

# Steps to Becoming a Teacher

## Traditional vs Nontraditional

Not everything can be taught in a textbook... we learn through every single interaction we experience.

"Education must begin with the solution of the teacher-student contradiction, by reconciling the poles of the contradiction so that both are simultaneously teachers and students." -Paulo Freire

### Day in the life

- Arrive to class on time with a pre-made lesson
- Create a safe and welcoming atmosphere
- Have an open mind
- Create meaningful and interactive lessons
- Allow for open-ended conversations
- Create a routine
- Dealing with conflict



### Skills needed

- Communication
- Collaboration
- Time Management
- Creativity
- Adaptability
- Understanding

### Qualities needed

- Open-minded
- Honesty
- Patience
- Engaging
- Lifelong learners
- Empathy

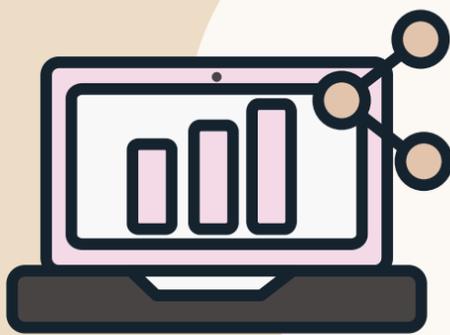
### Challenges

- Impact of climate change on the world
- Students' problems come home with you
- Parents refusing extra help
- Classroom management
- Conversations on difficult topics
- Adapting to Society
  - Advancements in technology
  - Impact because of Covid-19



### Successes

- Creating a personal connection with students
- Fulfilling curriculum requirements
- Life long learning
- Ability to impact students lives
- Creating a safe and welcoming space for students
- Learning from your students
- Knowing you're changing the future
  - Knowledge is shared



### Qualifications

- High School Diploma
- Bachelors Degree
- Teachers College Degree



# Journey to becoming a teacher

## Traditional



- Having a lifelong dream of becoming a teacher
- Going to school for your BA following two years of teaching college
- Obtaining a secure teaching job soon after graduating
- Engaging in work with children and having prior volunteer experience in schools

## Nontraditional

- Following a different career path, and becoming a teacher later in life
- Trying multiple different jobs
- Going to teachers college years after graduation
- Doing travelling in the early years of life
- Gaining personal experiences before starting a career



## Life Experiences



Every positive or negative experience in life creates who we are as people. Being able to share experiences with students allows for a personal connection with students:

- Travelling the world
- Learning different languages
- Personal Adversity (i.e. family issues, mental health, etc.)

## Beyond the classroom

- Oftentimes teachers inevitably take students' problems home with them
- Figuring out how to balance work with personal life
- Engaging in extra-curricular activities with students (i.e. sport teams, clubs, etc.)
- Providing extra assistance to students who need it
- Parent meetings



## Difficult topics in the classroom

Creating a safe environment comfortable for every student to express themselves and share their personal struggles and difficulties. Listening and allowing every student the chance to feel heard and seen, while also providing resources and methods which can be used to aid the student.

- extra help with homework, understanding concepts
- students unable to afford fees
- access to a healthy breakfast
- bullying