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Teacher education

Article Talk



Teacher education or **teacher training** refers to the policies, procedures, and provision designed to equip (prospective) **teachers** with the **knowledge**, **attitudes**, **behaviors**, and **skills** they require to perform their tasks effectively in the **classroom**, **school**, and wider community. The professionals who engage in training the prospective teachers are called teacher educators (or, in some contexts, teacher trainers).

TEACHER EDUCATION

NCTE (1998) in Quality Concerns in Secondary Teacher Education, —The teacher is the most important element in any educational program.

Meaning of Teacher Education :

The National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) has defined teacher education as – **A programme of education, research and training of persons to teach from pre-primary to higher education level.**

Teacher education is a programme that is related to the **development** of teacher **proficiency** and **competence** that would enable and empower the teacher to meet the requirements of the profession and face the challenges therein.

According to **Goods Dictionary** of Education Teacher education means, —all the **formal and non-formal activities and experiences** that help to qualify a person to assume responsibilities of a member of the educational profession or to discharge his responsibilities more effectively.

In 1906-1956, the program of teacher preparation was called teacher training. It **prepared teachers as mechanics or technicians**. It had narrower goals with its focus being only on skill training. The perspective of teacher education was therefore very narrow and its scope was limited. As W.H. Kilpatrick put it, —Training is given to animals and circus performers, while education is to human beings. Teacher education encompasses teaching skills, sound pedagogical theory and professional skills.

Teacher Education = Teaching Skills + Pedagogical theory + Professional skills.



Meaning and Nature of Teacher Education

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