# Qualities of a Teacher

#### 1 Committed to the work

Focuses on educational needs of the students Works with passion Keen to uphold the university's values Enthusiastic about work and about teaching

## 2 Encourages and appreciates diversity

Does not stereotype or speak negatively of others Nurtures and encourages diversity Seeks and encourages understanding of, and respect for, people of diverse backgrounds

## 3 Interacts and communicates respect Communicates effectively with others

Encourages input from others, listening deeply and giving credit for their contributions Acts with integrity Provides a model of high ethical standards Shows a caring attitude

#### 4 Motivates students and co-workers

Encourages students to achieve their goals. Provides constructive feedback Monitors progress of students and fosters their success

## 5 Brings a wide range of skills and talents to teaching

Teaching is clearly presented and stimulates high-order thinking skills Presents difficult concepts comprehensibly Brings appropriate evidence to the critique Teaches memorably

## 6 Demonstrates leadership in teaching Contributes to course design and structure

Contributes to publications on education Evidence of self-development in an educational context Demonstrates creativity in teaching strategies Committed to professional development in education

#### 7 Encourages an open and trusting learning environment

Creates a climate of trust Encourages students to learn from mistakes Helps students redefine failure as a learning experience Encourages student questions and engagement in the learning process Encourages student growth with appropriate behaviourbased feedback

#### 8 Critical thinking

Teaches students how to think, not what to think Encourages students to organize, analyse and evaluate Explores with probing questions Discusses ideas in an organized way

Helps students to focus on key issues Trains students in strategic thinking

#### 9 Encourages creative work

Motivates students to create new ideas Fosters innovation and new approaches

#### 10 Emphasizes teamwork

Builds links at national and international levels in education students to work in teams

Encourages collaborative learning

# 11 Seeks continually to improve teaching skills

Seeks to learn and incorporate new skills, and information teaching Seeks feedback and criticism Keeps up to date in specialty

# 12 Provides positive feedback

Listens to students and discovers their educational needs Values students, never belittles

Provides constructive feedback Helps and supports people to grow Teaches students how to monitor their own progress.