

Based on my cooperating teacher, studying education until you become a professional teacher is difficult. While studying, you need to have a wider and deeper understanding of the many principles, theories, strategies, techniques, etc., you have to memorize a lot of psychologists under education. According to her, “learning is a continuous process”. “It’s true,” she said. Even when already in the field, you will still learn many different things from your colleagues, principals, supervisors, and even your students as well. She also said that yes, the salary is not that too big compared to other jobs, sometimes not enough also. Teaching is really physically tiring and exhausting, plus the extra or additional job such as taking care of the classroom and the students, the instructional materials, learning the integration of technology, the lesson/content itself, and also the behavior of the students. It is really exhausting, I honestly see it in her eyes. But then my heart got touched when I heard her saying “mahira, nakaka-stress, pero iyang thought na nakikita mong nag-grow at natututo sayo ang mga bata hits different. Nakakawala ng pagod at stress”. I saw in her eyes and felt her passion and love for the students and in her job. I saw how passionate and dedicated she is in this field. I idolize my cooperating teacher for being able to provide quality education in a very diverse, disciplined and positive learning environment. She makes sure that every student feels

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safe and comfortable inside the classroom or the school, regardless of their differences in many other aspects.

Based on my own observation, as mentioned above, my cooperating teacher is very passionate. She shows hundred percent mastery in what she teaches (content). I love how she delivers her lessons neatly using the mother tongue as their medium of language in the teaching-learning process and her smooth transition from the start up to the end of the lesson without making it complicated. She makes sure that everyone in the class is not just engaged, but actively engaged in the learning process. When it comes to technology, since she is already aged, it is understandable that she sometimes struggles with the technologies she uses as a learning tool but still tries her best to operate and use it to provide a more clean and presentable presentation to her students. Since I am there, I helped and assisted her in operating and setting up the projector, her laptop, and presentation. I also taught her an easy way on how to use it so that she won't struggle using it the next time I'm not around already. I've noticed also that she gives different activities by group, to tap the different skills of the students. She also asks questions frequently during the discussion to check if the students are understanding the lesson or if anyone is left behind. Before she proceeds to another subject, she ensures that everyone has mastered the lesson. Everyone in the class is given a chance to showcase their learnings, ideas, skills, and talents as well but in a positive way and still with the interconnectedness in the lesson. In regard to her physical appearance, as a teacher, she always wears proper, clean, and neat uniform.

I also observed that my cooperating teacher has a good rapport with her students. But even if they have a good relationship, they still set boundaries and/or limitations with their actions and words, so that the respect is still there and not lost. Teachers there were very close yet maintained their professionalism in terms of their actions and words as well. I have also noticed that teachers, principals and parents were close with each other too. They maintain good relationships and communication, as this will help them for the betterment of the school environment. Students were very disciplined. In my 3 days stay there, I honestly did not hear anyone badmouthing or saying bad words. Even though there were times that cannot be avoided, students fought over little things, teachers fixed it appropriately by talking to them properly. Students are able to feel whenever there is/are something wrong, they know when and how to stop doing unnecessary things and go back to learning. I can say that this school is one of a kind. They have a beautiful and comfortable ambiance. They welcome visitors politely, wholeheartedly.

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In conclusion, what I learned here is to be passionate about the field, not just passionate, but also to give significance and consider all aspects where I will be driven by my path. Teaching is the most important (not job) but a profession in the world. It is not easy, yes. But all of the hard work, tiring and stressful moments, braveness and being tough, will be paid off when you see that the students are learning, growing, and developed and molded not as a student or a child, but as a human. There is no more heart-warming or overwhelming thing for a teacher than seeing their students succeed in life and being able to bring with them and apply all that they have learned and give value to it.