
Core Qualities of Excellent Teachers

While teaching methods vary by discipline and instructor, broadly speaking, excellent teachers do the following:

1. Expertise

They build, maintain, and effectively apply expertise for the courses they teach.

2. Inclusive Teaching

They foster inclusive and engaging learning environments.

3. Learning Goals

They clearly and effectively communicate to students learning goals and expectations that align with relevant departmental, disciplinary, or institutional learning outcomes.

4. Pedagogy

They use pedagogies that are appropriate for the learning goals and context.

5. Feedback to Students

They respond to student work in a substantive, timely, and individualized way for the purposes of information and improving the learning experiences of students.

6. Reflection

They engage in a reflective process to enhance their teaching practices.