

Philosophy of Education

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I received my education from kindergarten all the way to my first Master degree in interpretation in China. However, this journey was not easy to me at all. It was extremely tough and long, full of exhaustion and tears. I was never a smart kid, instead, I learn things a bit slow. I still remember in my first year in elementary, I got 89 in my math final exam. My mom was furious when she got to know it. Her first reaction was trying to pull me back to my teacher's office and ask her what was wrong, how come I got such a low grade. She ended up took me home and beat me, asked me to correct all the questions I did wrong in that test. That was the first time I felt that I was a stupid kid, I might not being able to do well in school. Maybe that was the thing my mom concerned as well, she started to give me way more pressure on school work. Although I got improvement and ended up knowing how to learn eventually, learning was never a fun thing to me.

After I finished my first Master degree in interpretation, I got an opportunity to volunteer at a high school in California for 6 months. It was my first time to really experience what is American education like, it was also the first time I fell in love with teaching. In that high school, I got to see how teachers really tried to use different ways to engage students in learning, how much they respected every student's difference. When students didn't do well, they won't make the conclusion like this student must not work hard enough, but tried to figure out what was the reason why he/she failed to be successful in it.

My experience there fascinated me so much and also got me wonder "what do I have to do to help a kid become a person everyone will respect after he grows up?"

Soon after that, Lord blessed me with an opportunity to start my amazing journey in DBU to find answers to all the questions I had about education. In DBU, I have gradually gotten my philosophy of education shaped here with the training and help from all the professors and academic advisors here. My desire is to help all my students fully use the their individual gifted that's blessed by God, succeed not only academically but also in their future development. I want to help my students by using superb instruction skills and multiple methods to fully engage them in my class. I believe all students can be successful and become someone they dream to be. My philosophy of education is reflected through the following 3 sections: vision, mission and belief.

Vision

My mission is to help all my students to be successful not only academically, but also in their future development. I believe teacher is more than teaching the textbook knowledge. Teacher is someone who teaches the students the learning method, so that they can continue learning things on their own after they graduate from my class. Teacher helps students to build up a upright worldview and concept of value, so that students can know what are the right things to do and what are not when they grow up. Teacher is the one who helps students start the adventure of their lives, equip them with the essential knowledge they need and let them know that this adventure is fun and precious, so they need to cherish this opportunity and make this adventure meaningful.

I want to become a teacher who can start the life adventure of each of my student,

and I feel greatly honored to do so. I want to be that person who can walk along each kid's side, watch them grow academically and emotionally day by day, prepare them for all the challenges and surprises that will happen in their lives in the future. I hope I can be a good servant of Lord and leave some positive impact on all my students lives spiritually, so that they will remember God loves them so much that He will always send people into their lives to help them.

Mission

My mission is to fully understand each student's learning differences and apply different teaching methods in my class, for I believe that all students can learn, if they don't understand it's just I haven't used the right way to reach out to them yet. I think fully engaging students in class is very important. Only when they are interested into the class I teach, they will want to learn and absorb something from their side. Therefore, activities planning will be a big part of all my lessons. I hope by truly catching students heart and attention to my lessons, pair with superb instruction, all my students will be able to master all the knowledge they need for their future study.

Belief

I believe all students can be successful. I have heard a lot of people say that they believe all students can learn, but I think this statement is not very accurate. Learning is a natural ability all human beings have, therefore it's not a news that all students can learn. What I believe about my students is they all will be successful in their lives. They can be whatever they want to be when they grow up, and nothing can stop them from achieving their dreams.

Also, there shall not be only one definition of success. Certainly, being a scientist, a lawyer, a doctor is the symbol of a successful life, but who decides being a barber, a baker, a barista cannot be a successful life? I still remember when I was in high school, I wanted to be a fashion designer, but my parents rejected me for they didn't think that was a well respected occupation, they told me only people who don't have other skills to support their lives would do that. I am working to become a teacher now and no matter how much I love my current choice, I would always remember that little dream inside my heart that has never come true. I wouldn't want to see this happen to my students. I want to let them know that they can be whatever they want to be as long as they work hard for it, they will have a very successful life by doing it.