

In my opinion the most important quality of a teacher is his **clarity - the ability to convey ideas and concepts to students**. The other two qualities of comparable importance are the teacher's **ability to actively interact with students** and his **professional attitude**.

A teacher's **clarity** is implemented by the following:

- careful planning and organization of class activities
- reviews of the most challenging material
- use of plain language whenever possible in explanations
- utilization of examples and metaphors
- employment of sophisticated technology (e.g. computers and internet) whenever it offers advantages such as emphasis of important concepts and vitalization of presentation.
- exercising traditional presentation techniques (e.g. overheads, blackboard and a piece of chalk) when flexibility is an asset.

A teacher's **interaction** with students in the class is enhanced by:

- raising questions when presenting material
- encouraging questions in the audience (not only after but also during presentation)
- seeking feedback in the form of formal and informal evaluations of the teacher's performance

A teacher's **professional attitude** is recognized by:

- the ability to have authority and respect among students without keeping distance
- staying free from prejudice and favoritism
- having the courage to admit errors and mistakes without bitterness or discomfort
- the ability to be charismatic regardless of personal problems
- the ability to handle difficult situations and emergencies
- the ability to control the dynamic atmosphere of the class
- an awareness of the high level of stress imposed on students and the ability to comfort them when necessary without becoming biased
- the ability to assess student's strengths and weaknesses and help to take advantage of his/her talents

For me, a **class is an assembly of individuals** that must be treated with respect and discretion. I will strive to **learn their names and establish relationship** within the limits set by my **professional attitude**. I will **offer the help** to those with difficulties and higher demands for knowledge.

Most of the **achievements** in my life and professional career would be **impossible without** learning from **excellent teachers and mentors**. I should always **keep that in my mind** whenever I have a chance to be in their place.