

ECGE6001: SKILLS FOR LIFE: EMPLOYABILITY
AND FUTURE PATHWAYS

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WHAT SKILLS ARE REQUIRED OF ME AS A PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHER?

- Honesty
- Trustworthy
- Empathy
- Teamwork
- Communication
- Listening
- Respect
- Organization
- Patience
- Creativity
- Enthusiasm
- Dedication
- Leadership
- Multitasking
- Adaptability
- Interpersonal Skills

(Reed and Stoltz, 2013)

PROFESSIONAL BEHAVIOUR:

How have I developed my professional behaviour?

- I have worked many different environments such as university, retail stores, schools and leisure centre's.
- I have learnt about many factors of professional behaviour which are very relevant for a newly qualified teacher.

Why is this important for a teacher?

- They must dress appropriately for the role and follow a dress code.
 - Teachers should remain impartial when teaching children about current issues and so must remain professional when discussing sensitive topics.
- They must be respectful of other colleagues and be respectful of their space/belongings.

(Pembrokeshire County Council, 2019).

COMMUNICATIONAL SKILLS:

My development:

- I was not confident in communicating to a group previously but now through experience, I have developed my communication skills and feel as though I can deliver information confidently.
- I can clearly put my point across in a respectful way.

Why is this important for a teacher?

- They are meeting new people all of the time.
- Delivering important lessons to children every day,.
- Hosting parents evenings and holding assemblies.

(Pembrokeshire County Council, 2019).

TIME MANAGEMENT:

How do I demonstrate good time management?

- Balancing work, studying, fitness, hobbies and ME time.
- Beginning third year is challenging my time management skills.

How can I improve my time management?

- Time Planning, Action Lists and Timetables (Lashley, 1995).

Why is this important for a teacher?

- They need to balance their own lives in order to remain in the best state of minds to teach young pupils.
- They also need to divide their time between lesson planning, marking work and attending meetings/training.

(Pembrokeshire County Council, 2019).

LEADERSHIP SKILLS:

How have I developed my leadership skills?

- Team Coach to help meet targets in a retail store.
- Leading a group discussion within class.
- I have previously taught sports to children in a primary school and this has taught me how to demonstrate discipline which is vital in leadership.

Why is Leadership important for a teacher?

- They lead a group of young individuals through their primary school life.
 - They are the adult responsible within the classroom, therefore it is their responsibility to ensure that everything goes smoothly and to plan.

(Pembrokeshire County Council, 2019).

LISTENING SKILLS AND TEAMWORK:

How have these skills developed through my academic life?

- I have connected with other members of the class, sharing experiences and knowledge.
- Sporting experience within schools have allowed me to work well as a team when competing against others.

Why is this important for a teacher?

- In a workplace it is possible that you may need to work with people that you do not like or may not know (Trought, 2010).
- They would be responsible for cooperating with multi-agencies and bodies outside of the school and participate in meetings regarding individuals needs/concerns (Pembrokeshire County Council, 2019).

PROBLEM SOLVING: IDEAL MODEL

- **IDENTIFY** the problem
- **DEFINE** the problem
- **EXPLORE** possible solutions for the problem
- **APPLY** solutions to the problem
- **LOOK** at and learn from the outcome

(Bransford and Stein, 1984).



CONCLUSION:

- This module has helped me to develop many skills which I had not thought about before.
- There is a great importance on continuing your professional development as the more experience you build then the better your skills and knowledge (Megginson and Whitaker, 2003).

Thank you for Listening!

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