Employment Opportunities

The job market for teachers continues to vary according to school location. Opportunities have improved because of K to 12 education scheme. Prospects for career advancement improve with continuing professional development and acquisition of higher academic degrees.

The human relation and communication skills of teachers increase their potential to related jobs to augment their income or enrich their lifetime career. Publishers are in constant search for classroom teachers who can write articles, instructional materials workbooks and even textbooks. They can also conduct tutorials, training programs and advising in sports and co-curricular activities.
Elementary School Teachers (EST)

An elementary school teacher’s major task is to facilitate the initial and developmental learning activities of pupils from kindergarten to Grade 6. By using audio-visual and concrete teaching aids, the EST assists young learners to understand better the concepts they have learned. The pupils demonstrate optimal understanding by applying the abstract concepts learned on simulated and/or real-life situations in the appropriate core subjects such as Science, Mathematics, English, Filipino, Values Education, Technology and Livelihood Education, Music, Arts, Physical and Health Education, Mother Tongue.

Secondary School Teachers (SST)

A Secondary school teacher’s major task is to strengthen and sustain the continuous progressive learning and development of students from 7 to 12. By utilizing interactive approach, practical/real-life case situations and technology-related teaching methods, the SST draws out the potentials of the students for higher order thinking skills and complex psycho-motor skills development. At this stage of their basic education, the students should be motivated, provided with appropriate activities and challenged by the SST towards self-discovery in preparation for a productive adult life.

Basic Educational Requirement

A degree in Bachelor in Elementary Education (BEd) is required for elementary school teaching, and a degree in Bachelor in Secondary Education (BSEd) with major (specialization) for secondary school teaching. Passing the Licensure Examination for Teacher (LET) administered by the Professional Regulation Commission is required before one can practice elementary school teaching or secondary school teaching.

Skills and Competencies

- Ability to work with children and youth at various stages of their development.
- Ability to utilize subject and discipline specialization for maximum learning of pupils/students.
- Commitment to progressively enhance pedagogical knowledge and methodology through continuing professional development.

Functions

- Establishes clear objectives for all lessons, units and projects and communications these to pupils/students.
- Adopts teachings methods and instructional materials to meet learners’ varying needs and interests.
- Assigns and rates class work, homework and projects as basis of grades and progress reports an learners.
- Collaborates with co-teachers and administrators in the development, evaluation and revision of the curriculum and the instructional materials.
- Confers with parents or guardians, co-teachers, counselors and administrators on learners’ behavioral and academic problems.
- Implements administration policies and school regulations.

Salary/Compensation

In the Philippines, a basic education teacher’s entry level salary ranges from Php18,549.00 to Php31,351.00 per month. Overseas such as in the U.S. and Canada, monthly salary ranges from USD4,000 to USD6,000.

Personal Characteristics

- Articulate and effective communicator to various types of audience.
- Sociable and adaptable in dealing with different kinds of people.
- Patient and with a good sense of humor.
- Hard-working, honest and fair to everyone.
- Personable and dresses appropriately according to occasion.

Cost of Education

A four-year course in B.E.Ed. normally costs from Php15,000.00 to Php30,000.00 per semester, while a four-year course in B.S.Ed on the average costs from Php20,000.00 to Php40,000.00 per semester.