because teachers are adults who are role models for their students at school, and teachers are also substitutes for students' parents at home. However, parental support is also needed to increase students' enthusiasm for learning so that they become students with character. Teachers are obliged to fulfill the rights of students who have relatively good character. The teacher's position as a determinant of learning is closely related to the teacher's role in improving quality.

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### Introduction

The Professional Code of Ethics is a guiding principle that aims to help professional teachers carry out their work with commitment, dedication, sincerity, honesty and integrity. A professional teacher must follow the principles of his profession and carry out his duties in accordance with the requirements of his profession. Professional ethics relate to the principles and values that must be applied by the profession to create a conducive atmosphere in the workplace. Professional knowledge and skills are key elements, which every professional must acquire to perform their services with determination and commitment. Every profession has its main aims and objectives. To fulfill these aims and objectives, the profession must follow a professional code of ethics. Professional ethics provides assistance to professionals so they can carry out their work regularly. The teacher professional code of ethics is deliberately designed to protect the rights of students, all students. Matter It is important for teachers to understand their work ethics and values before entering the teaching profession. As a teacher, they have a big role in the entire teaching and learning process. They must be active in the educational

process and encourage and strengthen students to be transformed into active learners by using different strategies and techniques. It is also important for teachers to understand individual differences, intellectual levels, interests and talents of students. They should also emphasize on providing freedom to all students so that they can express their problems, feelings and emotions without fear. Therefore, a professional code of ethics plays a very important role in developing teacher personality and behavior. This will facilitate and guide teachers towards successful and meaningful teaching. If teachers implement a code of ethics well in the teaching profession, it will certainly foster the development of schools, children, society and the nation as a whole. So that the teacher's code of ethics can be implemented well, prospective teachers have learned as early as possible how to apply the code of ethics well, one of which is by studying Professional Ethics material. The teaching profession has a code of ethics that supports the dignity of the profession, protects activities and maintains collective welfare, increases professional commitment and increases the quality and quality of the profession from supporting professional associations. Through ethical guidelines, teachers must be able to act optimally and professionally, especially in developing the character and ethics of students and continue to be able to realize the authority of scientific institutions, educational institutions and professions for which they are responsible. The strategic role of teachers as professionals has the mission and opportunity to always be able to realize the implementation of learning in accordance with the principles of professionalism (Fatmawati, 2021). Teachers are obliged to fulfill the rights of students who have relatively diverse characters. Every citizen has the right to receive quality education. The teacher's position as a determinant of learning is closely related to the teacher's role in improving quality. Teachers are referred to as inspirers, facilitators, harmonizers, motivators, encouragers, designers and learning supporters for students.

The strategic role of the teaching profession is expected to increase performance activities and professionalism that are in line with adapting. Teachers need to ensure expectations related to the challenges of change in the world of education in the era of disruption. A teacher's professionalism is determined by efforts to provide a science-based school knowledge, technology and arts (IPTEKS) through insight and experience regarding availability of curriculum, learning, and human growth. Professionalism originates from the term profession which means activities based on certain skills. A profession is a job that requires a wealth of science and technology and special skills combined with abilities in education and training. Professionalism is quality, quality and behavior based on fundamental character in a profession with a professional spirit. Professional activity means that professional teachers always plan activities, design, implement, evaluate and assess teaching and learning progress so that they can empower the results of assessments of the teaching and learning process and the use of information in efforts to finalize teaching and learning. Teachers who are professionals can be found in the phenomenon of modern education in filling civilization in a certain period. Teaching is a profession which means business activity in seeking income. In the context of life, teachers are not only agents of change in education but also people who give themselves, thoughts, energy and time as professionals by receiving wages to support their duties as teachers and support their families. Professionalism means that a teacher can position himself both inside and outside the scope of work. A teacher can complete work with full integrity, commitment, time discipline and has integrity values related to the nature and character of the person being played. In learning, teachers must manage emotions related to thoughts, words and actions so that they are able to differentiate personal activities and responsibilities from work. Every teacher is expected to be able to contribute to providing solutions to life's problems, especially in the learning process at school. Teachers must be role models for students towards achieving overall educational goals. The hope is that students not only know what their obligations are, but also know more about the obligations and responsibilities they must fulfill when becoming teachers. Teachers are expected to not only provide knowledge, but also examples of behavior that guide students and their environment. A professional teacher is a teacher who has moral qualities and also upholds the values of a professional code of ethics and does not mean just relying on material alone. Thus, professional teachers have loyalty to society and the nation in making their lives intelligent with ethical guidelines, values and regulatory norms that are specifically regulated for teachers.

### Research Methodology

This research uses the literature review method which aims to build a strong foundation and gain a good understanding of ethics and the teaching profession, in order to have good character as a teacher. States that a literature review involves identifying, reviewing, and synthesizing relevant literature to form a strong theoretical foundation for the research to be conducted (Fink 2014). As explained above, teaching professional ethics are moral or decency provisions which are "guidelines" for actions for teachers. These moral or decency provisions regulate how teachers should behave, act or act professionally. Explaining that a literature review is a way to organize information, identify patterns, and understand theoretical developments in a field of research (Katz 2006).

## Result & Discussion

### *Ethics and Profession*

The word ethics comes from Greek or the Greek word "ethos" (human inner attitude), in English it is known as "character", or in Indonesian it is character or character. Personality (Siahaan, MR, 2006). K. Bertens re-explains the meaning of ethics by stating that ethics can be interpreted in three meanings, namely, 1) the meaning of ethics in the sense of moral values and norms that can be used as guidelines for a person or group of people in controlling their behavior. For example, Indian tribal ethics, Buddhist ethics, and Protestant religious ethics. (2) ethics in the sense of a collection of principles, or rules of moral values. For example, a code of ethics in a profession. 3) ethics as a science that contains good and bad behavior (Aprita, 2019). So we can conclude that the meaning of ethics is morals, meaning habits or behavior regarding good and bad actions, and based on the norms and rules of social life. A profession is a moral community that has certain expertise and skills to achieve ideals and values along with certain characteristics and background. (Siahaan, MR, 2006). Apart from that, a profession is a permanent job for a long period of time based on special skills that come from the results of education in accordance with the profession undertaken, in carrying out work it must be done with full responsibility for earning income and something useful. (Aprita, 2019). A profession can only be done by people who have received special training to do that job, because a profession is a job that will require someone to exert all their abilities with the skills they have. So, we can conclude that a profession is work that is done and has skills and abilities in a certain field, which is done consistently and with a sense of responsibility. A profession can only be done by people who have received special training to do that job, because a profession is a job that will require a person to exert all their abilities with the skills they have (Fauzi, 2018). So, we can conclude that a profession is work that is done and has skills and abilities in a certain field, which is done consistently and with a sense of responsibility.

### *Characteristics of Professional Teachers*

The education profession is divided into two parts, namely the teaching profession and the education staff (tendik) profession. Educators and teachers are 2 (two) forms of professions or jobs that are mutually integrated. The characteristics of educators with a professional level need to always work together with the presence and support of staff. The participation and presence of students requires the support of professional teachers as intellectual actors in classroom learning (Munawir, Erindha and Sari, 2023). The existence of professional teachers is needed to maintain consistency and improve education. It is hoped that additional careers in the teaching profession will be possible utilize competence and performance in an effort to realize the education and learning process inside and outside the classroom. Efforts to increase competency and professionalism must be in line and always strive to continue to provide performance achievements, appreciation, welfare and protection of the status of existence for teachers. Teachers with exemplary character need several requirements that support their career and professional existence, namely: (1) Fairness means treating students in a relatively balanced and relevant way (2) Trust means having confidence in the ability of each student to develop and be dynamic (3) Patience and willingness to sacrifice means the ability to fight for, control behavior, mental emotions and willingness to improve learning (4) Authority means good character and example with ability and influence through respect for others with attitudes and behavior that are based on the character of a leader who is full of good charm (5) Having fun means trying to create an atmosphere of harmony, building a sense of humor, presenting seriously but relaxedly and preparing material comprehensively.

### *The Role of Ethics and Profession in Instilling Character and Personality in Prospective Teacher Students*

One of the honorable professions is the teaching profession because a teacher must uphold professional ethics in devoting himself and aims to educate the nation's children and also improve the quality of Indonesian human resources who have good character and personality. Good. The learning process will run smoothly in accordance with the goals of National Education if it is based on the ethics, morals and etiquette that exist in society. In carrying out their duties, teachers who are role models for students from an early age must adhere to values, moral ethics and norms. According to society's perception that a teacher will definitely adhere to ethics and morals, a teacher will be admired, imitated and used as an example in society. (Setiyaningsih, 2020). In essence, the way a person interacts with another person will be directly related to a person's personality, attitudes and ethics. As we know, there will always be interactions between students and teachers during teaching and learning activities, therefore a teacher must be an exemplary reflection for a student, in having a good personality, an attitude that can be emulated, because apart from being observed the teacher will be example for his students. In forming the character of prospective teachers, what a teacher hopes is that the students will become much better, act in accordance with the rules and norms that apply in general society, because in reality a teacher is not only

responsible for the learning process that he carries out in class. but also prepare students who have good morals and character that they get during the learning process, coaching, training and good experience obtained from LPTK. A teacher must have good ethics and don't forget to be accompanied by a good personality. As an educator, ethics is very influential because as a teacher, in interacting with students, it influences the teacher's teaching style in the classroom, influencing teacher behavior in dealing with all problems, influencing the atmosphere in the teaching and learning process, and so on. Thus, in the world of education, especially prospective mathematics teachers, professional ethics are really needed and instilled in teachers. As an educator who works as a teacher, awareness of the application of professional ethics must be a priority. Because ethics is the most important aspect that a teacher must have, so that society can trust a teacher (Faiqoh, Setiani, Diniyanti, & Susilawati). Loyal teachers have the right to decide on good behavior with this ethic in accordance with applicable norms. So there will be positive things related to human harmony, such as between teachers and students.

## Conclusion

Students as prospective teachers really need to develop character and personality values during lectures. Professional ethics and education are courses that are a place to help students instilling character and personality values as prospective mathematics teachers. Public trust in a profession such as teaching can be built if prospective teacher students uphold professional ethics when they enter the world of education. Without professional ethics, everything will be worthless. As a central figure, a teacher must be able to explore noble characters so that he can become an example and role model in the school environment. Behaviors that are often noticed by students include appearance, way of speaking, behavior and the teacher's commitment to what is said. A teacher's personality must also be able to work productively, convince students to become better, and must also convince students that the teaching profession is the best profession for them.

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