Questions to Ask about Student Learning Outcomes

1. **What higher-order thinking skills do I want to develop in my students?**
   - Analytic skills
   - Problem-solving skills
   - Creative thinking
   - Holistic thinking
   - Ability to draw reasonable inferences from observations
   - Ability to synthesize and integrate information and ideas
   - Ability to distinguish between fact and opinion.

2. **What basic academic skills do I want my students to acquire?**
   - Ability to concentrate
   - Improve their: memory skill, listening skill, speaking skill, reading skill, writing skill.

3. **What discipline-specific knowledge and skills do I want them to learn?**
   - Terms and facts of this subject
   - Concepts and theories in this field
   - Skill in using materials, tools, and/or technology central to this field
   - Understand perspectives and values of this subject
   - Techniques and methods used to gain new knowledge in this field
   - Evaluate methods and materials in this subject
   - Appreciate important contributions to this field
   - Prepare for graduate study in this field

4. **What liberal arts and academic values do I want them to develop?**
   - An appreciation of the liberal arts and sciences
   - An openness to new ideas
   - An informed concern about contemporary issues
   - A lifelong love of learning
   - Aesthetic appreciation
   - An informed historical perspective
   - An informed understanding of the role of science and technology
   - A capacity to make informed ethical choices
   - A commitment to exercise the rights and responsibilities of citizenship.

5. **How does my teaching contribute to their career preparation?**
   - Ability to work productively with others
   - Develop management skills, leadership skills
   - Develop a commitment to accurate work, to personal achievement, to skillful performance
   - Improve ability to follow directions, instructions, and plans
   - Improve ability to organize and work effectively.
6. **What aspect of their personal development can I encourage with my teaching?**

- Cultivate a sense of responsibility for one’s own behavior
- Improve self-esteem/ self-confidence
- Develop a commitment to one’s own values
- Develop a capacity to think for oneself
- Develop a capacity to make wise and informed decisions
- Develop respect for others
- Cultivate an active commitment to honesty and integrity
- Cultivate emotional health and well-being.

**Questions to Ask about yourself as a Teacher:**

1. In general how do you see your primary role as a teacher?
   - Teaching students facts and principles of their subject matter
   - Providing a role model for students
   - Helping students develop higher-order thinking skills
   - Preparing students for careers and jobs
   - Fostering student development and personal growth
   - Helping students develop basic learning skills

2. What is a method of teaching you rely on frequently? Why don’t you use another method?

3. What difference would it make if you changed your method? Express this in terms of desired outcomes. Express this in terms of underlying values.

4. What makes you feel good about teaching? What (about teaching) is rewarding, for you? What are the reasons behind those feelings?

**Source consulted:**


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