

Standard 8

Educators contribute to the profession.

I believe that I am very fortunate to be entering the profession of teaching in today's world. With the rapid growth of technology permeating society, it is challenging for current teachers to update their practices to incorporate modern techniques associated with 21st Century Learning in their classrooms. However, through my experience in the Faculty of Education at UVic during these changing times, I have been introduced to a wide variety of these novel learning methods. I would feel extremely comfortable sharing my knowledge with my colleagues in my future profession. In essence, I believe that this constant reshaping and reevaluating of our educational system is what will elicit a better experience and thus, better learning amongst our students.

When I get into a school I will also be sure to take advantage of the many professional development opportunities that are offered. The chance to grow will not only benefit my personal maturation as a teacher but also the advancement of innovation at my school. These workshops give teachers a unique opportunity to collaborate with each other through an exchange of ideas. Currently, when I observe a teacher in their classroom, I am constantly looking for new ideas to make my teachings more stimulating for my students. Although I might not use every approach that the teacher presents, I can pick and choose which techniques inspire me and will fit nicely into my own lessons.

Finally, I believe that change is only possible through leadership. I am particularly inspired to make education more experiential in schools. However, I will not be able to change this by myself. Through collaboration and professional development as a cohesive group/school, I can work towards creating an environment where this goal can be attainable. Ultimately, I am extremely excited to surround myself with like-minded people who are passionate about education.

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