



MAKING DIFFERENCE AS A TEACHER

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Teachers impart knowledge. Teachers are the difference between information and knowledge. Information can be sought on the internet. But when teacher adds her/his experience to that information it becomes knowledge. Teachers can change the education system. Allan Bloom, Professor at Yale, Cornell, and the University of Chicago, championed the cause of great books as the basis for a great education. Twenty years later, his book, “the closing of the American Mind” is still a standard of education for educators and is still discussed and debated.

According to Jim Scrivener, the teacher’s main role is to help them learn, involving students in what is going on, enabling them to work at their own speed, not giving long explanations, encouraging them to participate, talk, interact, do things, etc.

Medical teacher is the one who paves the way for the future clinician. The role of a teacher has changed due to changes in learning styles, innovative curriculum models and changes in assessment methods and tools.

Duties of a medical teacher include creating a sense of responsibility among students, setting ethical standards for fulfilling Hippocrates Oath. Effective teaching is essential to produce good

quality students.

The per-requisites of a teacher in the medical profession is to have proficient knowledge, ability to assess competence, skills to deal demands of patient care and be a good researcher. It takes a perfect blend of several qualities to create a truly effective teacher.

A good teacher needs to communicate with confidence and clarity, should be approachable, engaging and inspiring along with a good sense of humor, imparting ever evolving scientific information to students with different levels of understanding.

The need of the hour is to have teachers who are committed to help their pupils to become independent learners by motivating and urging them to become autonomous and lifelong learners.

The different roles of a Teacher are Information provider, Student assessor and Guide, Manager, Role Model, Consultant, Parent, Mentor, Motivator, Curriculum implementor and Evaluator, Course organizer, Administrator, Lifelong learner, Self assessor and Researcher.

Thus, today’s Teachers do make a difference in the students by challenging them to think for themselves, organize and structure their thoughts and ideas, encourage them to vocalize and discuss their views and understandings. Teachers



need to design learning activities and tasks that makes student actively engage and give constructive feedback to improvise.

As rightly quoted by

Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam

“If you are a teacher in whatever capacity, you have a very special role to play because more than anybody else it is you who are shaping the future generation”.