

# WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER?



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- Being a high school teacher is more than just marking work and giving grades. You have to be emotionally, mentally, and physically present with your students.
- As a high school teacher you have the role of unlocking new possibilities; likes and dislikes for students. Help guide them onto their right life path.
- Show students that you are there for them and teach students about life-long education



## Who is the Career For?

- The career is for individuals who have a passion or desire to teach students
- You have to be a sympathetic and empathetic individual who is emotionally available for their students but also knows how to keep some emotional distance as well.
- Individuals who have a passion for teaching specific subjects but are willing to teach anything for the betterment of students education.



## How Long is the Program?

- Minimum of a Bachelor's degree with at least two teachables that match the teaching subjects in the province
- Must complete 36 credits in an Honours program and 18 credits in a second teachable/teaching subject (minimum B average in each teaching subject)
- In final year of undergrad, you can apply to Teacher's College which is a two year program. In order to be a high school teacher, you must apply for the Intermediate/Senior Program
- Totalling, the amount of schooling required is 6 years

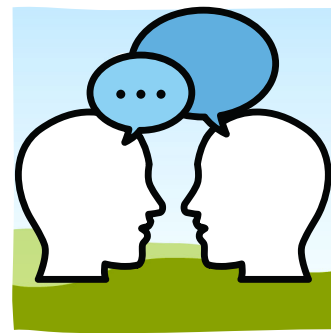
## Positive Experiences/Challenges

- One of the best parts about the role is making an impact on adolescents and having the opportunity to become a positive influence in their lives. "I teach about life. I help students feel good about themselves" - E.R
- "Teaching is not just a profession, it is a calling and your whole life. It is something more than just a 9-5, dealing with different mental health issues with teenagers is difficult to support with lack of resources" - E.R
- "best part of the role is working with the students and faculty members, very communal, they share ideas, resources and are supportive, love the aha moments and accomplishments of students" - W
- Challenges potentially facing are adapting to the use of technology and switching over to virtual learning, navigating social media.



## More than just teaching!

Becoming a teacher is not just about teaching but to have the skills like being patient and communicating to create a better class environment!



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## How would you describe a typical day of a high school teacher?

A typical day in these pandemic online teaching times looks like: 90-minute class periods, broken down into lecture, research time and group discussions. However, pre Covid-19 teaching looked like: getting to class and prepping work/handouts, taking attendance as students arrive, creating emotional connections with students, teach the lessons and then have students do work to see if they comprehend what's being taught. Then give feedback to students on their work and take things up at the end of the class and give them homework assigned that was prepped from the morning.



## What are the Formal Training Qualifications?

The formal qualifications for this role include, having your high school diploma, completing a 4-year undergrad program, and then completing teacher's college which is now 2 years long. This doesn't have to all be done within consecutive years as you are able to still apply to teacher's college later on as well.

## The benefits of becoming a High School teacher

Being a high school teacher may be stressful and tiring as the days are long and the workload is endless but it is beneficial because as a teacher you are making a positive impact in Student lives. "Helping students reach their 'ah-ha moment'" -W

Teachers hope to help students reach their full potential and in turn learn from their students in the process.

Teachers are guiders and earn the respect of their students by being there for them inside and outside of the classroom. It is rewarding to have students look up to you and admire your opinion.

## What types of people do best?

- Patient and caring
- Has a passion to learn
- Knowledge of others
- Accepting change and adapting
- Kind and trustworthy



*Have a passion and lead to inspire!*



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