

## TEACHING THE TEACHERS

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Education is a long-term process; it has a beginning but no end. Even when someone retires, it never stops. The best teacher is a learner.

We, as teachers, are committed to teach, share ideas, and enhance the knowledge of the students. Teachers, like students, should never stop learning and, dare I say, improving our teaching abilities. Being in the field of teaching for a long time or, let's say, mastering our craft doesn't mean we are really accomplished mentors. The students that we handled many years ago are much different from the current students. They are evolving, and we should never be left behind; it's called "adapting."

Now, to be able to adapt, we must learn new techniques and strategies, which means attending seminars and trainings and taking up a master's degree as much as possible. These will be our tools to share new ideas with our colleagues. If someone wants to improve their teaching, or if a colleague is giving advice, they may think first of taking a course. Many enroll in educational sessions and courses without having a clear sense of what they want. Being clear about what one wants considerably increases the likelihood of making the right decision.

Teachers need to be more specific about what they need to improve their teaching abilities. This will make it easier to select an activity that satisfies these characteristics. For instance, there are other options besides enrolling in classes if more input is necessary.

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