Reflections on Teaching, Learning and You

A Teaching Philosophy

Reflection #11

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Now it's time to incorporate all of these reflections about teaching and learning into a coherent teaching philosophy statement. The following steps will help you accomplish this task:

Step 1: Write a paragraph about what learning means to you. Be sure to address the following: What is learning? How does learning occur? Who are your learners?

Step 2: Write a paragraph about what teaching means to you. Be sure to address the following: What is teaching like? What do you believe about teaching? Who are you as a current or future teacher in your discipline?

Step 3: Write a paragraph about the outcomes of teaching and learning. Be sure to address the following: Based upon what you know about learning, and what you believe about teaching, what goals do you have for your students? In the grand scheme of your teaching, what do you want students to know or be able to do? What do you do as a teacher or what will you do as a teacher that will help your students to achieve those goals? How will you know when your students have learned?

Step 4: In a summary paragraph, explain what teaching means to you. Be sure to address the following: Who are you or who will you be as a teacher? What does that mean or what will that mean for your students? How does or how will your practice as a professional educator impact society or your discipline as a whole?