

What Makes a Good Teacher?

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Objectives:

- Discuss characteristics of good teachers
- Discuss characteristics of good learners

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What Makes a Good Teacher?



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Any Teachers You'd Like to Forget?



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Footloose!



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What Makes a Good Clinical Teacher in Medicine? A Review of the Literature

Sutkin, Gary MD; Wagner, Elizabeth;
Harris, Ilene PhD; Schiffer, Randolph MD

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What Makes a Good Teacher?



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Characteristics of Good Physicians

- Medical/clinical knowledge
- Clinical/technical skill
- Leadership/admin skills
- Accepts uncertainty in medicine



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Characteristics of Good Teachers(19)

- Has + relationships w/students
- Gives effective explanations
- Shows knowledge of teaching skills
- Encourages active work



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Good Human Characteristics(20)



- Is patient
- Has work/life balance
- Is virtuous
- Has a sense of humor
- Has self-insight
- Is altruistic

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5 Most Common Themes of 480 Descriptors

- Medical/clinical knowledge (30)
- Clinical and technical skills/competence, clinical reasoning (28)
- Positive relationships w/students and supportive environment (27)
- Communication skills (21)
- Enthusiasm (51)

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Conclusions

- Literature review produced results similar to authors' assessments.
- 2/3 of themes and descriptors were noncognitive.
- 1/3 of themes and descriptors were cognitive.

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What Makes a Good Learner?



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Physician Characteristics of Good Learners

- Medical/clinical knowledge
- Clinical/technical skill
- Leadership/admin skills
- Accepts uncertainty in medicine



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“Learner” Characteristics of Good Learners

- Builds on fund knowledge and skills
- Reflects on their thoughts, feelings, behaviors
- Assesses their own needs
- Has enthusiasm for learning

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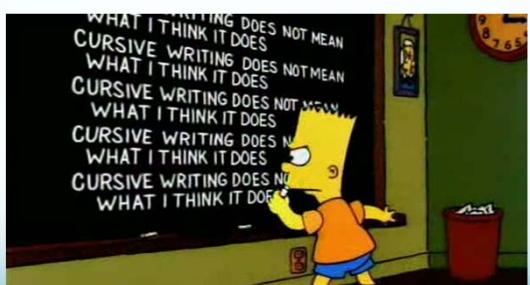
Personal Characteristics of Good Learners



- Is patient
- Has work/life balance
- Is virtuous
- Has a sense of humor
- Has self-insight
- Is altruistic

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Any Learners You’d Like to Forget?



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What Makes a Good Teacher and a Good Learner?

- How do we become excellent teachers?
- How do we teach learners to become good learners?
- Stay tuned! Welcome to TOT!

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