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The first thing that you must know about teaching as a profession is that teaching is about inspiring and motivating students to realize and exceed their potentials. The greatest teachers of all time have devoted their lives to inspiring and empowering their students to achieve great things and be good human beings.

Just think about it. In 2002, [Anand Kumar of the Super 30 program](#) picked up students from amongst the poorer section of society. Those 30 students could not afford IIT coaching, forget about even dreaming about getting into the IITs. Anand Kumar and Abhayanand not only just taught and coached them but also inspired them to dream big. Of the 30 students of the first batch, 18 made into the IITs. And 22 students of the 30 students of the next batch made into the IITs. The rest is history.

What is the key role of a teacher?

Remember those classes where your teachers would share stories with you; explain complex topics through fun activities, and share their experiences and love for their subjects? They are not only ordinary teachers but also your mentors. They are the ones who inspire students, not just by teaching a subject, but by sharing a bond, exchanging thoughts, and building upon them. If this is what you want to reflect in your teaching career as well, then a teaching career could just be the perfect profession for you.

Several studies show that **subject matter knowledge, teaching skills,** and **personality** are the key factors that influence students' learning patterns. Become a great mentor and teacher for the students and achieve milestones. Thinking of how to go about teaching as a profession? Read the academic path mentioned below to understand various entry pathways.

Academic Path

To build a [career in teaching](#) you need to understand the educational requirements as well. There is no greater requirement to excel in teaching other than passion. But you need the right qualifications to pursue a career in teaching. There are many ways to pursue teaching as a profession, some of them are mentioned as follows:

Nursery Teacher or Pre-Primary Teacher

If you want to pursue teaching as a profession and are interested in teaching only pre-primary students, then you can follow this [career path](#). Nursery or Pre-Primary school teachers are involved in teaching young children in the age group of 2-5 years. Some of the nursery schools are often referred to as Kindergarten schools as they follow Kindergarten educational methods. Some of the nursery schools also follow the Montessori educational approach and they are called

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These schools prepare students to transition from home to primary schools by teaching the basics of communication, language, and numbers. They mostly use various activities such as playing, singing, drawing, coloring, arranging objects in order, and other practical tasks.

How to become a Nursery School teacher?

- After your 12th, you can do a **Nursery Teacher Training (NTT)** course, which is of 1-year duration.
- After your 12th, you can do a **Kindergarten Training Program** or a **Montessori Teacher Training program**. The duration of these programs are between 9 months to 1 year.
- You may also complete your [graduation in any subject](#) first and then do any of the above training programs.
- Some Nursery and Pre-Primary schools recruit graduates directly as teachers. If you have the right skills, you can begin your career in teaching after your graduation.

- **Anganwadi Workers (AWW)** – India has Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) which is the largest child development program in the world. One can take a short training and become an Anganwadi Worker in a village or in a semi-urban locality. Along with responsibilities in community healthcare, nutrition, and health education, Anganwadi Workers also undertake the responsibility of pre-school teaching.

Primary School Teacher:

Primary school teachers are involved in teaching students of class 1 to class 5 and play an important role in the overall development of the students. If you want to take up a teaching career but only for primary classes, then follow this career pathway. As a Primary School Teacher, you would make the learning experience of students more enriching by teaching them on a broad range of topics.

How to become a Primary School teacher?

- After completing class 12th, you can do a **Diploma in Education (D.Ed.)**, which is a 2 years diploma course.
- After completing class 12th, you can do a **Primary Teacher Training (PTT)** program which is of 2-years duration.
- You can do a **Bachelor of Elementary Education (B.El.Ed.)**, which is a 4-year integrated degree program. It is offered for training teachers at the primary/elementary school level.
- Many States in India conduct the **Teacher Eligibility Test (TET)** to recruit Primary School Teachers in Government and Government aided primary schools.

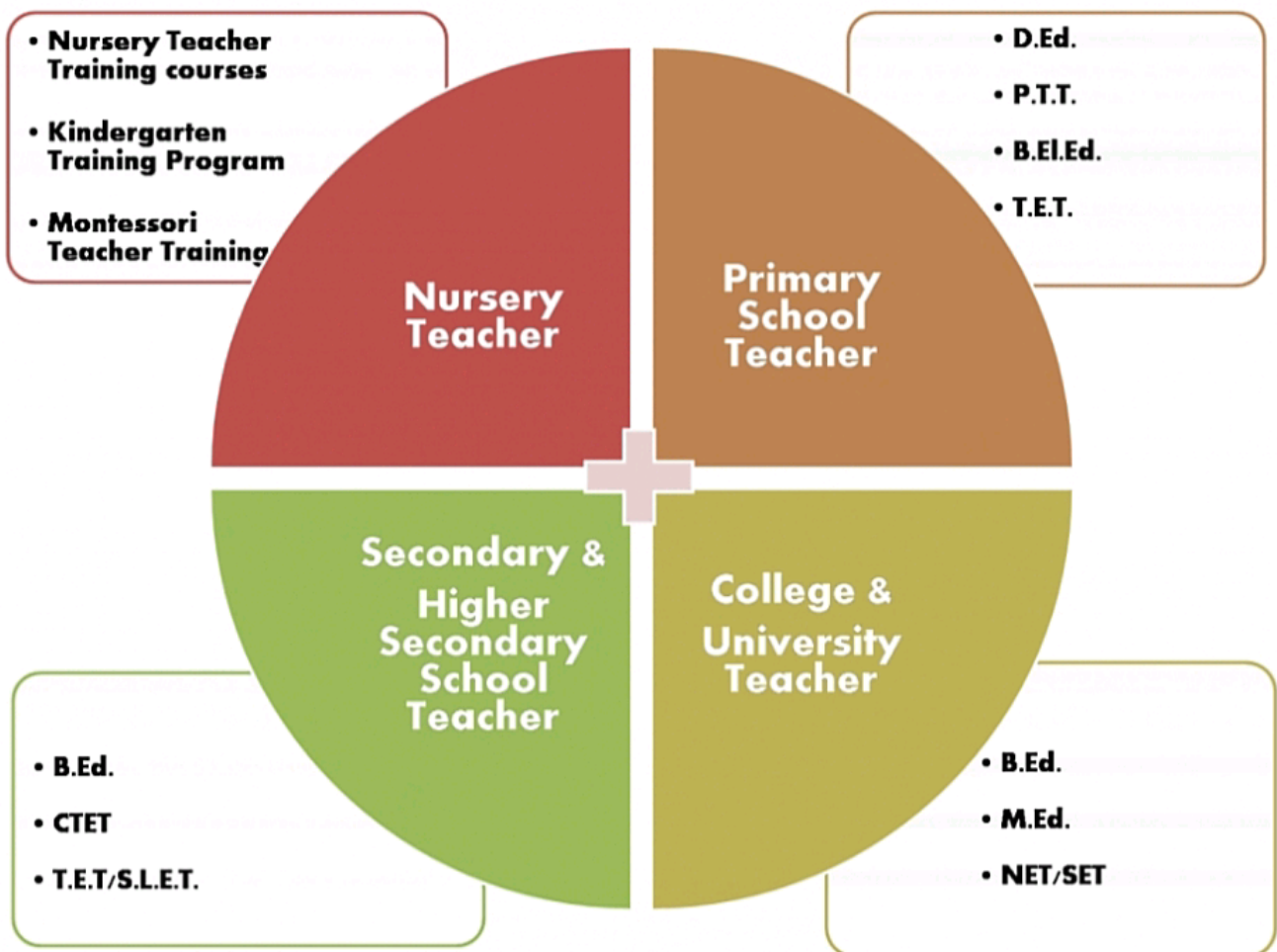


Figure 1: Academic Path for Teaching as a Profession