



THE ROLE AND IMPORTANCE OF THE TEACHING PROFESSION IN MODERN SOCIETY

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Abstract: *This article highlights the importance of the teaching profession in modern society and its role in shaping the younger generation as knowledgeable, morally mature, and independent-thinking individuals. It also analyzes the responsibilities of teachers and the requirements for their professional competencies in the context of the rapid development of digital technologies and artificial intelligence, as well as their role in improving the quality of education.*

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INTRODUCTION

Today, the development of society is directly related to the development of the education system. The future of any country depends on a knowledgeable, qualified, and independent-thinking younger generation. The role of teachers is extremely important in educating young people to become such individuals.

At present, information technologies are developing rapidly, and an increasing number of sources of knowledge are becoming available to people. A large amount of information can be obtained quickly through the Internet, electronic learning platforms, and artificial intelligence tools. Nevertheless, the importance of the teaching profession is not decreasing. On the contrary, modern

teachers are expected not only to provide knowledge but also to guide students correctly, teach them to think independently, and develop their ability to critically evaluate the information they receive.

THE ROLE OF THE TEACHING PROFESSION IN SOCIETY

A teacher is a specialist who provides knowledge and education to the younger generation and contributes to their intellectual and social development. A teacher's activities are not limited to conducting lessons. The teacher organizes the educational process by taking into account students' interests, abilities, and individual characteristics.

The development of medicine, engineering, law, economics, and many



other fields in society also depends on the preparation of qualified specialists. The work of a teacher contributes to the formation of every specialist. Therefore, the teaching profession can be regarded as one of the important factors in the development of society.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MODERN TEACHER

A modern teacher should not only have a good knowledge of their subject but also be able to use modern pedagogical technologies. The use of interactive methods, electronic resources, multimedia tools, and digital platforms in the educational process helps improve the effectiveness of lessons.

In addition, it is important for a modern teacher to possess the following competencies:

- strong professional knowledge;
- pedagogical and communicative competence;
- skills in using information technologies;
- critical and creative thinking;
- consideration of students' individual characteristics;
- continuous self-development.

Teachers also need to develop along with the times and acquire new knowledge and methods.

THE ROLE OF TEACHERS IN THE ERA OF DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

The development of digital technologies has brought significant changes to the educational process. Today, students can independently obtain

information from various electronic sources. However, not all available information is reliable and accurate.

Therefore, one of the teacher's responsibilities is to teach students how to search for information, analyze it, evaluate the reliability of sources, and use information correctly.

Artificial intelligence is also being used as an auxiliary tool in the educational process. However, it cannot fully replace the teacher's functions such as human communication, education, individual approach, and motivation. Technology can make a teacher's work easier, but the human aspect of education remains important.

THE IMPORTANCE OF TEACHERS IN THE EDUCATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

A teacher is not only a provider of knowledge but also a person who contributes to the formation of young people's worldview and social skills. At school and other educational institutions, students develop skills such as communication, teamwork, responsibility, and expressing their opinions.

A teacher's personal example is also important in the educational process. A responsible, fair, and cultured attitude can have a positive influence on students.

THE RELEVANCE OF THE TEACHING PROFESSION

Today, new tasks are emerging before the education system. Since the labor market is changing rapidly, young people need not only theoretical



knowledge but also practical, communication, and digital skills.

The role of teachers is also changing in this process. A modern educator acts not only as a provider of ready-made information but also as a mentor who guides students in the process of acquiring knowledge.

According to UNESCO, by 2030, the world is projected to need 44 million additional teachers for primary and secondary education. This demonstrates the importance of the teaching profession on a global scale as well.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the teaching profession continues to retain its importance in modern society. Although technologies and artificial intelligence are developing, the teacher's role in providing knowledge, educating, guiding, and supporting students' individual development remains important.

The intellectual potential of future society depends on the quality of education provided today. Therefore, developing the teaching profession, improving teachers' professional competencies, and supporting their work are among the important tasks of the education system.

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